

HELEON YATES SORRELS

Heleon Yates Sorrels is the son of Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Sorrels of Union Mills. He was killed in action October 9th, 1918. He entered service January 29th, 1918. He saw about three months' active service in France. He belonged to the Navy 6 years. While there he was awarded a medal with the following on it: "For Your Fidelity, Zeal and Obedience". Heleon was a faithful member of the church and was well known and admired by his many friends and comrades. He gave his life that Democracy might live and Autocracy die.

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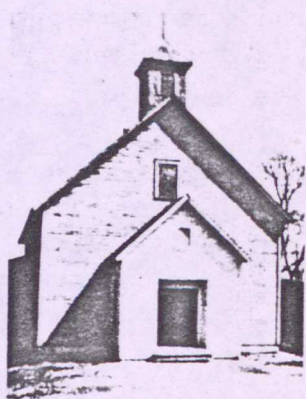
Mr. Hobbs has held pastorates in Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Crestwood, Kentucky from 1948-1950; Center Grove Baptist Church, Kershaw, South Carolina from 1950-1954; Wingate Baptist Church Chaplain, Wingate College, Wingate, North Carolina from 1954-1964 before coming to Marion First in 1964.

Mrs. Hobbs is the former Virginia Gilley of Eden, North Carolina. She graduated Mars Hill College and Wake Forest College. She teaches in McDowell County Schools. The Hobbs' have three children: Cathy (Mrs. Hayes Powell), Alice (Mrs. Stephen Little) and Warren.

Mr. Hobbs has served in many capacities in the Associations and the State Convention. He served as Vice-President of the N.C. Baptist State Convention; served a four-year term as Trustee, Wake Forest University; served a four-year term on the State Convention's General Board and was President of that Board; served another term on the General Board and was on the Executive Committee of that Board for four years; served four-year term as Trustee of Wingate College; and is serving on the Foundation Board of the Pastoral Care Dept. of Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem.

He has also been active in community service. He is a member and the first Chairman of the McDowell County Mental Health Advisory Board; is serving on the Regional Board for the Foothills Mental Health Centers in McDowell, Burke, Alexander, and Caldwell Counties; is a member and past Chairman of the McDowell County Jury Commission; served for several years on the Board of Review for Eagle Scout applicants; has served a four-year term as a Director of the McDowell County United Fund, serving as President one year; is an active member of the Marion Lions Club; and is a Trustee of the Christian Action League of North Carolina.

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A Record of Faithfulness



REV. A. P. SORRELS, Gilkey, N. C., was born in Rutherford county November 20th, 1863. Was born of the Spirit August, 1876 at Mountain Creek Church, was baptized by Rev. C. B. Justice.

Transferred church membership to Round Hill church in 1877, began teaching in Sunday School in 1880. Moved to McDowell county in 1889, transferring membership to Harmony Grove church and was Sunday School Superintendent for two years.

Married Miss Ada Jimerson in 1890, then moved back to Round Hill in 1896. Was ordained to preach by Round Hill church in 1901.

Was employed by the State Mission Board to work in McDowell county succeeding Rev. J. C. Sorrels who died in 1900. While there he began the

educational thread in Mission church in 1909 and concentrated and organized Baptist church as pastor until 1922.

Since 1922 has been active for many years as Clerk and Moderator. Always urging education, etc.

As the present time his health and he now lives with his son in his declining years.

He has attended the Green River Association for many consecutive years, except one, sent the Association at the time which came on the same day.

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REPORT

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As regards the work in the church we wish to call attention to the following:

Because of tire and gas, monthly meetings, and substantial organization at last meeting, duration.

We are pleased to report the School Convention in Durham rationing.

Ten churches of our Association, which was ably led by the pastor, and his co-workers. Mission.

Progress has been made in Bible Schools. A fine Bible Burns in three churches.

Two of our greatest needs are spiritualism, and better physical education that a better trained and more meeting both of these needs.

educational thread in Mission work, and moved back to Harmony Grove church in 1909 and concentrated his Mission work at Nebo and Clinchfield and organized Baptist churches at both places. Served various churches as pastor until 1922.

Since 1922 has been active in Sunday Schools at various places, served for many years as Clerk of the Green River Association and two years as Moderator. Always urged repentance, faith, regeneration, transformation, education, etc.

At the present time his membership is with the Rutherfordton First and he now lives with his son, Clyde C. Sorrels at Gilkey, who is caring for him in his declining years.

He has attended the Green River Baptist Association for sixty-three consecutive years, except only one time when he was appointed to represent the Association at the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem at a meeting which came on the same days when the association was meeting.

This page is personal and is paid for personally, however, we believe there will be found in the above record much inspiration for all the churches of the Green River Baptist Association in which he has served so faithfully for these many years.

C. W. KEETER, Clerk

THE 1947 STATE CONV. ANNUAL LISTS MR. SORRELS IN THE OBITUARIES.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The teaching force of the church has been eminent since the command was given by Jesus Christ, the Master Teacher, and still ranks as one of the most potential parts of the church's ministry. The demand for Sunday school training has increased because of the apparent waning of training in the home.

As regards the work in the Sunday School Associational Organization, we wish to call attention to the following facts:

Because of tire and gasoline shortage, we were forced to forego two monthly meetings, and substitute a quarterly meeting. By vote of the organization at last meeting, we will have only quarterly meetings for the duration.

We are pleased to report a delegation of fifteen at the State Sunday School Convention in Durham, despite the handicap of tire and gasoline rationing.

Ten churches of our Association participated in the Enlargement Campaign, which was ably led by Secretary L. L. Morgan of the State Convention, and his co-workers. Much good was accomplished by this effort.

Progress has been made in the field of Training Courses and Vacation Bible Schools. A fine Bible School Clinic was conducted by Mrs. Ford A. Burns in three churches.

Two of our greatest needs seem to be more zealous interest in Evangelism, and better physical equipment in the rural churches. We suggest that a better trained and more consecrated leadership would go far toward meeting both of these needs.

J. H. GIBBS

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