it is located, is not hoary with and the Greek," ie. to do all Hedgepeth. During the last ten short it has also been eventful Christ. been Elders J. A. McKaughn, J. and there has been a steady The following preachers have B. Jackson and D. P. Bridges, growth. She certainly has noth- been pastors of the church: Z. T. who is now in the sixth year of ing to be ashamed of and much Harrison, B. C. Allred, J. M. his pastorate. to glory in. And may she ever Ashby 4yrs.; T. J. Dailey 2 yrs.: This church is one of the oldand nay Trinity and may Trinity rooms for our classes. great precepts.

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Lumberton.

Rev. Pope was pastor for four years including the year 1897, the time he Church was built. The next year, 1898, the church was dedicated by Rev. W. H. Moore Presiding Elder of the Fayetteville District, with 45 on roll. This same year, in March the Sunday School was organized with 55 members.

Afterward the circuit was put on the Wilmington District but later was transferred to its pres- not to have been preserved. The counts of the missionary funds Briggs, Mary J. Ployd, Misses ent place the Rockingham Dis- members who composed it came which it raised. It was also F. J. Ratley, S. E Ratley, J. D. his fourth year.

The church now has

ment, a Young Peoples Society organization to 1825, when he and a Bright Jewel Band or died, making a pastorate of a-Juvenile Society. All of these bout thirty years. Some of the are doing excellent and faithful pastors in the early years were: work, and may the great mis- Elders John Pittman, Dwight Ullusionary Spirit increase until all Hayes, William Ayers, Haynes shall feel like St. Paul said, Lennon, P. C. Conoly, A. R. Trinity like the town in which 'I am Debtor both to the Jew Pittman, J. A. Smith, and I. P. age. While its life has been they can to bring the world to or more years the pastors have

der members ever be true Ware always glad to welcome others, perhaps. we will do thee good"

B. E. Stanfield.

the South The Baptist Church at Ash-2 miles and pole was organized about the ary from the beginning.

stand to contribute her part as C. W. Smith 3 yrs.; S. T. Moyle est churches of all this part of a great potential factor in the 2 yrs.; and this is the first year the country. There have gone Rev. D. P. Bridges Pastor of of the Orphans Home at Barium for three years being succeeded spiritual and moral uplift of of the writer on this circuit. out from this church. Springs. He was followed by by the present incumbent Mr. Fairmont and its community. One of our great needs is for other churches. The church at Methodism has always stood for larger and separate rooms for Centerville, Pleasant Hope, is doing more for benevolence eternal reward a year or more During Mr. Fisher's term of tree very important and essen. he Sunday School. I hope the Oakton and Baltimore laagely than ever before. We welcome ago who in turn was succeeded til things viz: Vital godliness, day is not far distant before we were mad up of members dis- everyone to our services at all by Rev. J. M. McLain. Rev. R. Equation and Christian unity, shall have a new church and missed from the Ashpole church times. We are glad to have S. Latimer who has recently and some of White Pond and strangers come to church when taken charge of a much larger

our friends to worship with us Besides being the mother tory of the thursh be and he latch strings of our church of others Ashpole has sent Rev. E. Pope was pas- hearts are always on the out- several young ministers out who e Robeson circuit and side. 'Come thou with us and afterwards attained to prominence in the ministry. Some of her sons in the Gospel are: Elders Forney Prevatte, Haynes Lennon, N R. Pittman and A. McA. Pittman. The church may well be proud of all these men in the ministry. There are others, perhaps, who are not so Fairmont is not one of our old membership about doubled. well known to the writer who churches. According to the rebegan their career in the minis- cord it was organized July 13th and Mr. Lawler the following try from this church.

This church has been missionsame dis- year 1794. The exact date seems find in the very early records ac-



First Baptist Church.

to the Neuse Association Octob- We find that very early in its persons answered the c ustitutier, 1798. At this time it was history it was considering the onal questions in the affirmative members and the Sunday School under the pastoral care of Elder establishment of an association- Book of Church Order, par. 27 157 members, besides 30 in the Isham Pittman. The organized al school. Some years later and according to the same para-Home Department and 18 Babies church was composed of forty there was established "The Ash- graph were constituted a Presbyon the cradle roll. There is also members. The names of those pole Institute" in connection with the church, and was for a purpler of years, conducted by there, In 1907 the business had dise is complete. members in the Home Depart- pastor from near the time of its Rev. Stinge on Ivey, and a good

trict with Rev. A. McCullen, from the Saddletree Church. strongly in favor of education, Rulley, N. A. Ratley. Mrs. N. Presiding Elder, who is doing The Church was received in- but Christain education, as well. S. Lewis and J. D. Lewis. These educational work was done by him and a great many boys and girls were educated by him. Some of them became very or uninent in their careers in life. Two things which this church has always kept promiare necessary to the success of any church, viz.: The mission. ary idea and thrist an education The trusture is which the church now worshins is the fourth in the better of the church. The old house which is being torn down now was erected some over forty years ago, The present structure was erected in 1912under the pastorate of the present pastor. Henry E. Bonitz, and installed an elder and Dr. again advanced beyond the propof Wilmington, was the architect J. S. McCleachy was elected, or- ortions of the building it occuand Robert Inman of Fairmont, dained and installed a Deacon pied and Mr. Floyd erected the and a member of the church according to par. 112 of the handsome building shown awas the contractor. The build- Book of Church Order. ing, with furnishings, costs a- It was decided that the church store and since that time progbout \$13,000.

During the present pastorate Church, Assessment to the Press has been consistent, more than a hundred members byterial Fund was made \$2.00. Q. I. Fleyd Co. is a firm that have been added by baptism and d W. T. Welker, Clark, W. Would lend finish to a town much quite a number also have been | So it will be seen that while larger than F I mont It noticy

be called Bethcar Presbythrian ress of the store painted blue

the church was organized only paintmore church went out about twelve years ago and is from the church during the consequently a young organizapresent pastorate. The church tion it is about as old as Fair-

they are stopping in our city.

1902 being nearly 12 years old. have and are serving the church We present below the minutes as Ruling Elders: Dr. J. P. We of the Commission which organ- Brown, F. L. Blue, J. D. Lewized this church:

"The Commission appointed lians. by Fayetteville Presbytery to

Revs. 2. R. Law, J. P. McMilThe name of the church was prosperous appearance.

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Fairsout Presbyterian Church ternal circles. He vas the first If the commission were present which seemed more appropriate except Rev. Dr. MeMillan. considering the church is now Masonic lodge and served for R w M. N. Melver acted in the in a fast growing town and not a six years, as its Chancettor. He place of Dr. McMillan at the struggling village as it was was the first Consul commander request of the commission was when first organized. constituted with prayer.

Certificates were read from Iona church of the good stand- Ihe ing of Mr. C. Lawler, Mrs. E. A. Lawler, lisses L. J. Lawler and M. N. Lawler, Dr. J. B. Brown, J. S. McGeachy and J. P. Brown, W. C. Brown J. H.

Fairmout Preslyterian Church

mont itself is.

The first representative elected to represent the church at the Presbytery was Dr. J. B. Brown was to go to Red Springs to attend the meeting of the Presbytery. The date of this transaction is Sept. 29, 1902.

The following were appointed the first trustees of the church Dr. J. B. Brown, J. P. Brown, An Esteemed Citizen Whem the N. A. Ratley, W. C. Brown and J. D. Lewis. Dr. J. B. Brown was elected treasurer of the mittee.

according to the record was Rev. were then here, he has been M. N. McIver who was called closely connected with the towns for one year. He was followed development. In May 1909 he by Rev. W. T. Walkernow Supt. was elected mayor and served field followed Rev. Mr. McLain. -D. P. Bridges. During the pastorates of these ministers the church made as much progress as could be expected. During the pastorat of Rev. R. S. Latimer which lasted TOWN CHIPP about two years the church seems to have taken on new life. The material plant was much improved—the building inside and out being practically made The Presbyterian Church of new, a fine bell installed. The

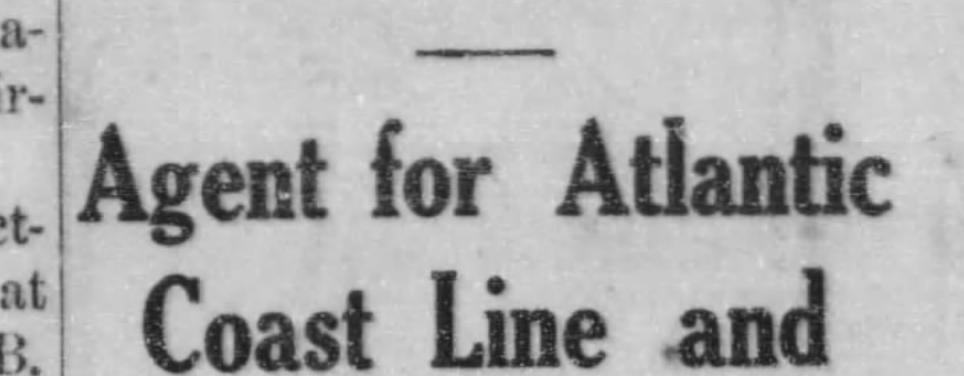
In addition to Dr. J. P. Brown

The Commission consisted of H. L. Blue, Jr.

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mon. In 1903 the business had seldom equaled. advanced to such propotions that Mr Floyd was compelled to move . to more roomy quarters. He selected a store next door to his minute articles to be found notpresent stand and from 1903 to hing new excapes its buyers.

bove the mesent location of his



Former May

Town Prides Herself In.

Building Fund and C F. Law- Mr. E. Fisher, Atlantic Coast ler, J. D. Lewis and N. A. Rat- Line agent, and former mayor ley appointed a building com- came to Fairmont in 1898 and since his determination to cast The first supply of the church his lot with the few folks who



E. Fisher.

office it can be truthfully said is, W. W. Ward and Ed. Wil-the town advanced a great deal. Iona street was paved as far The church has had as Dea-south as the Baptist church and organize a Presbyterian church cons the following: Dr. J, S. the much mooted discussion beat Ashpole, N. C., met there McGeachy, David McLean, W. tween the town and J. W. Ash-B. Ratley, N. A. Andrews and ley was amicably settled. Every-

woshipful master of the Ashpole of the Woodman of the World when their lodge was established here and was prominently connected with the Red Men lodge when it was organized here.

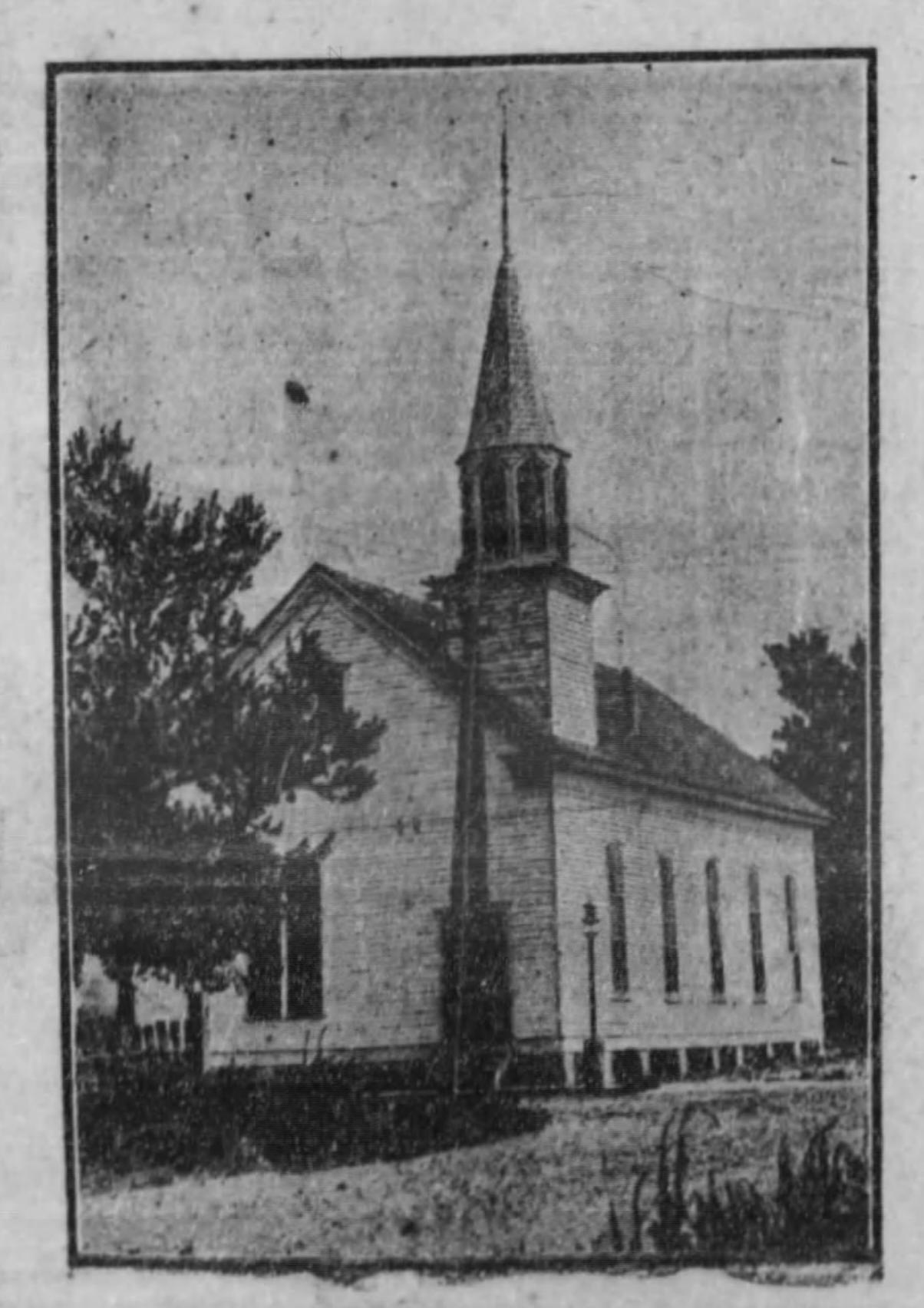
Mr. Fisher is known far and wide among the traveling public and few people can remember coming to Fairmont by rail withoften said that this was the nuc- out seving him. For he h s leons around which gathered the never lost a day from duty since present prosperous town of Fair | coming to Fairment a record

is to handle the most up to the

In 1909 Mr. Floyd erected the handsome residence the cut of which can be found elsewhere in this paper at a cost of approximately \$14,000. It is one of the prettiest homes to be found in this section and adds much to the residental portion of the town.

> Fairmont, the Tobacco Metropolis Robeson

> > County.



Tripitz Methodist Church,