

LAURINBURG'S VISITANTS

What Charlotte Papers Said About This News

Following is what the Charlotte Observer and Charlotte News had to say about their visit to Laurinburg. The Observer says:

"After a brief stop at Laurel Hill the train reached Laurinburg at 4:55. From the first instant there was never any doubt how Laurinburg felt about it. Across the principal street was strung a placard in large letters, 'Welcome, Charlotte Boosters.' And the 'glad hand' was in evidence. Automobiles carried the boosters to the court house, where welcome exercises were held. After the band had threatened to throw the building with a selection that was very much 'there' in volume, Attorney Weatherpoon called the meeting to order. A large and representative audience was present, including a number of ladies. In welcoming the party, Mr. Weatherpoon said he was only sorry that the Wilmington-Charlotte highway is not in existence. Laurinburgians know not to whom to turn for aid if not to Charlotte. Scotland county will gladly do its part. This was applauded. From the Laurinburg standpoint, Charlotte is 'the city of North Carolina.' 'Everything is wide open to you, except the banks, which have closed. We have no clubs. These Scotch will not allow anybody else to keep it.'

Mr. Owen assured Mr. Weatherpoon that Charlotte is heartily backing the highway.

Judge Walter H. Neal cited the Federal records to show that Scotland county produces more per acre than any other county in the entire United States, the yield being \$42.02 per acre. This statement was greeted with loud applause. The county has also more money in banks per capita than any other in the State. There is no one in the county home—it had an inmate one who lost his mind trying to devise perpetual motion, but he died. Judge Neal's speech was humorous and pointed throughout. Mr. W. C. Dowd made a witty speech in reply.

"This reception shows that you have not misunderstood us," said Mr. Owen. He introduced Mayor Kirkpatrick, who said that if Scotland county had given nothing else to the State except the genius of John Charles McNeill he would thank God for it.

Mr. Edward Cowles, a member of the executive staff of The Charlotte Observer under the new management, made a charming speech. He thinks the Sociability Tour opens up a very fruitful and deeply entrenched sentiment that will eventually link the people of the section together in bonds of great mutual benefit. He has been in every State in the Union, but "there is not a city in my experience that appeals more strongly on immediate acquaintance than the City of Charlotte" and I am prone to believe that a wonderful destiny awaits it." He concluded with a darty anecdote which convulsed his auditors."

The News says:

"It was 4:20 o'clock when the booster train reached Laurinburg and were greeted by a large delegation of citizens, a splendid array of automobiles of the latest models, in which the visitors rode uptown. The most conspicuous thing in the neighborhood of the station was a long white cloth strewn across the street bearing in large black letters the words, 'Welcome Charlotte Boosters.' The visitors gave vocal approval of the greeting as they passed under the streamer on their way uptown to the court house, along a street lined with substantial business houses and prosperous-looking people.

At the court house, where a throng of visitors were gathered to welcome the Charlotteans, Mr. W. H. Weatherpoon, of Laurinburg, was master of ceremonies and formally extended the welcome in the absence of the mayor. Among other things, he commended the Wilmington-Charlotte highway proposition to the Charlotte boosters and pointed out that Scotland county's part of the road was already in fine condition.

Judge Neal Talks.

Judge Walter H. Neal, of the superior court bench of North Carolina, and one of Laurinburg's most distinguished citizens, delivered a brief but hearty welcome to the Charlotte delegation, the judge's speech being punctuated with fine humor and many interesting reminiscences.

The judge told the Charlotteans something about Scotland county which, perhaps, few of them had heard before, but which they were already prepared to believe, after observing the miles of miles of level and fertile land on each side of the railroad track leading into Laurinburg. This statement was to the effect that Scotland county raises more products per acre than any county of the entire United States. His statement was not based on the estimate of local men but on the best report of the United States census bureau. The

statement was received with applause from the Charlotte contingent. He also said that \$42.02 per acre for each person in the county was the rate of agricultural production. Judge Neal said that Scotland county was also notable in that a railroad could get a fair trial in the county.

Judge Neal, who is a delightful raconteur, related that once in an Arizona desert he and some friends came upon a wrecked automobile and while the members of the party were engaged in repairing the broken auto another member of the party launched forth on a speech about the greatness of Charlotte, N. C. It turned out to be Clarence O'Brien Kuster, of Charlotte, he said, and with so much zeal on the part of Charlotte citizens he did not wonder that Charlotte had become the greatest city in the state.

Messrs. W. C. Dowd, H. W. Cowles and Mayor T. L. Kirkpatrick made acknowledgment of the hospitality of Laurinburg. Mr. Dowd said he had always felt a fondness for Laurinburg since the stirring "red shirt" days, when he knew Laurinburg well. He recalled attending a banquet there at that time, where notable characters of the section gathered and laid plans that had happily resulted in great good to the state. He said that while other members of the Charlotte delegation perhaps did not know of the true greatness of Scotland county he had always known it and had even dared to say so in Mecklenburg county. He explained the mission of the Charlotte delegation on the tour and emphasized that Charlotte merchants were by no means attempting to invade the territory of Laurinburg merchants.

Riverton-Wagram Data.

Mrs. Charles Johnson, who has been suffering in one of her eyes, was successfully treated in a Fayetteville hospital last week.

Miss Neta McMillan will leave Saturday to visit different points in the mountains of the western part of the State, and will attend the Southern Baptist Convention which meets at Asheville before returning home.

Mrs. Tom Parrot, of Kinston, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, for a few days last week.

The young Spartans of Spring Hill took home from the County Commencement six of the athletic trophies. This is very good boys. Solomon or Shakespeare or some other fellow, who had evidently kept house once at this trying season of the year, said "Variety is the spice of life." Apply this to your successes of next year's commencement—Reverse ends and come again.

Miss Esais Johnson, of Charlotte, who is connected with the Home Mission work of the Fayetteville Presbytery, made a most favorable impression upon all those with whom she came in contact in her visit to this community last week.

I know the readers of the Exchange will be glad to hear that in their last letters, Messrs. Varner, Spence and Robinson are well and doing well, and hope that this may find you enjoying the same great blessing.

Wayne McNeill wants all the ice cream cones he can get to put foot-caps on his corn that was up and doing nicely until the annual County Commencement Blizzard struck it. He may not lay by yet before fishing season opens.

DEMOCRATIC CALL FOR PRECINCT MEETINGS AND COUNTY CONVENTION.

Whereas at a meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee held in the city of Raleigh on Wednesday, March 28th, 1916, a common day for Precinct Meetings in the various counties of the State was fixed for Saturday, April 15th, 1916, and a common day for County Conventions in every county of the State was fixed for Saturday, April 22nd, 1916.

Now Therefore, at a meeting of the County Democratic Executive Committee of Scotland County, held at the court house in the town of Laurinburg on Saturday, April 8th, 1916, pursuant to the action of the State Democratic Executive Committee and pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Democratic party, it is ordered:

(1) That Precinct Meetings be held by the Democratic voters in the several voting precincts of Scotland county at 10 o'clock a. m. on Saturday, the 15th day of April, 1916, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the county convention, for the election of the members of the Precinct Democratic Executive Committee and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

(2) That the Democratic County Convention for Scotland County be held at the Court House in the town of Laurinburg at 10 o'clock a. m. on Saturday, the 22nd day of April, 1916, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Democratic State Convention and such other business as may properly come before said convention.

This 8th day of April, 1916.

T. G. EVERETT,
Chairman County Dem. Ex. Com. for Scotland County.
J. McV. Patterson, Secretary.

Harry Stein, a well-known Kinston man, is in the hospital with a serious pistol wound, and Margaret Partello is held under heavy bail for the shooting. The woman claims self-defense.

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