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**History Of Old Zion Church,
 Oldest In Kings Mtn. Asso.
 Regular Services 114 Years**

Zion Baptist church is located in
 in Cleveland county formerly Ruth-
 erford, six miles almost due north
 of Shelby, just to the right of High-
 way No. 182, near the Lutz old mill
 place, formerly Weathers mill, in
 sight of the Davie Evens old home,
 where the first court of Cleveland
 county was held. There being no
 court house for the new county,
 and this being a center where quite
 a lot of business was done. It was
 then known as the Weathers Muster
 ground.

Drewry Dobbins and other minis-
 ters had held service from time to
 time at or near where the church
 was located at a stand prior to the
 constitution of the church. On Fri-
 day before the first Sunday in Sep-
 tember 1814, a Presbytery composed
 of Elders Berriman Hicks and Drewry
 Dobbins, with deacons of sur-
 rounding churches, organized or
 constituted the church with approxi-
 mately 30 members. Samuel Bailey,
 William Covington, and David War-
 lack were the first deacons. Samuel
 Bailey was elected first clerk and
 did the work well for a long period
 of service.

Dobbins First Pastor
 Pastors—Rev. Drewry Dobbins was
 the first pastor and served nearly 31
 years. He was greatly loved by the
 people of the church and his name
 is still revered by the present mem-
 bership. Rev. T. Dixon succeeded
 Father Dobbins and continued to
 1855. In the first year of Brother
 Dixon's pastorate he held a great
 revival and baptized 76. The pastor
 gave credit largely for this meeting
 to the fine foundation work done by
 the former pastor Dobbins. Rev. R.
 Poston was pastor 1855. Rev. A. J.
 Cancellor 1856. Rev. R. Poston again
 becomes pastor and served until 1866
 Rev. J. H. Yarbrough served the
 church 1867, when Brother Poston
 again was called and continued to
 1870. Rev. L. C. Ezell was elected
 and served the church two years,
 after which Rev. R. Poston for the
 fourth time served the church for
 one year. In the year 1875 Rev. A. C.
 Irvin who was a member of the
 church was called and became pastor
 and continued through 1879. Rev.
 J. P. Styers served the church 1880-
 81, following him was Rev. A. C. Ir-
 vin, who continued until 1887. The
 venerable T. Dixon again came to
 pastor the flock and his former com-
 rades were very happy to have him
 come again. The younger people
 were also greatly blessed by his ripe
 and gracious ministry. He was suc-
 ceeded by Rev. T. J. Moss 1891-4.
 Brother Moss was evangelistic and
 was very successful in adding mem-
 bers to the church. About 100 were
 baptized during his four years of
 service. Rev. A. C. Irvin returns for
 another period of service from 1895-
 1899. Rev. R. L. Limrick was pastor
 from 1899-1902. Rev. Z. D. Harrell
 from 1902 to 1906. Brother Harrell
 was succeeded by the favorite and
 most worthy son of the church, Rev.
 A. C. Irvin, who served until
 1916. This made about 25 years
 brother Irvin was pastor of his home
 church, which is a tribute far above
 the price of earthly things. Over
 and over again he would resign to
 be called back again. "Some one said
 we shall not see his like again." Brother
 Irvin was succeeded by the present
 beloved pastor Rev. D. G. Washburn
 who has served and led the church
 in a noble way since 1917.

The following ministers held mem-
 bership for some time in the church.
 T. Dixon, Robert Poston, (Brother
 Poston was licensed by Zion but
 held membership at Double Springs
 at the time of his ordination), Fur-
 man Poston who was a son of Rev.
 Robert Poston.

Sends Out Ministers.
 The following ministers have been
 ordained and sent out into the min-
 istry from Zion church; Joseph Sut-
 tle about the year 1850. Brother Sut-
 tle was a man of fine ability. His
 ministry was very effective. People
 heard him gladly and with profit.
 He was a pioneer "temperance lead-
 er" in this section. What seemed, his
 untimely death, was mourned by
 many people who had learned to love
 him and were looking to him for a
 great career of usefulness. Rev. A.
 C. Irvin who lived near the church
 until his last wife died then he
 went to live with his children. He

served churches in reach of his
 home for a period of about a half a
 century and always had churches
 and calls he could not accept. His
 was a safe and sane ministry. He
 was a man of fine common sense
 and not withstanding he never had
 the advantage of an education in
 the schools he applied himself and
 studied at home until he was a man
 of fine ability and information. He
 is still greatly honored and loved by
 his home church and many others
 which he served. He was a prophet
 who was not lacking in honor among
 his own people. He was ordained in
 1875 and died in 1925.

Rev. D. F. Putnam's Service.
 Rev. D. F. Putnam joined the Zion
 church September 1866, licensed to
 preach 1891. Ordained December 31,
 1896. Rev. T. Dixon, Rev. A. C. Irvin,
 Rev. J. M. Bridges, Rev. B. M.
 Bridges and Rev. Jasper Jones with
 deacons from surrounding churches,
 composed the presbytery. He has
 served pastorates in Kings Moun-
 tain, Gaston county, Johnson county,
 Roanoke, Tar River and Beulah
 associations. He served 11 years un-
 der the State mission board. He is
 now pastor of Beaver Dam, Poplar
 Springs and Mt. Zion churches. His
 longest service has been at Cherry-
 ville where he has served as pastor
 for 12 years.

Association Organized 1851.
 Incidents—The church upon its
 organization petitioned membership
 in the Broad River association and
 being admitted became active in its
 deliberations. Records show that the
 church entertained the Broad River
 at the sessions of 1821 and 1836. The
 Kings Mountain association being
 organized 1851, Zion became one of
 the constituent churches and has
 entertained the sessions of 1856,
 1873, 1880, 1913 and expect to enter-
 tain the next session 1931.

Zion has been a mother church
 sending delegations to help form the
 following churches and perhaps
 others: Zoar, Shelby First, Double
 Springs, New Prospect, New Bethel,
 Pleasant Grove, Ross Grove, Double
 Shoals and Union. Most of these are
 strong bodies and have glorious
 history. J. R. Logan was right when
 he said Zion has been a nursing
 mother.

Church Clerks.
 Clerks—Samuel Bailey was the
 first clerk and served over 30 years
 A. C. Irvin sr., who was an uncle of
 Rev. A. C. Irvin, served ten years.
 In 1858 Brother A. J. Irvin was el-
 ected and served for 37 years. Broth-
 er F. P. Gold who was a son-in-law
 of Brother Irvin was elected in 1895
 and served for 35 years. Brother G.
 T. Cabanis succeeded Brother Gold
 and is making a worthy successor to
 those who have gone before him.

House of Worship.
 The first house in which the con-
 gregation worshipped was of logs
 from the forest pines, some logs
 faced 20 inches, the people who saw
 the building have told us. No record
 of building committee. The second
 house was erected in 1856. This was
 a frame structure uncelled. The
 building committee was: Samuel
 Poston, S. C. Wilson, R. Poston and
 S. S. Simmons. Banister Willis was
 the contractor. There were 134
 members enrolled at this time. Rev.
 R. Poston was pastor and A. C. Irvin
 sr., was clerk. The third house was

erected 1883. This was a wooden
 frame structure, painted inside and
 out, with good light and ventilation.
 The building committee was A. J.
 Irvin, Samuel Poston, A. G. Weath-
 ers, A. Blanton, J. D. Weathers and
 A. M. Cabanis. The contractor was
 William Alexander Rev. A. C. Irvin
 was pastor. The building was dedi-
 cated the first Sunday in October
 1883. Rev. A. L. Stough preached the
 sermon. The fourth house was er-
 ected 1927. This is a modern brick
 structure and cost all told about
 \$20,000.00. The house was paid for
 and dedicated the first Sunday in
 May 1927. Rev. D. G. Washburn was
 pastor and the following were the
 building committee: G. L. Cornwell,
 Laurel Hoyle, J. S. Blanton, J. W.
 Irvin and Frank Cornwell, J. H.
 Brackett, contractor. The board of
 deacons at that time was W. F. Gold,
 J. M. Wilson, J. W. Irvin, Frank
 Cornwell, Grady Wilson, M. G. C.
 Cabanis, G. T. Cabanis, and G. P.
 Irvin, G. T. Cabanis was clerk.

Centennial Observed.
 Side Lights—A Centennial celebra-
 tion was observed September 1,
 Friday before the first Sunday in
 September 1914. Rev. L. C. Ezell had
 been selected to preach the sermon,
 but delayed his coming, until after
 time for sermon arrived, and D. F.
 Putnam being a son of the church,
 then pastor at Roxboro in Person
 county being alternate, was pressed
 into service and preached. Brother
 Ezell coming in directly made an at-
 tentive listener. He was purposely
 late he afterwards told the writer. A
 large attendance was present and
 much interest manifest in the ser-
 vices and occasion. Saturday follow-
 ing J. W. Irvin, Grady Wilson and
 G. T. Cabanis were ordained as
 deacons, Rev. D. G. Washburn
 preached. The pastor Rev. A. C. Ir-
 vin tendered his resignation and
 closed for all time his services with
 the church. The last of the year he
 and Elder Dobbins having served the
 church for 55 or 56 years of its 100
 years history.

The church (Zion) has held ser-
 vices for 114 years on the first Sun-
 day in each month and Saturday
 before.

Drewry Dobbins Baptised Rev. R.
 Poston and he baptised Rev. A. C.
 Irvin, and Brother Irvin baptised
 Rev. D. G. Washburn the present
 pastor. This is some what like aposto-
 lic succession.

Travels Miles To Worship
 A story is told and vouched for, by
 her grand children, that Mrs. Daniel
 Stroup, whose maiden name was
 Goodson, that she used to walk from
 Cherryville and attend preaching at
 Zion. Her grandson, J. A. Stroup
 said she told him about it. She
 would leave home on Friday and go
 over part of the way and spend the
 night with friends, and then go on
 reaching church in time to hear
 Drewry Dobbins preach Saturday
 spend the night with the members
 close by and attend worship on
 Sunday afternoon and spend the
 night with friends along the way and
 home Monday afternoon. No won-
 der Dobbins preached with power
 when people were hungry for the
 Gospel like that.

Perhaps the oldest living person
 who made profession and joined
 Zion Baptist church is J. M. Gilles-
 pie, now livin in Shelby, and a
 member of the First Baptist church.
 He was baptised 1860 by Rev. Asa
 McSwain. He is now near 90 years
 old.

Leading Families.
 Many of the leading citizens of
 the county have held membership
 here. Namely, the Blantons, Weath-
 ers, Cornwells, Irvins, Postons, Wil-



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 and efficiency, under the leadership
 of G. T. Cabanis. The W. M. U. is
 making good progress. Mrs. M. G.
 Martin is president. The fellowship
 is fine, and a spirit of loyalty to
 principals of the Faith of our fathers
 is very evident. Let it be said in
 this last word that Zion has never
 taken up with any new or fadist doc-
 trine. The soundness of the faith
 of its founders and minister who
 pastored the church is no double re-
 sponsible in a large measure for this.
 So, let us thank God for such noble
 leaders and take courage.

Zion was the fifth Baptist church
 constituted in this part of the state.
 Buffalo in South Carolina and Long
 Creek in Gaston county, and Sandy
 Run were organized some time from
 1772 to 1780. Concord was organized
 1804. These were the only Baptist
 churches in this part of the state
 at the time Zion was organized.

Zion is the oldest in the Kings
 Mountain association. Zoar comes
 next (1838). Two oldest with the
 last letter of the alphabet beginning
 both names.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.
 Having qualified as executor of the es-
 tate of Dr. F. H. Lackey, deceased, late
 of Cleveland county, North Carolina, this
 is to notify all persons having claims
 against said deceased to exhibit them to
 me, the undersigned at Fallston, N. C., on or
 before the first day of December, 1931, or
 this notice will be pleaded in bar of their
 recovery. All persons indebted to said de-
 ceased will please make immediate payment
 this the 1st day of December, 1930.
 F. A. LACKEY, Executor of Dr. F.
 H. Lackey, Deceased. 6t-Dec

**Thieves Steal Ham
 From Solen Green**

(Special to The Star.)
 Lattimore Star Route.—Mrs. Han-
 nie Pruett is real sick at this writ-
 ing. Her many friends wish for her
 a speedy recovery.

Miss Inez Davis of No. 1 is visit-
 ing Mr. and Mrs. Blain Davis.
 Thieves stole one of Mr. Solon
 Green's hams last Wednesday night.
 Mrs. Garland Greene visited Mrs.
 C. C. Pruette last Wednesday after-
 noon.

Miss Bunah Davis of No. 1 spent
 last week-end with Mr. and Mrs.
 Blain Davis.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holland and
 baby were visitors in Gastonia last
 Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hack Vassey and
 children spent last Wednesday night
 with Mr. and Mrs. Fay Crow.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.
 Under and by virtue of the power con-
 tained in a certain deed of trust given by
 W. O. McSwain and wife, Sarah Mc-
 Swain, to Roxie Rippy to secure a cer-
 tain indebtedness, which deed of trust is
 of record in the office of the register of
 deeds of Cleveland county, North Caro-
 lina, in book 120 at page 130, the under-
 signed trustee will on the
 21th day of December, 1930 at 3 o'clock
 p. m. sell at the court house door in the
 city of Shelby to the highest bidder for
 cash the following described real estate:
 Beginning at a Water Oak in Elizar
 Rippy's line a new division corner be-
 tween W. O. McSwain and G. E. Rippy
 and running thence south 89° east 24 3/4
 poles crossing branch to a large hickory;
 thence north 24.15 east 108 poles to an iron
 stake in old line by north side of a pine;
 thence with old line north 63 west (via
 1.23 67 1/2 poles to a stone, Elizar Rippy's
 corner; thence with her line south 35 west
 (via 43 minutes) 85 poles to a stone and
 bunch of Locusts; thence with her line
 south 49—2.64 poles to the place of
 beginning, containing 61 acres, more or
 less.

This 22nd day of November, 1930.
 HORACE KENNEDY, Trustee. 4t-24c

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John D. Rockefeller, all-time emperor of oil, calmly waits his turn on the golf course at Ormond Beach, where he is now making his annual sojourn. De- spite the fact that he celebrated his 91st birthday last July, the aged multi-millionaire still en- joys his game as much as ever.

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