

Charter Member and First Secretary



The above photo shows W. G. Earp (left) of Bailey, one of the three living charter members of Thanksgiving Baptist Church and W. S. Earp (right) Route 1, Selma, who acted as clerk or secretary of the Presbytery when the church was organized 50 years ago.

First to Join After Church Organized



The above photo shows Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Batten (left) of Wals-tonburg and W. Y. Wood of Zebulon. They were the first three to join Thanksgiving Baptist Church after it was organized 50 years ago.

New Pastor



Above—Rev. Howard McEwin Wilson, has accepted the pastorage of Selma Presbyterian Church. He will assume his new duties January 1. At the present time he is pastor of the Dublin Group Pres-byterian Churches in Dublin, Va. The new pastor was born in Kings Mountain, N. C. He attend-ed Westminster School near Rutherford, which was a prepara-tory school for Davidson College. He received degree of Bachelor of Arts from the Presbyterian Col-lege of South Carolina and de-grees of Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Theology from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. Mr. Wilson's first pastorate was at Finley Memorial and East Bethel Churches, in Stuarts Draft, Va., where he ministered for four years. His second pastorate was in the Pamplin Group of Churches at Pamplin, Va., for four years. He held pastorate for 14 years in Albermarle Presbytery, serving William and Mary Hart, Falkland, Fountain, Nahala and Farmville. For two and half years he was pastor of Bayless Memorial Church, Concord, N. C. During the past six years he has served the pastor to the Dublin Group of Churches. His wife is the former Louise Rawlings of Staunton, Va. They have one son, James Bassett Wil-son, married and now living in Dublin. Mr. Wilson will be in Selma Sunday to confer with the leaders of Selma Presbyterian Church. The church has been capital charge without a pastor for 26 months.

LAST DAY

Registration books for the Nov-ember 7 general election close at sunset Saturday. Lewis Creech of Selma, chair-man of the County Board of Elec-tions, reminded the public that a new registration was held this year. Unless a person registered last Spring before the primaries or during the current period, he will not be eligible to vote in the general election, pointed out Creech. Registrars will sit at the polling places Saturday with the registra-tion books.

Worrells Charged With Slaying Negro

Andrew J. Worrells, Selma white man and fish market op-erator, was arrested Thursday night on a charge of accessory before the fact of murder of James Richardson, 26-year-old Selma Negro. Richardson was found dead near midnight Sunday, October 1, lying in the gutter of the Wilson's Mills highway in Selma. He was stabbed just above the heart with a butcher knife or other sharp instrument. The warrant against Worrells was sworn out by Selma Chief of Police Percy L. Moore after the slaying was investigated by the State Bureau of Investigation. The warrant charges that Worrells did "counsel, procure and command one Gladys Richardson to feloniously kill and murder James Richardson and did there-by be and become an accessory before the fact to the murder of the said James Richardson." Worrells has been released un-der a \$7,500 bond for his appear-ance at the December 11 mixed term of Johnston Superior Court. Gladys Richardson, wife of the victim, was indicted by the Grand Jury in Smithfield last week on a charge of first degree murder. Attorney Albert A. Corbett was appointed by the Court to defend the woman. A special venire of 25 citizens was ordered by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn of Woodland to report Selma Sunday to confer with the leaders of Selma Presbyterian Church. The church has been capital charge without a pastor for 26 months. (See B Page Four)

Johnston Baptist Assoc. Convention Is Attended By Approximately 650

By MRS. E. V. WOODARD
Members of the Johnston Bap-tist Association met for the first day of their annual meeting at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning in the Baptist Church here. The meeting was opened with a song and praise service, led by T. B. Stone. Scripture and prayer were by L. E. Godwin. Moderator Adam J. Whitley, Jr., of Route 1, Smithfield, was the presiding of-ficer. G. A. Earp, of Selma, clerk of the Association, filled his reg-ular position. After roll call and adoption of business, Mrs. B. A. Hocutt, of Clayton, gave her report on Chris-tian Literature. She had a most attractive display of literature ar-ranged before the speaker's stand. This was centered with a beauti-ful volume of the Holy Bible, sur-rounded by other Christian pro-ductions, and flanked by periodi-cals printed by the denomination. She also used impressive charts. What H. Poole gave a report on Christian Education. He introduc-ed Dr. A. C. Reid, of Wake Forest, who spoke to the report. He em-phasized the fact that the world has become so small that we have not learned to live with ourselves as individuals, or with others. He pointed out that there is an in-definable movement in the world today that will either lead to something great or drag us down, this being a crucial day. The an-swer, he declared, is the Lord Jesus Christ. Special music was rendered by the Wake Forest Quartet, compos-ed of Charles Green, Allen Brown, J. B. Benson, and Harold Stevens, directed by Dr. McDonald. They sang "Holy Spirit, Breathe On Me," a spiritual, "My Lord, What a Morning," and "Near To The Heart of God." An address on "The Rural Church and Its Community" was given by Garland Hendricks, of Olive Chapel. He began by men-tioning some of the great changes that have occurred in rural life in the past 50 years. He men-tioned three things to illustrate his fine speech. "Most Yet To Be," saying that the rural areas will raise children to have better homes, so that better that they will remain in the country instead of going to the city as heretofore. Second, "Best Yet To Be." There will be more educated people on the farms who will enjoy the conveniences of living. In the future to be a good farmer one must be an educated farmer, he declared. Third, "Fullest Yet To Be." Children will be taught things that matter eternally and the teachings of the Bible will be regarded. M. M. Johnson, a native of Johnston County, having been born a few miles from Selma, brought the annual sermon. He reminisced in the beginning of his discourse of his boyhood in and around Selma. His subject was "A Great Savior." He pictur-ed the Saviour as great in in-fluence, both human and divine, giver of eternal life and whom we should love, honor and wor-ship. All were invited by the Rev. H. S. Land, Jr., pastor of the church, to have lunch in the Legion dining room where the women of the church served. Songs were led by T. B. Stone, accompanist. Mrs. Woodruff, The Rev. W. J. Cain, of Cary, former pastor of the local church, was recognized by the Moderator and gave the closing prayer and invocation for the meal. In the afternoon session prayer was offered by Homer T. Nichols. Eph Whisenant gave the report on Relief and Annuity. Jas. G. Lane the Historian's report, and S. T. Anderson, Jr., the Executive Committee report. Special music was given by Mrs. M. M. Johnson, Miss H. E. McChiner, of Wil-son's Mills, Ass. Missions W. M. U. Superintendent, and the Woman's Missionary Union report. She re-lated that have occurred in rural life

At Democratic Rally In Smithfield Tuesday



From left to right—Congressman Harold D. Cooley, Roy Atkinson of Clayton, chairman of the Johnston County Democratic Executive Com- mittee; Willis Smith, Democratic nominee to the U. S. Senate and Representative G. Troy Page of Clayton.

Axe Still Dull

Much to Tom Lassiter's sor- row and regret there is nothing being passed under the table in the Recorder's Court. A policeman said William Hugh Laughinghouse of Dunn was sober. A highway patrolman said he was drunk. The law says: "When there is a doubt, give the accused benef- it of the doubt." I say give both sides of the news. If you have a case in court and want it delayed or speeded up the proper man to see is the solicitor—not the judge. Any lit-tigator should know that.—Jack Honrine.

Democrats Rally In Smithfield

Approximately 300 citizens at-tended the Democratic rally held in the Johnston County court house Tuesday night and heard addresses by Congressman Harold D. Cooley and Willis Smith, De-mocratic nominee for the United States Senate. The meeting was presided over by Roy Atkinson of Clayton, chairman of the Johnston County Democratic Executive Committee. He opened the meet- ing by reading a telegram from Senator Frank Graham. The chairman recognized all county candidates present and introduced Dr. R. E. Earp, who he said was responsible for getting Congress- man Cooley to attend the rally. "In recent months Congressman Cooley has become an internation- al figure," said Dr. Earp. "He has gone from a county figure to a world-wide figure. It gives me great pleasure to present Con-gressman Cooley, a national figure." "Dr. Earp is a public servant who has dedicated himself to pub- lic service," said Congressman Cooley. "The United Nations is one agency that offers more to the liberty loving peoples of the world than any other agency. Due to American generosity this govern- ment owes more money than all the other nations put together. "I have no fear about the debt or the financial stability of this country, so long as the people can appreciate the programs being enacted throughout the world by this country of ours. "By all hazards this country must keep strong. If we lose faith in our government then the nations of the world will lose faith in us." (See A Page Four)

Hallowe'en Carnival Here Tuesday Night

Do you have that ghostly, ghostly feeling? Have you a spine tingling that goes with witches, hobgoblins, and just plain spooks? If you don't now, you will on Tuesday night, October 31—that is if you spend the evening at the Selma School Hallowe'en Carni-val. The gates will open at 5:30 p. m. Food booths may serve you hot dogs and sandwiches for your supper and refreshments during the evening. The Seniors and Sohomores have each prepared a sideshow for your entertainment. The Hall of Horrors always pro- vides an eerie note. There will be guessing games, games of skill, and games of chance. The lucky person whose guess is nearest the number of grains of corn in a jar will take home a turkey. Movies to interest the kids and grown- ups, too will be shown. The program in the auditorium will begin at 8 p. m.—there the Kings and Queens will be crown- ed. One will be chosen from the grade group 1-4, one from the grade group 5-8, and one from the High School. The voting must stop promptly at 8 by the big office clock. (See E Page Four)

Thanksgiving Baptist Church Observes Its 50th Anniversary

"The Expectant Christ," was the subject used by Dr. Charles E. Maddry of Raleigh when he spoke at Thanksgiving Baptist Church's 14th annual Harvest Day Friday. The occasion also marked the 50th anniversary of the church. The song service was led by a vested choir of 33 boys and girls. The dedication prayer was by Dr. R. E. Earp. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lynch were recognized at the morning service and were in-troduced as chairmen of the Har-vest Day for 1950. Rev. C. W. Teague, church pas-tor recognized charter members of the church. Only one of three still living were present. He was W. G. Earp of Bailey. The absent charter members were: Henry Earp of Selma and G. C. Earp of Brunsw-ick County. When Thanksgiving Baptist Church was organized 50 years ago on Thanksgiving Day there were nine charter members. Those who have passed away are: Mrs. Marcline Earp, W. R. Parrish, Mrs. Ellen Earp, Eddie Murphy, Mrs. Emily Wall and daughter, Lucy Wall. W. S. Earp of Route 1, Selma acted as secretary or clerk of the Presbytery. The first three people to join the church after it was organized attended the 50th anniversary exercises Friday. They are Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Batten of Wals-tonburg and W. Y. Wood of Zebulon. Mr. Teague introduced Dr. Maddry. The speaker recalled some of his previous visits to Johnston County while conducting revivals. In June of 1907 he held a meeting in Selma and was a guest in the home of Mose Win-ston. At the close of the meeting Selma Baptist Church gave Dr. Maddry \$102. The church was located on the south side of the Southern Railway. As result of the revival enough enthusiasm and funds were raised to build an edifice on the northside of the railroad. Dr. Maddry filled the Selma engagement shortly after his wed-ding. His salary at that time was \$1,000 a year. As a result of mar-riage he had gone in debt. (See C Page Four)

Dr. C. E. Maddry's Harvest Day Sermon

Dr. Charles E. Maddry spoke in part as follows at Thanksgiving Baptist Church Friday: "I have a feeling that the lost note in Christianity today is the note of expectancy. "Early preachers went out with a great deal of expectancy. They expected people to be saved and they were saved. "Why is Jesus the expectant Christ? "First, he knows this gospel en-terprise is not going to fail. "Christ knew the plan and pur- pose of God from the beginning. He knows this plan will not fail. "Now, if I did not believe that God is going to triumph over sin and Satan in the world I would not have anything to preach. "We become discouraged some time at the slow progress of the gospel. But we want to lift up our heads and realize that behind this enterprise is Almighty God. "In our life time we have seen three men come to great power, but we have seen all of them come to naught. Remember Hitler's speech in Poland when he said he had founded a state that would last 1,000 years. You know what became of him. He died like a common dog. You remember Mussolini of Italy. He was riddled with shot and hung up by his heels like a butchered hog. "While on a visit in Japan in 1935 a missionary told me that Christianity was not making much progress due to Emperor worship. Then the time came when this same Emperor told his people that he was not God. Now the Emperor comes to General Douglas Mac-Arthur for instructions. In nine years we have seen three world leaders with world power come to naught. "Christ still rules and reigns. God's word says the nations who do not serve God are going to be brought to naught. All who oppose the Kingdom of God are going to be crushed. "God exhausted himself in sav- ing this old world. He gave his only son."

Heart Attack

Wiley S. Earp, Route 1, Selma, suffered a heart attack Tuesday night. The report Wednesday was that he was unconscious and still in a critical condition. A photo-graph of Mr. Earp appears on this page.

To Speak Here

The Rev. Howard F. Newman, of Jonesboro Heights, will appear at the Selma Presbyterian Church on Monday evening, November 6 at 7:30 o'clock. He will show pic- tures and talk about his trip abroad. The public is cordially invited.

Raises Hay for Town and Buys Trash Cans With Money Saved



In the above photo Street Commissioner E. V. Deans is shown with 24 new trash cans for Selma streets. According to the commissioner the new cans did not cost Selma taxpayers one penny. For the past two years Mr. Deans has been rais- ing hay on vacant lots around Selma. The town has not bought any hay in two years. So the money the town used to spend for hay to feed its only horse was used in purchasing 24 trash cans. The commissioner hopes that the citizens of Selma will cooperate and help keep the town clean.

Selma Yellow Jackets Play Wallace Here Friday Night