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School Taxes Discussed Chamber Commerce Meet

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"I feel that the work of the people in the Selma community is responsible for vocational training in Johnston County," said Dr. E. N. Booker. "If you recall we voted a 10 per cent supplement tax and then the whole county voted a 20 per cent tax for the vocational training of our young people. I feel that the present movement to divert this tax money which was set aside for a specific purpose is an effort on the part of the Board of Education to get a little more money and a little more money. I urge all of you to write or telegraph your representative not to tamper with this fund."

Howard V. Gaskill, a member of the Board of Education followed Dr. Booker with a brief report on the meeting held in Smithfield Saturday afternoon. He explained that Archer Lodge school had eight grades and only seven teachers. Schools are allotted six teacher for the first 175 students and one teacher for each additional 33 students.

Dr. Booker stated that A. C. L. passenger train No. 375 southbound did not bring passengers to Selma, but took them away. J. B. Langley, a railroad official stated that he thought this situation had already been remedied. The doctor then presented an economical plan to mark the streets of Selma.

Retiring President Raleigh Griffin thanked each committee for its cooperation during the past year as he gave up the office reluctantly, because of the splendid manner in [illegible]

[illegible] elected treasurer. The [illegible] of the Board of Directors are as follows: A. L. Langley, W. L. Norton and Albert W. Brown. Other members of the board are: B. A. Henry, Talmage Corbett and Leon Woodruff. The nominating committee was composed of the last three mentioned. Voting was by acclamation.

Retiring President Raleigh Griffin called for the treasurer's report.

"The treasury has the infitismal sum of $51.59," reported Dr. R. M. Blackman, the treasurer.

The meeting was opened Monday night with the singing of "America". John Jeffreys pitched the tune. Mrs. Ed Perry, stenographer, read the minutes of the last meeting which was held October 4. Two members, who arrived late did not get any supper. E. V. Woodard, chairman of the luncheon committee stated that he had authorized 40 plates and the ladies had served 43. The membership attendance was 45 Monday night.

The menu: Baked turkey with dressing and cranberry sauce, May peas, creamed potatoes, butter, biscuits, coffee, apple pie with ice cream. Those serving were Mrs. Carl Worley, Mrs. N. V. Smith, Mrs. J. C. Betts and Mrs. Jack Honrine.

The members were asked by the retiring president if they wanted to sponsor a corn contest this year. Upon a motion made by C. B. Fulghum the matter was left to the Board of Directors.

Dr. Will H. Lassiter reminded the members that there was much talk two years ago about a cannery.

"With the food situation what it is, I for one would like to see a cannery in Selma," said Dr. Lassiter.

C. A. Bailey, chairman of the cemetery committee declared the town needed additional burial space.

"I appreciate this opportunity to serve Selma," said Joe Creech, the new president. He urged the members to decide before the next quarterly meeting whether they wanted a Harvest Day this year or to continue periodic Super Bargain Days. Three successful bargain days have already been held in Selma.

Talmage Corbett suggested that all of the committee chairmen be invited to meet with the Board of Directors in regular session one Monday night in each quarter. This met with the approval of the new officers and was so ordered.

Inspection Lane Dates

Smithfield—January 14 to 25 and March 15 to 25.

Selma—February 12 to 22.

IN HOSPITAL

A. W. Mitchiner is a patient at Rex Hospital, Raleigh, where he has gone for examination and treatment.

G. Ira Ford Inducts New Kiwanis Officers

G. Ira Ford, immediate past Kiwanian lieutenant governor of this district, officiated at the installation of officers, when the Selma Kiwanis Club met Thursday night at the Woman's Club. Invocation was by Prof. E. C. Jernigan. The attendance prize was given by Walter Warren and was won by Wilbur Perkins.

J. Hayden Wiggs was inducted as president for 1949. Other officers installed were Wilbur D. Perkins, secretary-treasurer; board of directors: James C. Woodard, Norwood Jackson, Talmage B. Corbett, Dr. Will H. Lassiter and Raleigh H. Griffin.

"Your retiring president appreciates the loyalty extended to me during 1948," said retiring President E. N. Booker.

"The fellowship of the Selma Kiwanis Club is wonderful," declared Mr. Ford in his opening remarks.

"We as a nation have made great progress in 19 centuries, but we are just about the same bunch of humanity we were in Christ's day. Nineteen hundred years ago we needed taxes to run government, the same as we do today.

"The fellows back in that day were rather unscrupulous. There isn't anything they would do to hold their public offices.

"Today there are too many folks in the world who like to have too many stooges. They like to speak through the lips of other folks. That kind seems to be international.

"We want the kind of government that a man can come from the back-[illegible] and become the chief magistrate [illegible] that you [illegible] last meeting," Mr. Ford concluded.

After he had been inducted President Wiggs reminded the Kiwanians that this was the Selma Club's 25th Anniversary. The local club was organized March 24, 1924.

President Wiggs proposed five projects for the coming year.

1. A new Post Office building for Selma. In this connection he appointed a post office committee composed of Jimmie Woodard, chairman; Howard Gaskill and Talmage Corbett.

2. A Boy Scout hut for Selma Scouts.

3. A Key Club which would function in the schools.

4. Continuation of Vocational Educational work.

5. Boys and girls work.

The menu: Cube steak, May peas, creamed potatoes with gravy, tomatoes, butter, biscuits, coffee gingerbred cake with sauce.

"A very delicious meal," commented G. Ira Ford of the Smithfield Kiwanis Club.

STORK CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Thompson, Jr., announce the birth of a daughter, Marilyn Sue, on December 31, at Johnston County Hospital, Smithfield. Mrs. Thompson is the former Miss Hilda Lee, of Dunn.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. Cecil Lawrence of Charlotte announce the birth of a daughter, Claudia Faye, on Wednesday, December 22, at Memorial Hospital, Charlotte. Mrs. Lawrence was the former Miss Majorie Gerber of Henderson. Mr. Lawrence is a native of Kenly.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Talton of Clayton, announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Joyce, on January 10 at Rex Hospital, Raleigh. Mrs. Talton is the former Miss Joyce Wiggs of Selma.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest E. Ludwick, Jr., announce the birth of a daughter, Karen Sue, December 31, at the Johnston County Hospital. Mr. Ludwick is the former Miss Mary Lee Sasser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sasser of Selma.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Rigdon announce the birth of a daughter, Debra Ann, on January 9, at Johnston County Hospital, Smithfield. Mrs. Rigdon is the former Miss Margurite Greene of Selma.

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History of Selma Free Will Baptist Church

(The Original F. W. B. Church)

By Raymond T. Sasser & R. P. Harris

In October 1928 the late Rev. R. [illegible] (Bob) Self, widely known evangelist from Asheville, N. C., held a three week's revival meeting in his tent on the vacant lot across the street from the Selma High School. It was at the end of this meeting that the Selma Free Will Baptist Church was organized, with thirty-nine members and elected the late Rev. S. H. Styron as their first pastor.

Having no building in which to worship, a hall was rented in one of the store buildings and was used for that purpose until the fall of 1934 when the dreadful apidemic of infantile paralysis made it necessary to discontinue church services.

From the fall of 1935 until May 1937 no regular church services were held. However, the Ladies Aid Society continued as an active organization working, planning and praying for the Lord might lead to launch out and build the church that had been planned for since the date of organization.

On May 21, 1936 a meeting of the church was called at the request of the members [illegible] Rev. [illegible] was elected chairman of the building committee, and authorized to supervise the building program.

Led by the Holy Spirit at the age of eighty-three, and with only $175.00 in the building fund which the Ladies Aid had raised and contributed to the church, Rev. Worley had the first tree on the lot cut on May 26, 1936. Trees cut from the lot provided the timber to begin the framing of the building.

On Sunday afternoon, May 2, 1937, the new semi-completed building was officially opened for service. The church was packed to capacity as people came from far and near to attend the "Opening Consecration Service."

The church is indebted to local church people, organized Free Will Baptist associations, and friends throughout the state who responded so well to its call for financial assistance. It is also indebted to the late Rev. S. H. Styron and other ministers who assisted with their counsel, guidance, and services during the building program.

Since May 2, 1937, the church has continued its building program. To-[illegible] September 2, 1945, the church [illegible] completed, and we humbly and [illegible]fully dedicate it to the "Extension of His Kingdom."

The above historical sketch of the Selma Free Will Baptist Church of [illegible] original faith was prepared by Raymond T. Sasser for our dedication service in September, 1945. [illegible] that time the church has moved [illegible] all phases of the work. During the war, a drive to raise funds to [illegible] a Sunday School anex was [illegible]ned. Since the war closed, the [illegible] has been erected and more than [illegible] thousands dollars has been [illegible]d. The new building cost the con-[illegible]ation $4,500 and $1,500 of this [illegible]ount plus interest is still owing. [illegible] campaign is now on to finish raising this amount.

Before the new anex was built and [illegible]ce it has been about completed, [illegible] church has added a new $500 [illegible]pit set of furniture, painted the [illegible] inside and outside, and has [illegible] its obligations to all phases of the denominational work. That is, the church has continued to support the Chowan, Missions, Cragmont Assembly, etc., the pastor, superanuation and benevolences. New chairs [illegible] purchased for the [illegible]

[illegible] membership of the church has [illegible] slowly but surely and many [illegible] people have cast their lots with the church during the past six years of the present pastorate.

The following is a list of ministers rendering pastorial service to the Selma Free Will Baptist Church:

Rev. S. H. Styron, 1928 to 1930; Rev. H. R. Faircloth, 1931 to 1932; Rev. W. R. Williams, 1933 to 1934; Rev. R. N. Hinnant, 1934 to 1935; Rev. J. H. Worley, 1935 to 1938; Rev. Clarence Bowen, 1938 to 1942; Rev. R. P. Harris, 1942—

The church is also indebted to the following ministers who rendered pastorial service:

Rev. W. W. Cuthrell (diseased), Rev. J. A. Evans, Rev. W. A. Hales, Rev. E. G. Holland, Rev. M. L. Johnson, Rev. Herman Wooten.

ATTENDS BANK MEETING

Mr. Floyd C. Price, Sr., left Tuesday morning for Greensboro to attend the yearly meeting of the stockholders of The Security National Bank. He was accompanied on the trip from Raleigh by Mr. Thomas W. Steed, vice-president of the Raleigh branch and also Mr. J. C. Taylor of Taylor's Department Store.

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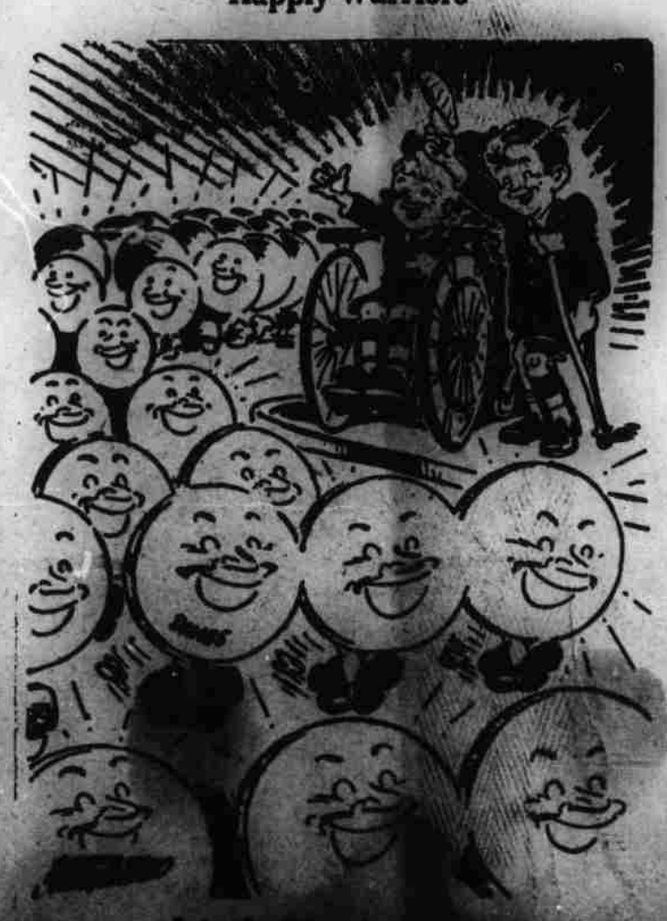

Archer Lodge School Teacher Problem Aired In Special Meet

Johnston County school superintendents, members of the Board of Education, county General assembly representatives and members of the board of County Commissioners met Saturday afternon at 3 o'clock in the Smithfield school auditorium. The question discussed was whether legislation should be enacted to ease restrictions on the spending of special tax funds of Johnston County school districts.

The meeting was opened by W. H. Call of Selma at 3:18 o'clock.

"Gentlemen as you know there is a crisis in the Archer Lodge school," said H. B. Marrow, superintendent of Johnston County schools. The superintendent later in the meeting reported eight grades with seven teachers. Principal of the Archer Lodge school stated that teachers would not "double up." The school is receiving part of the special levy. It is desired that this money be diverted to pay the salary of an eighth grade teacher.

"Archer Lodge is not a high school and therefore is not eligible for vocational training," explained Superintendent Marrow. "The cost of vocational training in small schools is almost prohibitive."

During the two-hour meeting Superintendent Marrow called on all the principals present for short talks. A majority of them spoke as being satisfied with the present distribution of the special tax money.

Howard V. Gaskill, of Selma in reporting on the Selma school stated:

"Our present problem is class room space. We have had to move two classes to the new Vocational building. We need nine more class rooms."

"If it took two [illegible] to [illegible] the ad-[illegible]

The county superintendent had previously stated that there was a shortage of space in practically all the schools in the county. He stated that New York state was confronted with the same problem.

"I do not think there is any doubt that we need more class rooms," stated Senator Adam J. Whitley, Jr. "I am in favor of the proposed 50 million dollar State appropriation to build additional class rooms. About this matter of diverting special funds, I would like to have some clarification on that matter."

One man present stated that he thought it ridiculous that the state should set up an eight grade school at Archer Lodge and then only supply seven teachers.

Representative G. Troy Page, asked Superintendent Marrow if the teacher load could be reduced at Archer Lodge and thereby create an opening for an additional authorized teacher. The county superintendent explained that the teacher load in the rural schools is lower due to the population.

"In view of possible aid from the State and Federal government for our schools, I see no need of spending local funds which could be saved," declared Representative Page.

Mr. Marrow agreed that in event of outside aid, local funds would be needed to match State and Federal money.

"It certainly would be appropriate for you to use this money for any purpose desired," declared Representative Ronald Hocutt. "I favor leaving it to the local people to spend it as they see fit. I am wholeheartedly in favor of this amendment. I believe we are going to receive some aid from the State for our Schools. I believe also our Federal government is going to also help our schools." The representative mentioned taking the matter up with the State Attorney General.

Pine Level Boys Post Win Over Selma 32-28

By AL RICHARDSON

Coach Batchelor's cagers won another county victory at Pine Level last Friday night, by dropping the local quint by a score of 32-28. During the last half the game turned into a nip and tuck affair with Pine Level getting the upper hand in the last minute of play.

Garland Creech, all-county center, took the high scoring honors for the evening with eleven points. Bobby Byrd was the highest scorer for Selma.

Pine Level started the scoring in the game with Watson making a crip for the first two points. Garland Creech and Robert Dupree followed with a gratis apiece before Coach Payne's raiders could score. Carl Thompson, who has been out of the line-up for the last three games on account of illness, scored with a hook. Ballard and Dupree came back with a crip and a long shot, respectively, to keep the green quint out in the lead.

Bobby Byrd shot a long shot and Gibbon Hobbs followed later with a hook shot.

The second quarter found Pine Level playing a good defensive game allowing only one field goal and four gratis while their team was getting four field goals and two foul shots.

Both teams played a defensive third quarter with Selma allowing a gratis and a crip by Strickland while Clarence Bailey got a long shot and a gratis and Bobby Byrd making a one hand push shot.

The fourth quarter was nip and tuck with the Yellow Jackets [illegible] from behind to tie the score [illegible] three [illegible] but Garland Creech added a lay-up shot to make sure that his team were the victors.

Halftime score: Pine Level 18; Selma 12.

Final score: Pine Level 32; Selma 28.

Scoring: Selma—Byrd 9, Bailey 6, Morgan 4, Hobbs 4, Thompson 3, Woodall 1, Capps 1; Pine Level—Creech 11, Dupree 10, Price 4, Watson 3, Ballard 2, Strickland 2.

Free throws missed: Capps, Hobbs, Woodall 2, Bailey, Ballard, Creech 5, Dupree 3, Price 2.

Fouls: Thompson 4, Capps, Morgan, Hobbs 5, Byrd, Woodall 2, Bailey 5, Watson, Ballard 3, Creech 3, Dupree 4, Crumpler, Price.

Substitutes: Morgan, Woodall, Strickland, Crumpler, Barber, Massengill.

Officials: Hester and Aycock.

Selma High Sextet Posts Its Third County Victory

By AL RICHARDSON

Coach E. C. Jernigan's local cagers won their third county win against no defeats, at Pine Level last Friday night.

Peggy Jernigan took high scoring honors for the night with 18 points. Helen Jernigan was Selma's runner-up with 10. Eunice Strickland scored the most points for Coach Batchelor's sextet with 12 while Mary Ann Oliver was second with eight.

Pine Level Red Sextet started the scoring in the game with Eunice Strickland making two foul shots. Betty Lee Bailey followed a few seconds later with a crip. Helen Jernigan came back after three minutes of play and made a crip. The red sextet then began to connect for one field goal after another until they got ten points. Peggy and Helen Jernigan came back with a foul shot apiece to end the scoring for the first quarter at 10-4.

During the second quarter the Selma guards played a good defensive game allowing only a field goal and two foul shots for locals. While the guards were holding Pine Level's scoring down, the visiting sextet scored four field goals and one gratis. The half found the Yellow Sextet trailing by one point, 14-13.

During the third quarter Peggy Jernigan made four out of five tries on foul shots and added a lay-up shot to put the visitors ahead at the end of the quarter 20-17.

In the first of the last quarter, Mary Ann Oliver of the Red Sextet shot a crip to pull within a point of tieing the visitors. But the visitors determining to win made three field goals and foul shots to win 28-23.

Halftime score: Pine Level 14, Selma 13.

Final score: Selma 28, Pine Level 23.

Scoring: Selma—Jernigan, P. 18; Jernigan, H. 10; Pine Level—Strickland 12, Oliver 8, Bailey 3.

Free throws missed: Jernigan P. 5, Jernigan H., Worrells, Bailey 4, Oliver, Strickland 5. Fouls: Driver, Worrells 4, Hicks 3, Massey J, 2; Ray 3, Morris 4, Bailey 4, Ballard, Oliver 2, Strickland E, 2; Strickland J. 2; Crocker 3, Pike 5.

Substitutes: Driver, Massey S., Davis, Massey J., Lane, Ballard, Poole, Watson, Coeltrain. Officials: Aycock and Hester.

Selma Defeats Kenly to the Tune — 23-17

Selma defeated Kenly in both games of a doubleheader here Tuesday night, the girls winning, 27-26, and the boys scoring a 23-17 victory.

Peggy Jernigan tossed in a free throw in the last two seconds of play to give Selma the victory in the girl's game. Jernigan led the scoring, with 16 points. Jean Baggett got 12 for the losers.

Gibbon Hobbs and Bobby Byrd scored eight points each for the Selma boys. John Spivey tallied six for the losers.