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MY PASTORATE AT RIDGEWAY.

REMINISCENCES OF MY SECOND YEAR AS PASTOR RIDGE CIRCUIT

Editor of the Record:

The North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in its fifty-seventh session in the city of Wilmington, N. C., December sixth, 1893, with Bishop William Wallace Duncan presiding. One hundred clerical members of the Conference answered to their names at the first roll-call. Since the gathering of that Conference one half of the clerical members who answered to the first roll-call, together with the good Bishop who presided over it, have taken their places in the church triumphant.

It was to this Conference that this writer made his first report as Pastor of the Ridgeway Circuit, and it was a good report. From this Conference this writer was returned to the same charge for a second year. And it is of his second year at Ridgeway that the writer wishes to speak in this letter.

The first Quarterly Conference was held at Ridgeway February 24th, 1894. Rev. S. D. Adams, the presiding elder of the district, having died on February 12th, the pastor of the Circuit presided over the Conference. The following official members were present; H. B. Hunter, R. F. Rose, J. H. Mayfield, J. L. Robinson, J. L. Ridout, W. M. Taylor, A. T. Smiley, C. B. Scoggin, C. M. White, H. L. Coleman, T. J. Hicks, J. T. Myrick, B. D. Moore, W. A. Lynch, W. T. Paschall, R. P. Harton, and W. W. White. There was sincere sadness in the hearts of all those who composed this Conference, at the removal by death of the deeply beloved Presiding Elder of the District only a few days before this Conference was held. Resolutions of respect and sympathy were adopted, many of the brethren speaking very tenderly of the departure of their loved and trusted chief pastor.

The salary of the pastor was fixed at eight hundred dollars, and all the machinery of the church was adjusted for the work of the year. In the midst of the business of the Conference, Rev. W. S. Black, D. D., who had been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. S. D. Adams, came in to inform the charge of his appointment, though he declined to take the chair, insisting that the pastor preside to the close of the Conference, and then sign the minutes, which was done.

During my pastorate of the Ridgeway Circuit there were six churches in the charge, as follows: Ridgeway, Middleburg, Tabernacle, Union Chapel, Zion and Jerusalem. At that time the services were held as follows: First Sunday in each month at Union Chapel at eleven o'clock. Second Sunday in each month at Tabernacle at eleven o'clock. Third Sunday in each month at Zion at eleven in the morning, and at Jerusalem at three in the afternoon. Fourth Sunday in each month at Middleburg at eleven in the morning and at Ridgeway at three in the afternoon. At that time there was no Norlina. The parsonage was located at Ridgeway, and there was something like two acres of good land belonging to the parsonage lot. On this land this writer made almost enough corn to feed "Lucy" through the entire year.

Speaking of "Lucy," I feel like taking time to pay a well deserved tribute to that splendid animal. I bought her early in 1889, and drove her over the hills and through the mud of Moore county, serving the Carthage Circuit, for four years. When assigned to the Ridgeway Circuit, at the close of my quadrennium in Carthage, I shipped "Lucy" to my new charge and used her there during the four years of my pastorate of that charge. She was ten years old when I bought her, and eighteen when I parted from her at the close of my pastorate at Ridgeway. She was faithful in the discharge of her duties during the eight years she served me, and my heart was sad when we had to part.

During the year good revivals were held in the different churches, and more than sixty united with the church

Mr. F. B. Newell Will Resign As Demonstrator.

Mr. F. B. Newell, County Farm Demonstration Agent and Special Representative of the Department of Agriculture, will immediately resign his position. Mr. Newell has served the County as Agent for ten years. The action of Mr. Newell was necessitated by the absence of labor from his farm and the demands made upon him by business other than that connected with the Agricultural Agent work.

Mr. Newell has been time and again over all sections of the County in the interest of agricultural expansion. The County has been much benefited by his activities.

—W.S.S.—
WILLIAM BRANCH HARDY



Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hardy, of Grove Hill, who left on May 25th with 79 men for Camp Jackson, later sent to Camp Sevier where now stationed. He was engaged in farming in connection with his father at the time he was called. He went forward willingly and will do his duty faithfully.

PRESIDENT MCADOO ASKS SUPPORT OF ADMINISTRATION

"The President needs the support of able and loyal men in this particular crisis in America's life and in the life of all the people of the World. That support must proceed from men who are in sympathy with his views on the War and the general policies for which he stands. The prestige and power of the President and the influence of America in this War will be irretrievably hurt, if the President should be repudiated in the forthcoming Election by the return of a majority against him in either or both Houses of the National Congress."

WHEN IT COMES TO LIGHTING UP OR LIGHTING, OUT SEE?

Mr. W. R. Strickland, Lally-Light Distributor for Vance and Warren, as well as Big Boss on Thrift Car sales in Warren, has arranged a unique display all aboard an Overland car.

Mr. Strickland is confidently expecting sales wherever people interested in home convenience are found. The lighting system is installed within an Overland truck, and demonstration will from time to time be made by Mr. Strickland.

The lighting system for which the Warrenton dealer holds salesmanship privileges exclusively for both counties is compact, simple and cheap. Its adoption spells greater comfort on the farm and its many advantages and cheap operating cost will make Lally-Light an asset to farm comfort.

by profession of saving faith in Christ. Looking over the records I find several names I would like to mention, but of course I would not know where to stop were I to begin such a process.

There were twenty-nine official members of the church present at the Fourth Quarterly Conference, held at Union Chapel, and presided over by Rev. W. S. Black, D. D. All financial claims against the charge were paid in full during this year, with enough in excess on salary to pay for a nice Conference suit for the pastor.

Respectfully, J. A. HORNADAY.

AN APPEAL TO ALL PATRIOTIC CITIZENS

To the Voters of North Carolina:

The most important forward step proposed in the recent history of our Commonwealth comes up for your action Tuesday, November 5th.

On that day each voter is privileged to cast a ballot reading "FOR SIX MONTHS SCHOOL TERM"

This is not a compulsory attendance law, but means simply that the Constitution of North Carolina will hereafter guarantee to keep open the school doors for at least a six-months school term in every school district in our poorest as well as in our richest counties.

Unanimously the State Conventions of both Republican and Democratic parties endorsed this proposed amendment in their platforms. Now let us not have merely a large, but as nearly as possible, a unanimous vote.

To all the world, on November 5th, let the proud message be sent that not only has our State taken this mighty forward step, but that it has declared for it almost as one man. To every voter—Democratic, Republican, and Independent—speaking in behalf of our common love for our home State, we appeal. Let us have no negative votes on this great forward movement. If any man in any community cannot vote for the measure, let him just pass the box by

Let every voter remember to ask for the "FOR SIX MONTHS SCHOOL TERM" ballot when he goes to the polls, and let North Carolina report no negative votes on such a progressive and vitally important educational policy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Bickett
Governor of North Carolina

Frank A. Lindsey
Chairman Republican State Executive Committee

J. J. Joyner
State Representative Public Instruction

J. S. Warren
Chairman Democratic State Executive Committee

Raleigh, N. C., October 24, 1918.

To The Colored Republicans of North Carolina

Within a few days you will have an opportunity for expressing your political convictions at the ballot box. The World War makes conditions different from those heretofore confronting you, and it is for that reason that I am addressing you, that you may ponder well your action. The Democratic party has complete control of Congress and has the Presidency, and you will be asked to change Congress from the control of the Democrats and place it in the hands of the Republican party.

As I said before, the World war has changed conditions and has given the President of the United States a commanding position in the eyes of the world, such as no other President has ever had. The eyes and ears of all the world are turning to WASHINGTON, and the voice of America is and will continue to be the dominating voice in world councils.

President Wilson and a Democratic administration have conducted the war on behalf of America, and have conducted it wisely and well. It is true that a Republican Administration might have also conducted it as wisely and as well, but the founder of the Republican Party, the Great Emancipator has said "It is a bad plan to swap horses while crossing the stream," and it is this view of the situation that I call to your attention.

Is it wisdom, is it patriotism, as fathers and brothers of thousands of colored men in the service of the Government, to fail to uphold the Administration while we are "crossing the stream?"

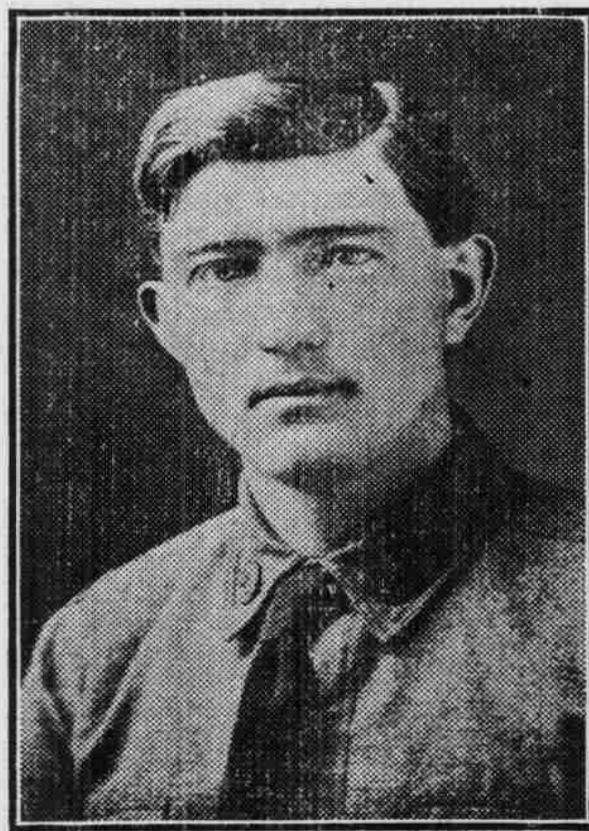
Our Commander-in-chief, President Wilson has asked the Country to sustain his administration. He asks this not as a partisan, but as an American citizen entrusted with carrying on the war. He justly calls attention to the truth that a repudiation of his policies and of his party will be reflected in the eyes of the world, as a repudiation of himself, and weaken his influence in the council of the Nations, and gladden the heart of Germany.

This same position was taken by Republican leaders Roosevelt, Penrose, Lodge and others during negotiations for Peace following the Spanish-American war.

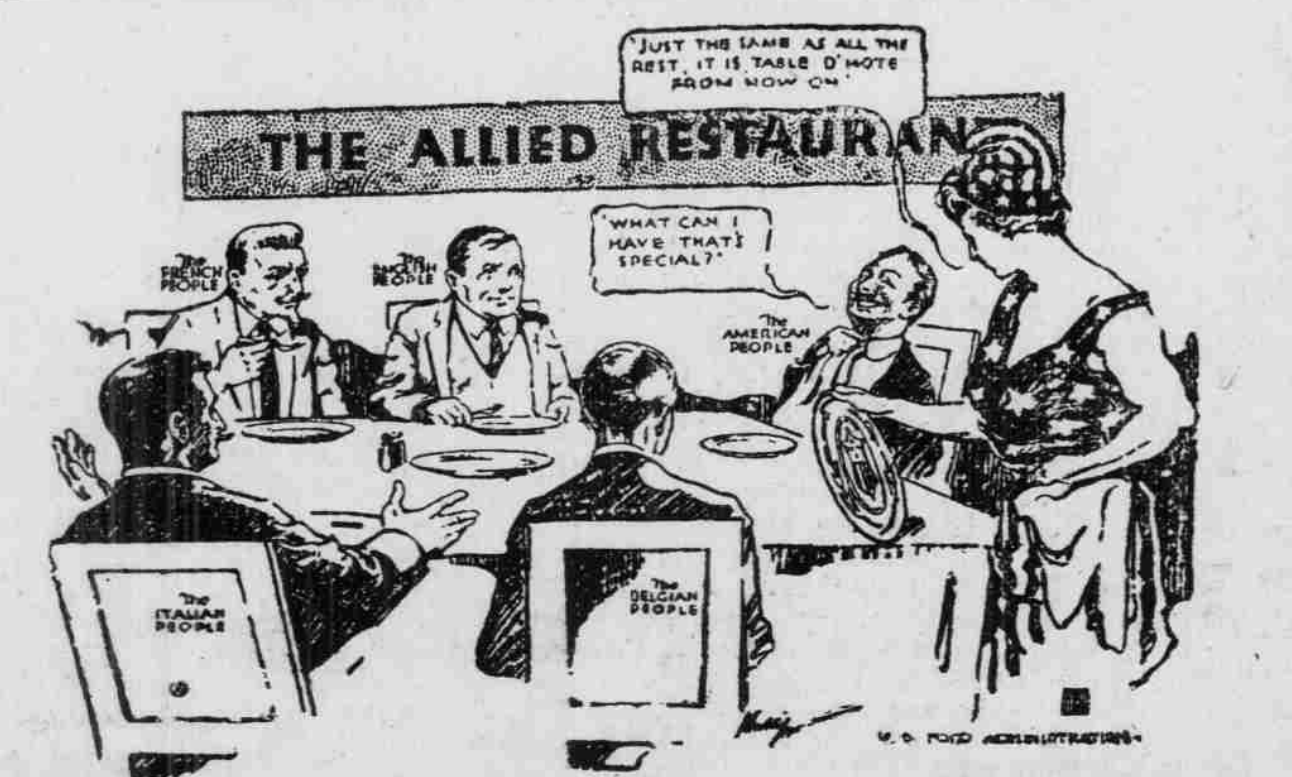
It is this thought that I desire to bring to your serious attention as Chairman of your State Executive Committee and ask you to vote—not as Republicans, not as Democrats, but as American citizens—and with a conscience void of offense towards God and man.

H. H. TAYLOR,
Chairman State Executive Committee Colored Republican Party of North Carolina.
Warrenton, N. C.,
October 29, 1918.

ROBERT T. HARDY



Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hardy, of Grove Hill, volunteered the 19th of February, 1918, to serve his Government in the State of Oregon aiding in building airships to fly to Berlin. He writes that he is in the proudest country he has ever seen, is well and happy.



One Of Warren County's Sons of The Days of '61-5

In these days of uniformed men, flying banners, marching troops, contending armies in great battles, it is a good time to let the mind run back to those blood years, when the Southern Confederacy strove to establish a permanent, independent government and think of the brave men who served and suffered in that war. While the mind and heart respond to tales of daring heroism, the lives and heroic deeds of Southern soldiers must not, will not be forgotten.

Among these brave men, Warren County had her full share. Only a few of them are left, and their furrowed brows, silvered hair, feeble bodies and slow movements give but a poor idea of the stalwart men who marched away in '61, and through four bloody years endured hardships, suffered privations and charged through the Hell of battles, hardly surpassed by the sufferings and struggles of the brave soldier of today.

James Reeves Watkins was one of these. He was a native of Warren county, was born March 12th, 1828, in Nutbush township, and spent his early years in the neighborhood of his birth. He inherited some property from his parents and also inherited a roving disposition from ancestors who settled the wilderness of this new world. In the days of his young manhood, he traveled extensively and spent a year in Texas. But like the prodigal "he came to himself", and returned to his home in good old Warren, which he always afterwards regarded as the best place on earth. A few months later he met and loved Miss Martha Tally, a charming little lass of sixteen, and soon their romantic attachment ended in the usual happy way.

The scene changes from honeymoon and a delightful home in old Warren to the life of a soldier in the army of Northern Virginia. Among the first to don the gray and march away to defend southern rights was Jim Watkins. He was already forty-four years old, but in those days men did not quibble about age and often the youth of eighteen and the man of more than forty marched side by side, charged batteries together and as mates and equals served their country. He enlisted in Captain Anthony Dowtin's Company, which was mobilized as Company G, 43rd North Carolina Regiment. Young, strong and handsome, he must have made a fine figure, clad in Confederate gray, as he marched away to join the heroes of the Southern army.

Always full of life and jolly, he became popular among the men. His amusing stories and rollicking songs added to the pleasure of life in the camp and relieved the weariness of the soldiers in the march. Thus he passed through four years of war and when almost in sight of the Capitol in Washington he was wounded and thus ended his life as a soldier.

It was on the 12th day of July 1864 that the battle at Silver Springs occurred. In this battle James Watkins was wounded. His knee was shattered, and Jim Watkins lay with the dead and wounded on the gory field of battle. Dragging his shattered leg he crawled to a sheltering ditch, where he lay until picked up by the enemy. He was rushed to the hospital where his leg was amputated at the knee, but gangrene setting in a second amputation was necessary. He was a prisoner until early in 1865, when he was exchanged and reached his home in Warren March 13th, 1865. His negroes were free and his money worthless, and he was forced to begin life anew, but with indomitable courage he set about his hard task, and showed what thrift and industry can do even under the most unfavorable circumstances.

On the 12th of October 1907, the object of this sketch passed away, having suffered a few days before a fatal stroke of paralysis and when his spirit left the clay those who knew him best tenderly said, "A brave and honest man is gone."

He was laid to rest beside his wife in the Methodist graveyard at Warren Plains, and on a plain tombstone is inscribed:

James Reeves Watkins
Age 82
A kind husband and father
Ever true to his country.

WORKING IN HARMONY FOR PEACE

AUSTRIA AND GERMANY IN FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR COURSE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29—Interest in official circles today was centered on the new peace note from Austria reported in press dispatches to be on its way to Washington. Though no official announcement has yet been made, it was considered certain no answer will be made to the latest communication from Germany, delivered yesterday to President Wilson. Though the Austrian note, according to the unofficial text, goes farther than have any of the German peace proposals in that it asks the President to begin immediately negotiations for peace and an armistice without awaiting further exchanges with Germany, many officials see practically no signs of the expected break in the alliance of the Central Powers. In fact, it is believed Vienna and Berlin governments are working in harmony and with a full knowledge of the other's action. The belief was based largely on the fact that the action of Austria thus far has not caused any visible resentment in Berlin.

ITALIANS TAKE PRISONERS

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS ON THE PIAVE, October 28th—Fifteen thousand prisoners had been taken by the British, Italian and French up to late today in the advance across the Piave which for the third time this year is the scene of a desperate battle. This time, however, the tables are turned against the Austrians who are steadily being pressed back from the eastern bank of the river.

The battle now has been going on for five days and has been marked by the desperate resistance of the Austrians. They have directed their artillery fire against pontoon-bridges thrown across the Piave and their bombing airplanes also have caused trouble for the Allies. The Allies not only have had to battle against the swift river current, but also to contend with the renewal of the pontoons and food bridges damaged by the Austrians.

Once across the river the Allies have had to overcome strong Austrian trench positions and machine gun posts.

Austrian prisoners declare they know nothing of the political situation at home and the efforts of their government to arrange an armistice. The Austrian army postoffice is said to have stopped the delivery of mail some time ago. Although facing a heavy cannonade and strong machine gun fire the Allied troops succeeded in effecting a crossing of the Piave. The British, Italian and French soldiers are in the best of spirits and eager to continue the advance.

HEAVY FIGHTING U.S. FRONT

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, October 29—Activities along the center of the American front began long before daylight this morning with a furious bombardment. The enemy opened a heavy fire with gas shells at 2:30 o'clock which was changed to high explosives between four and five. The American artillery responded. American patrols were active in Bantheville wood all night.

—W.S.S.—
Safe food reserves are the only insurance against food disasters.

—W.S.S.—



—W.S.S.—
I now have the town tax list in hand for Collection—You will be called on for your taxes. Please be ready to settle promptly, and not have me make so many calls.

JOHN W. ALLEN, Tax Collector.
I am indebted to his granddaughter Miss Arline Stallings, for the facts upon which this sketch is founded.
(By T. J. Taylor)