

Homecoming Sunday at Adnah Church

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Adnah Methodist Church will mark its annual homecoming Sunday.

The Rev. Murray Yarborough, a former assistant pastor, will preach at 11:15 a.m. and lunch will be served on the grounds. Immediately following the morning service there will be a meeting of the Cemetery Association with Mrs. Joe Bartha in charge.

The Rev. M. Eugene Mullikin, pastor of the Rock Hill Circuit which included Adnah, Antioch and India Hook Churches.

The story is that the first services were held under a brush arbor in the 1870's.

On Sept. 22, 1879 a deed was recorded at York County Court House by J. William and Margaret Thomasson, grandparents of Miss Violet Anderson of Ebenezer.

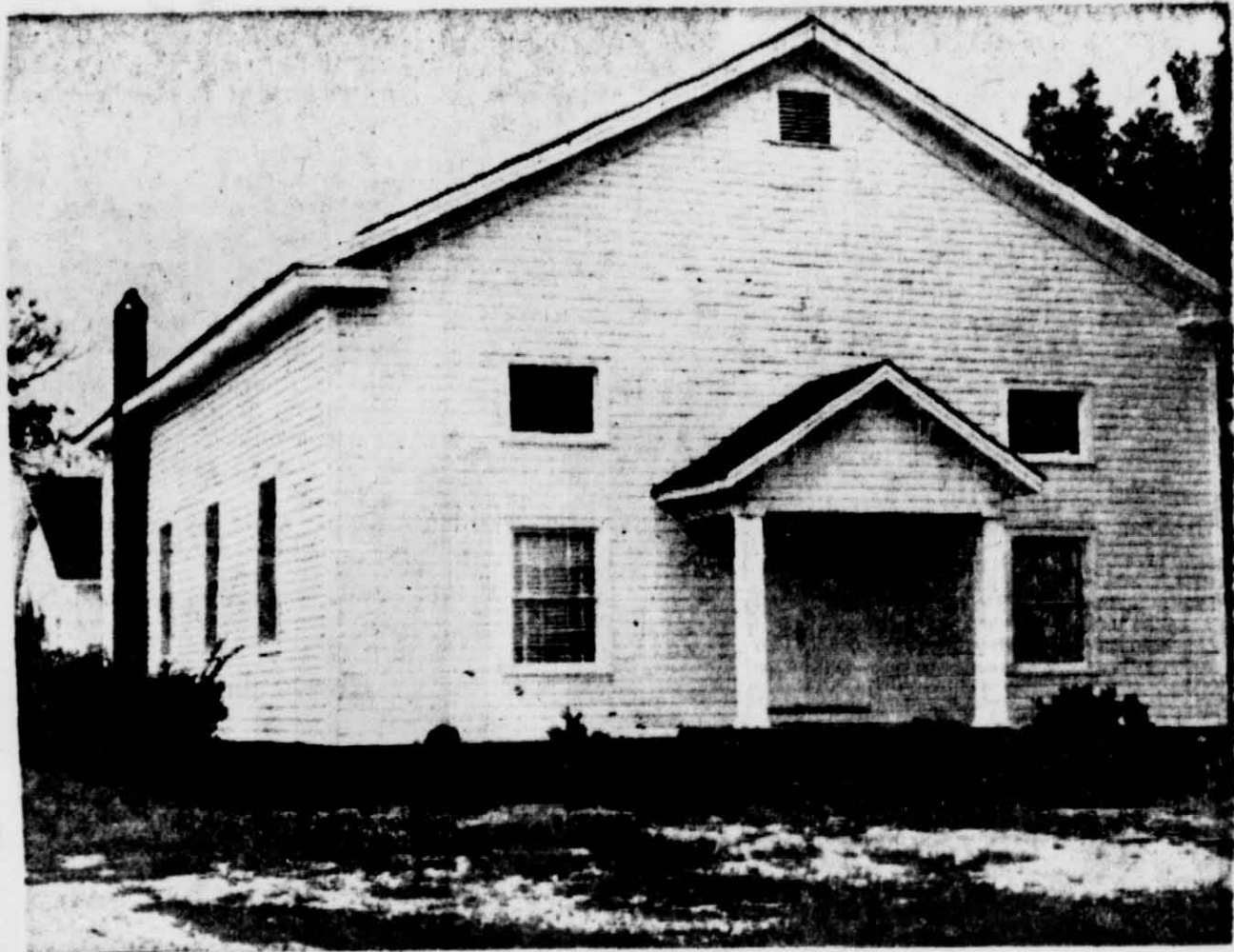
When the site of Tirzah A. R. P. Church was moved north, the church gave its old site, including the cemetery to Adnah, this combining the two properties.

Trustees mentioned in the deed are James G. Gaulden, James Poag, Ferguson Barber, W. S. Creighton, L. M. Davis, and J. O. Giles.

The late A. M. Chreitzberg, presiding elder, dedicated the church to the glory of God in 1880. The church was then a part of the Columbia district, Virginia-Carolina Conference. Chreitzberg gave the church its name meaning "rest, testimony, and eternal."

Its 129 members are proud of the solid walnut and partially hand carved pulpit and altar. The late C. C. Hope told of cutting the wal-

nut from the James Huey farm and hauling the timber to North Carolina where parts were hand sawed. Huey was the grandfather



Adnah Methodist Church was remodeled a few years ago

of Mrs. Clarence Merritt.

In 1940, the front doors were eliminated, a single front entrance built, with a Sunday school room on either side of a balcony all the way across.

In 1959 an educational building with three Sunday school rooms, a large assembly room, a well equipped kitchen and rest room facilities were added. In March new hardwood floors, and new walnut finish pews, were installed. A carpet and new windows are next on the program.

C. C. (Charlie) Hope, who died in 1955 at the age of 96, was the last surviving charter member. He was the father of Mrs. Ann Branch, Miss Pearle Hope and Erwin Hope, still active members.

The late Perry Martin and his wife, Sallie Beaty Martin kept a room in their home for circuit riders and visiting ministers.

E. B. McDaniel and W. L. Jones have given loyal support through the years. Also to be remembered are the late Henry Zinker, Joe Cancellor, Will Darby, J. W. Gard-

ner, E. E. McDaniel, and Reuben Wingate, Sr.

Ben Hardin is now chairman of the board of stewards. Miss Addie Howell is superintendent of the Sunday School, Miss Louise Ashley is president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Freddie Howell is president of the MYF, and H. W. Mitchell is church treasurer.

Oldest living members of the church are Mrs. Mattie McDaniel Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McDaniel, Miss Sara Atkins, and Mrs. Hattie Gardner Hudspeth.