

# Duplin County Churches



## TEACHEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

By: Ruth B. Wells

Prior to 1902 a number of people who were members of old Mt. Zion Church, had organized and were conducting a Sunday School, under the leadership of J. C. McMillan Sr., which met in the old Lodge Building. These people decided that they wanted a church of their own in this community and asked the Presbytery to grant a commission for this purpose.

The Teachey Presbyterian Church, in the town of Teachey, was organized in the Old Lodge building on April 13, 1902, by a commission composed of Rev. J. M. Wells of Wilmington, Rev. R. Murphy Williams and Elder C. S. Carr, appointed by Wilmington Presbytery, which met in Mount Olive, N. C., on April 2, 1902.

Charter members were: D. S. Boney, Mrs. D. S. Boney, C. H. Cromartie, J. E. Boney, J. B. Batts, Annie Yarborough, Clara Wells, David Wells, Robert Wells, Roland Wells, Oscar L. Wells, S. A. Johnson, Osborn Carr, Mrs. Osborn Carr, W. D. Sloan, Mrs. W. D. Sloan, Mrs. Thad Mallard, John C. McMillan, Sr., J. C. McMillan, Jr., Mrs. J. C. McMillan, Minnie J. McMillan, Mrs. R. J. House.

Two charter members are living, Mrs. Annie Yarborough Bryant, Wilmington and Mrs. Charles H. (Edna McMillan) Hearn of Teachey.

The first elders elected were as follows: J. C. McMillan Sr., D. S. Boney, C. H. Cromartie, The first deacons: J. C. McMillan, Jr., Osborn Carr.

These officers were ordained and installed. Capt. J. C. McMillan, Sr., served as clerk of the session from the organization of the church until his death which occurred on April 19, 1915. Others serving were J. D. Mallard, H. M. Wells and now C. C. McMillan is clerk of session.

This small band of people continued to hold their services in the old Lodge building for several years. The following ministers served as Stated Suppliers while this building was used for services, Rev. R. Murphy Williams, (1902); Rev. L. E. Wells, (1903); Rev. W. P. M. Currie and Rev. L. E. Wells served alternately as Stated Supplies.

Early in 1907 the people began to make plans to erect a church building. J. C. McMillan, Sr., gave the church site and furnished the greater part of the lumber for construction. Other expenses of building were met by public subscription.

The church building having been finished Wilmington Presbytery was invited to meet here. During this meeting of Presbytery, the Teachey Presbyterian Church was dedicated on October 10, 1907. The sermon was given by Dr. A. D. McClure of Wilmington and the dedication prayer was made by Dr. J. M. Wells of Wilmington. Rev. W. P. M. Currie was serving as Stated Supply.

Rev. S. A. Harness began his pastorate here in 1926. This Church entertained Presbytery in 1928.

The first Daily vacation Bible School was June 1930 and until now has missed but one or two years. The first Church Banquet in 1929. We now call it Family Nite Suppers.

In July 1932, plans were made to build Sunday School rooms. They were completed.

The young people had a Christian Endeavor Society, then Youth Fellowship until recently.

The Women of the Church was organized in 1903, as a "Ladies Missionary Society." Then it was changed to "The Woman's Auxiliary." Now we are called "The Women of the Church." The following have served as presidents: Mrs. E. J. Fennell, Mrs. Tom Sloan, Mrs. L. E. Wells, Mrs. Mary S. McMillan, Mrs. J. C. McMillan, Jr., Mrs. J. B. Florence Williams Wells, Mrs. R. D. Usher, Mrs. Edgar Wells, Mrs. Charles H. Hearn, Mrs. Rivers Rouse, Mrs. Charlie A. Bowden, Mrs. J. L. Wells, Mrs. David Wells, Mrs. Joe Ward, Mrs. D. F. Rivenbark, Mrs. Johnny Wadsworth, Miss Sara Ellen Wells, Mrs. Joe Henry Wells, Mrs. Ray McMillan, Mrs. Jim Ramsey, and the present one, Mrs. John Franklin Wells.

The ministers who have served are Rev. S. G. Harness, Rev. F. M. Bain, Rev. Wade H. Allison, Rev. R. J. Wilkins and Rev. W. L. Holhouser. He left in August 1965. At present Rev. J. G. Morrison of Wallace is preaching for the church every second and fourth Sunday at 9 a.m. He is pastor of Wallace Presbyterian Church.

The present officers are Elders: J. B. Wells, B. F. Brinkley, Sr., C. C. MacMillan, Edgar J. Wells, Jr., David J. Wells, John F. Wells, Floyd Brinkley, Deacons are Ben Brinkley, Jr., Sam Hart Wells, J. T. Brinkley, C. W. Brinkley, Jr.; Clerk of Session, C. C. McMillan, Treasurer, Ben F. Brinkley, Jr., organist, Mrs. D. F. Rivenbark.

The first superintendent of Sunday School was John C. McMillan, Sr. Others were J. C. McMillan, Jr., John B. Wells, D. H. Boney, J. D. Mallard, Hugh M. Wells and many of our young men have served as deacons and Sunday School Superintendents down through the years. Also the women as teachers.

The present state is: Superintendent, C. W. Brinkley, Jr.; Teacher of Adult Class, Mrs. David Wells, Mrs. C. C. McMillan, Mrs. Edgar Wells and other volunteers; Teacher of Young Adults, Miss Thelma Mallard; of Seniors, Mrs. Charles H. Hearn; Pioneers, Mrs. B. G. Usher; Juniors, Mrs. Ray McMillan; Primary, Mrs. W. Brinkley, Beginners, Mrs. Herbert Tucker, Mrs. Sam Hart Wells, Mrs. Ben Brinkley, Jr.; Miss Sarah Ellen Wells, Secretary and treasurer for many years with Mrs. Gene

Wells, pianist.

We have a good organization of the Men of the Church. The men have a guest speaker and a supper meeting which is well attended and met at this church Tuesday night, February 7, having as guests Rev. J. G. Morrison of Wallace, Rev. LaPrade of Rose Hill and Rev. T. D. Mullis of Kenansville as guest speaker. This includes men of Mt. Zion, Oak Plains, Willard and Teachey.

We have observed our fiftieth and sixtieth anniversaries with guest speakers and homecoming observed with wonderful fellowship having dinners on the ground and large crowds.

The children have learned the shorter a child's catechisms. Several have gotten pins for perfect attendance, one for nineteen years. Those reciting this year were Shirley Edwards, Carolyn Gilmore and Raymond Kelly of Fairport, N. Y.

In the summer of 1966 the church was painted inside and out, we have remodeled our Sunday School rooms, adding a kitchen and two bath rooms.

We have a Hammond Organ and a new piano. One member has given on radio for World Day of Prayer for ten years. Several of our women have attended the women's meetings in Montreal, Miss. Sarah Ellen Wells and Mrs. Charles H. Hearn attended eight and ten summers the Synodical Training School, and received certificates.

Billy Boney has just returned from Viet Nam, Buren Brinkley from four years in Germany, James Boney left in January and stationed at the Great Lakes Training Center, Bill and Dickie Henderson are making the service a career and so is Jimmy Usher.

The Women of the Church have presented Honorary Life memberships to four members.

Mrs. L. E. Wells, Mrs. J. C. McMillan, Jr., Mrs. Janie C. Ward and Mrs. Charles H. Hearn.

Herbert G. Tucker, Jr., was baptised March 14, 1965.

Our library consists of about 250 good books.

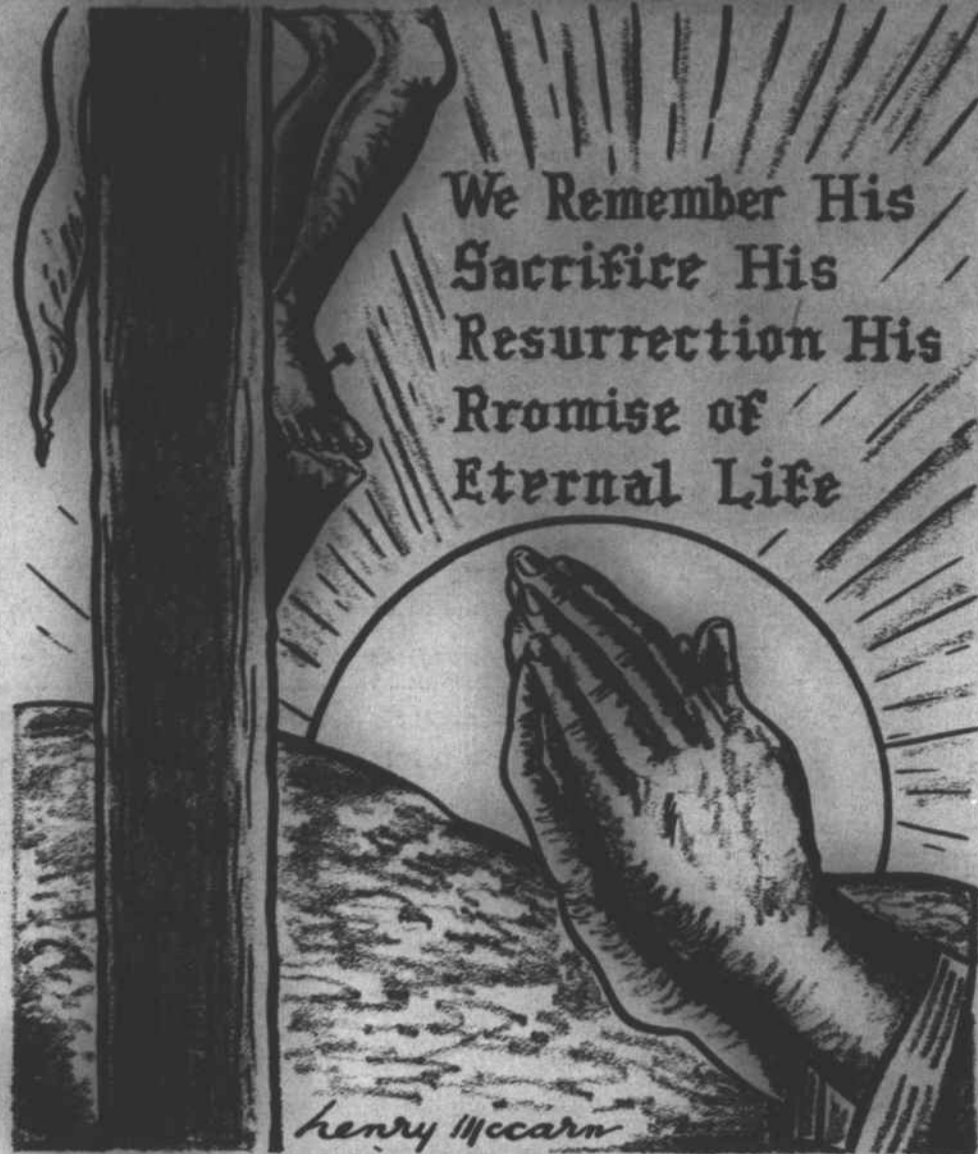
In recent years we have bought new shrubbery for around the church.

The front of the church has been pine paneled, and is very pretty.

Our number of members stays around one hundred with some good faithful members. We want to say with Paul in Philippians 3:13-14, Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Mrs. Charles H. Hearn March 1st, 1967. Historian

## WITH JOY AND GRATITUDE



## SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



## Well! Well! Wells

By: Ruth Wells

My family and I are tremendously enjoying the encyclopaedia that is now on special at the A & P Stores through the area. It is just as up to date as the morning newspaper and contains some of the most timely information.

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I do sincerely congratulate the FHA upon selecting the William J. Costin family as The Farm Family of the Year. It was my privilege to interview this family and I was most impressed with the way they functioned as a family unit. Gall, the teenage daughter was chairman for Warsaw Heart Fund. This was the first time a teenager had ever assumed such a responsibility for that particular drive. She was very successful, and all the details brought out the assistance of, not only mother and father, but also of big brother, William Jr. Mr. Costin is assisted in his duties as 4-H Leader by Mrs. Costin. Each supports the other in all their projects. Truly FHA made a wonderful selection.

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Don't you hope this weather the past week end was the Easter weather? If it is supposed to be cold and disagreeable for Easter, then I am sure we've already had it. We saw quite heavy snow flurries Friday morning, and I understand much of Duplin had sleet Monday morning.

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Heard a 30-second sermon this morning I thought most impressive. The methods some folks use to get ahead in this world may be getting them farther behind in the next.



The average old-age assistance grant given to North Carolinians in October was \$58.11, less than \$2 a day for food, shelter, and clothing.

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## Uncle Pete From Chittlin Switch Says

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

The fellers at the country store Saturday night was gitting what you might call literary inclined. They was discussing all these things that nowadays was put in the fine print.

What brung this item up was Zeke Grubb reporting he had saw where we now got two states, California and New Jersey, that was making insurance companies put the "taketh away" clauses in as big print as the "giveth" clauses.

As you know, Mister Editor, they was a heap of truth in that old saying the "big print giveth and the small print taketh away."

Well, said Zeke, it has been ruled in New Jersey that they was times when ignorance was an excuse in law and one of them times was when a insurance company put the "giveth" items in big print at the top of the page and hid the "taketh away" in fine print down at the bottom under some queer punctuation marks like commas and semicolons. Personal, I ain't acquainted with semicolons, but that's what Zeke claimed the Judge said.

Ed Doolittle was of the opinion that the whole War on Poverty was wrote entire in the fine print. He claimed it was required in the Great Society announcements from Washington to put the "giveth" in big headlines and the cost to the taxpayers in fine print at the bottom. Fer insant, said Ed, he had saw where the Office of Economic

Opportunity was setting up a program in Charleston county in South Carolina to give free legal advice to the pore folks. This, allowed Ed, was the big print, but down at the bottom it said the program would cost \$163,000. He reported this was in medium print, and down under the bottom of the bottom it said the director of this office would git \$15,000 a year, his two assistants \$12,000 a year apiece, two lawyers \$9,600 apiece, and two investigators \$7,200 each. All in the fine print.

Incidental, Mister Editor, one of the fellers—and I ain't going to mention his name—allowed as how you newspaper folks was gitting the fine print disease. He ruled in New Jersey that they was gitting smaller and smaller all the time. He reported that 25 year ago he could set down and read the news with his bifocals on but today it was gitting so's a feller along in years had to have a magnifying glass to read anything but the headlines.

But Clem Webster of the Great Society was defending the newspapers, claimed space was gitting to be a problem with everything. He said he could recollect when he was a boy the feller that run the store sold sardines out of a bucket by the pound. Now they sell 'em by the ounce and got 'em packed so tight in the can you got to eat the can and all to git yore money's worth.

Yours truly  
Uncle Pete

## The Minister's Desk

By: D. E. Parkerson, Carboro, N. C.

A ninety-five year-old man in Stanstead Abbots, England, is the proud possessor of a solid oak coffin, which he purchased thirty-six years ago, for twenty-three pounds - about \$100.

Throughout all those years he has visited the shed in which he keeps the coffin every single day to give it a polishing. If he feels drowsy after shining it, he crawls into it and takes a nap.

After doing this for thirty-six years, he is satisfied that his long rest will be comfortable for his body. He said: "I even had my photograph taken in it! I wanted to see how I'd look when the undertaker lays me out. I came into the world a bit rough, as one of nine children. Now, I'm making sure I go out respectable - with an oak coffin that has solid brass handles and everything!"

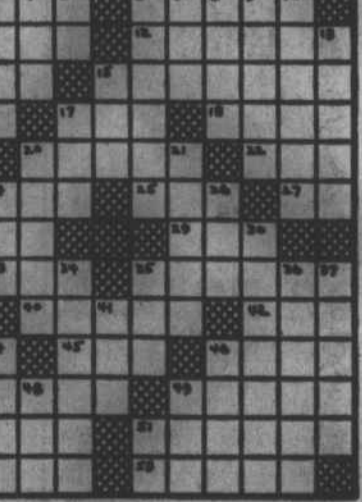
The incident causes us to wonder if the aged man has had as much exercise about a satisfactory rest for his soul; for after all, the body is but the clay house in which a person lives. A coffin is all right



In order to qualify for old-age assistance an individual must sign a pauper's oath saying he own nothing.

## Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS  
1. Point record  
6. Bags  
11. Frightened  
12. Fressed  
14. Central parts  
15. Discourse  
16. War god  
17. Japanese coin  
18. Ireland  
19. Falsehood  
20. Used up  
22. — Vegas  
23. Like soil  
25. Substst  
27. French "the"  
28. Blahopric  
29. Fairy  
31. Pound: abbr.  
33. Tree  
35. Patterned fabric  
36. Boy's name  
40. Aspect  
43. Glide on snow  
45. Boy  
46. Male child  
46. Leg part  
47. Timeless  
48. Imitating  
53. Female goat  
56. Pure



DOWN  
1. Metal dress  
2. Occupations  
3. Metallic rocks  
4. Thing: law  
5. Suffix: past tense  
6. Yellowish pigment  
7. Bow  
8. Pigeon shelter  
9. Small ridge  
10. Published in parts  
11. Clank  
12. Compact  
15. Robert E. —  
17. Watch secretly  
20. Lodge  
21. Deal with  
24. Golf mound  
25. Tree  
30. Style of dress  
31. Pale purple  
32. Radiant  
34. Gathered  
35. Cave  
36. Lean  
37. Emperors  
38. Near: post.  
41. Kind of lettuce  
44. Instead  
46. Twist into thread  
48. Crack leting  
49. Fact collection  
51. Above

ANSWER BLOCK APPEARS AMONG ADVERTISEMENTS

## Important Counties

From Wilmington Star

Opinion has been all along that some of the State's and nation's top agricultural counties are situated right here in Southeastern North Carolina, and now a U. S. Census Bureau survey statistically establishes this opinion as a fact. According to Bureau figures updated from 1959 to 1964, Duplin County was the 80th most productive county in the entire U. S. Duplin's farm sales that year, latest for which statistics are available, totalled \$40.8 million.

CLOSE to Duplin — and 90th in U. S. counties — was Robeson, with \$39.3 million in farm sales. For your information, the only other North Carolina county to

rank in the first 100 U. S. counties in farm sales was Pitt. This central Eastern North Carolina county ranked 93rd in the nation with farm sales of \$38.8 million.

The relative importance of Duplin and Robeson Counties — and Pitt — in the U. S. farm and general economy can be figured from the fact that there are 3,100 counties in the country. The top 100 counties — including, by way of emphasis — Duplin, Robeson and Pitt — accounted for 21 percent of all agricultural sales in the U. S. in 1964.

These, then, are no mere regionally important counties. Their stature is national in extent.

## Yesterday's News

1 Year Ago

Beulaville Free Will Baptist Church destroyed by fire. County Commissioners vote Duplin to have dog control. James Jefferson Albertson, Education leader, has fatal heart attack.

Twenty one candidates file for elective office with Claude Hepler, Chairman of Board.

5 Years Ago

Duplin County property re-valuation near completion, 50% assessment adopted. J. B. Herring and James Taylor new owners of Duplin Motor Company in Warsaw. East Carolina Firemans Association to meet in Pink Hill School Cafeteria.

Rev. John M. Cline, formerly of Kenansville, returns to conduct revival at Methodist Church.

10 Years Ago

O. P. Johnson to preside over 73rd annual session of NCEA in Wilmington. Duplin General Hospital hits peak with 57 patients. Robert L. West, Warsaw, heads Red Cross Drive. Warsaw Rotary Club donates TV for Duplin General Hospital lobby.

20 Years Ago

Magnolia bootlegger, Roy Pridgen, draws gun on officer. Duplin Red Sox of Tobacco State baseball league begin spring training. Warsaw merchants set precedence by voting to close each Wednesday afternoon during summer.

UNC Professor, Dr. Raymond Adams, is guest speaker at Outlaws Bridge Universalist Church.