

HISTORICAL

By REV. E. H. DAVIS

In his very interesting message last Sunday at the Methodist Church the Pastor, Mr. Phillips, made reference to the Reid family once prominent in the history of the church in this county. The name is Reid—not Read or Reade or Reed—the same borne by David S. Reid former Governor of this State—himself one of them. Rev. James Reid never a D. D. was known all through this section in my early days as Uncle Jimmy. He was born in 1795 in Caswell County, joined the Confederacy 1815 and for more than 50 years was an active member of the same. This family has the unusual distinction of being represented in the Conference by three generations of preachers at same time—Uncle Jimmy, his son Dr. Numa Fletcher Reid and his grandson, Dr. Frank L. Reid, part of whose name our townsman, Mr. F. Reid Pleasants, now bears. Though a popular preacher Uncle Jimmy was never the preacher that either his son or his grandson came to be. Especially was this true of his fifth son, Numa F. Reid, who in the pulpit or on the platform was the commanding figure of his day in this State. The Masonic Lodge in High Point where I was received into the brotherhood bore the name Numa F. Reid lodge—and still bears it. Uncle Jimmy married a second time, the bride being a widow Kelly who had a farm in Sandy Creek township this county and there he made his home. In his last days he went into politics being aided and abetted thereto by his friend Chas. H. Thomas, a kinsman of Edwin Malone and myself. He accepted the nomination on the Republican State ticket for Supt. of Public Instruction in 1872 and was elected with the rest of the ticket headed by Tod R. Caldwell for Governor over the Democratic State ticket headed by A. S. Merimon. State and County elections were then held in August in North Carolina, only National elections in November. Before Uncle Jimmy could qualify after being elected he died in Greensboro at the home of Dr. N. H. D. Wilson and was buried from the Methodist Church in Louisburg—the first funeral service I remember attending. The interment was on a knoll not far from the river back of the Egerton place at the end of Nash Street. Just why buried there I do not know, but that he was I do know. Regarding Uncle Jimmy's political ally Mr. Thomas—he and Geo. W. Stanton of Wilson were the Republican candidates for the Senate from this District the same year, their Democratic opponents being John W. Dunham of Wilson and William K. Davis of Franklin. Mr. Davis' home at that time is now the home of Mrs. John O. Wilson whose near kinsman he was. Uncle Jimmy was elected and died—Mr. Thomas was defeated and moved to Tennessee with his family. Regarding Uncle Jimmy's preaching, Dr. Charles F. Deems at one time pastor of the Church of the Strangers in New York said that he could recite columns of Webster's Unbridged Dictionary and bring tears to his—Deems eyes—I remember hearing my father say that it was said of him by some that he could raise a shout in a meeting any time by pronouncing the word Mesopotamia.

Mrs. Charlie Clark of Zebulon whose father was Tucker and mother Best, showed me a picture a few years ago of Uncle Jimmy. I am sure it is the only one in existence around here, it may be anywhere. Her father's people owned and lived on the farm adjoining the Reid place. She said to me that that old house with which she was familiar was a treasury house of antiques including furniture, bedding, curtains and carpets. All of it including the house was destroyed by fire a number of years ago.

GRIFFIN-TURNAGE

Miss Ora Lee Turnage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Turnage, of Louisburg, Route 4, to Jasper Newton Griffin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Griffin, Sr., of Spring Hope, Route 2, January 4, 1940. At home, Spring Hope, Route 2.

EDWARDS-TURNAGE

Miss Sallie Lou Turnage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Turnage of Franklin County, to Carl Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rix Edwards of Spring Hope, December 23, 1939. At home, Roanoke Rapids.

Anti-Lynching Bill Gets Approval Of House Again

Washington, Jan. 10. — The House today approved one of its perennial election-year favorites, the anti-lynching bill, and sent it to the Senate where an unyielding Southern filibuster was set to kill it.

The vote of 251 to 132 followed a discussion in which Representative Rankin, Democrat, Mississippi asserted that the measure was "nothing but the renewal of a vicious attack on the white people of the Southern states," coming not from the Republicans, he said, but from the Democrats.

All Southern efforts to amend the measure were crushed, under a massive voting combination of Republicans and Democrats from the North and West. The same fate met an effort by Representative Hoffman, Republican, Michigan, inveterate foe of the C. I. O. to attach provisions intended to restrict picketing.

The single change accepted was offered by the author of the measure, Representative Gavagan, Democrat, New York, who represents the district of which New York City's teeming Negro section, Harlem, is a part. He proposed the elimination of language making the bill inapplicable to any violence resulting from a labor disturbance. Gavagan explained that the provision was unnecessary because the bill could not possibly be interpreted as applying to labor situations.

The bill—denounced by Southerners as impractical, unenforceable and unconstitutional and upheld by its supporters in the antonyms of these words—seeks to eliminate lynchings by imposing penalties on peace officers negligent in protecting their prisoners from lynch-mobs and by making the municipal and counties liable for damages.

The principal interest and the most extended discussion centered upon an amendment by Representative Colmer, Democrat, Mississippi which he called the "gangster amendment." This would have made the penalties apply to gang murders.

Asserting that last year there were three lynchings in the entire United States and 272 murders in New York City, Colmer asked "Why should we worry with a mere detail, a mere bagatelle?"

Proponents of the measure replied that the proposal was intended to load the bill with so many amendments that it will sink.

IN MEMORY

On December 30, 1938 God planted a tiny bud in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Morris Murphy, to flourish and make their home brighter.

Then on December 22, 1939 God in his great wisdom sent an angel to transplant this bud to Heaven.

Little William was ill nine weeks before he passed away, bearing his suffering the very best it seems. All was done that human hands could do. Weep not dear parents, we know 'tis sad but Little William is resting with the Heavenly Father. He needed another little angel to help make his kingdom more complete.

He leaves to mourn his loss a father and mother, three grandparents, and lots of relatives. Funeral services were held at White Level Baptist Church, and conducted by Rev. John Edwards. His body was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

MRS. JOE HOUSE.

STATE SENATOR TO BE SPEAKER

L. Y. Ballentine To Address Oil Men at Rocky Mount Meeting

Oil men of Franklin and seven other nearby counties will hear State Senator L. Y. Ballentine, of Wake County, in an address before the District Meeting of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee at Rocky Mount, Thursday, January 25.

During the past two regular sessions of the General Assembly, Senator Ballentine was a leader in the fight for better roads in committee rooms and on the floor of the Senate. As a farmer, with particular interest in rural roads, Ballentine has been unyielding in his opposition to diversion of highway taxes for any purpose other than for highways.

The Rocky Mount meeting, which will be held at the Ricks Hotel, includes the counties of Franklin, Wilson, Northampton, Halifax, Edgecombe, Nash, Vance and Warren. In addition to oil company agents, distributors and service station operators, members of allied organizations interested in highway transportation will attend and participate in the program.

A 10:30 a. m. meeting for the

purpose of general discussion of the problems of taxation, diversion of highway funds and other legislative matters affecting highway users, will be followed by a luncheon at which Mr. Ballentine will speak.

The Rocky Mount meeting is the seventh of a series of 10 district meetings being held throughout the State during January and February by the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee. O. Y. Kirkpatrick, of Charlotte, is chairman, and S. Gilmer Sparger, of Raleigh, is secretary of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee which is composed of thousands of oil men and service station operators from every county in the State.

WISCONSIN WANTS TO COOPERATE

Governor Julius P. Heil of Wisconsin came South the other day, expressing a determination to patch up differences between his state and those of the Cotton Belt.

The Wisconsin executive said he was making a tour of capitals of the Southern states, that he wanted "to work this thing out." The governor was referring to recent reprisals taken in Southern states against Wisconsin butter, cheese, beer, machinery and other products.

The reprisals came as a result

of Wisconsin's failure to pay heed to repeated pleas of the cotton growing states for the removal of prohibitive taxes on margarine, the second largest outlet for southern cottonseed oil.

The National Cotton Council, speaking for the nation's raw cotton interests, repeatedly has warned Wisconsin of what might be expected if the dairying state persisted in boycotting cottonseed oil food products.

No state can exist without trading its merchandise and produce

for that of others. This can be accomplished only by the removal of trade barriers which prevent the distribution within one state's bounds the products of others.

The cotton states have proved effectively that they can erect trade barriers equally as disastrous to others which have been thrown up against them. Such barriers are not, however, desired by the southern states.

Governor Heil's cooperation is greatly desired by the cotton interests. Surely the South and Wis-

consin can solve their problems around the conference table, bringing to an end this un-American trade barriers war.

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