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DR. C. L. BANNER DEAD

Passing of Mount Airy's Oldest Citizen, Aged 84.

BORN IN STOKES

Near Sandy Ridge, November 1830—Other News Items of Mount Airy.

The people of Mt. Airy were greatly shocked last Friday afternoon when news spread over the city that Dr. Conce Banner, Mt. Airy's oldest citizen was dead. He had been apparently in his usual good health, had been out on the streets and about the stores the day before seemingly in his usual health and only a few of the closest friends and nearest neighbors of the family knew that he was unwell.

He had been complaining for several days but as he kept up and went about the streets greeting his friends in his usual jolly manner but few knew that he was indisposed. He sat on his front porch and chatted with his wife and friends, who dropped in, as was his custom. He did, however, complain of not feeling well. He retired Thursday night but did not rest well and in the latter part of the night, probably about 4 o'clock, he told Mrs. Banner that he was suffering, complaining of a pain in his breast. His wife phoned a physician, who came at once and administered to him and he seemed to be better. He did not get up, however, Friday morning, though he did take some nourishment. The morning passed with him in bed. Shortly after noon he took some more nourishment—drank some soup, and seemed to enjoy it. The Dr. had called again during the morning and thought he was doing very well. After dinner his wife was sitting by his bed and he complained again of the pain in his breast. She noticed a change in him and became alarmed. She called in some of the neighbors and phoned for the doctor, but he sank rapidly breathing only a few times after the doctor arrived. He died at 2:30 Friday afternoon, July 10th. His son, Dr. J. E. Banner, had been spending a week in Roanoke Va., and was not here when his father died. He was enroute home that day but did not reach Mt. Airy until 7:25 Friday evening. An effort had been made to reach him at Winston but this was unsuccessful and he did not learn of his father's death until he reached Rural Hall. Mrs. Sparks the only living daughter, who lives in Americus, Ga., was unable to come and attend the funeral.

The interment was Saturday afternoon in Oakdale cemetery. He had long been a Mason and was buried by the Masonic order. The religious services at the home on North Main street were conducted by Rev. W. H. Willis and Rev. E. Vance Price. The services at the home was attended by a large number of friends and relatives.

Dr. Constantine Lafayette Banner was born near Sandy Ridge, Stokes county, November 5, 1830. He was therefore in his 84th year. He came to Mt. Airy with his parents when a boy and had lived all the remainder of his long life—almost or quite three-quarters of a century.

He attended school at Guilford college and later he took his medical course at Jefferson Medical college, graduating from that splendid institution about 60 years ago. He and Dr. E. B. Hampton of Elkin were classmates. Dr. K. Thompson of the Western part of this county was attending medical college at the same time in Philadelphia, though he graduated a year later from another institution. After graduating he came back to Mt. Airy where he engaged in the practice of medicine and where he continued to practice for almost half a century. He retired from active practice ten or fifteen years ago.

He was twice married—first to Miss Chattie Prather of Mt. Airy. She lived only a year or two after her marriage. The second wife survives him, was Miss Marietta Tatum of Patrick county, Va. To the second marriage four children were born, two daughters, Mrs. Sydnor, who died a few years ago and Mrs. Sparks of Americus, Ga. Two sons, Dr. J. E. Banner of this city. One son, Conce, Jr. died several years ago. He had a large number of relatives in Mt. Airy and almost the entire citizenship of the town were his friends. He was a familiar figure on the streets and his jolly disposition made him loved by all who knew him. This writer had known him well for only a year and a half but in this time had grown to be very fond of him. We extend sympathy to the family and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Graves have gone to Jefferson and other points in the western part of the state to spend a couple of weeks.

The infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. Will Owens died last Saturday night with whooping cough. Interment was Monday morning in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Dr. C. S. Lawrence, formerly of this city but now of Winston, left last Monday for London to attend the International Surgeons Congress. While in Europe he will spend several months studying in Berlin.

Miss Sallie Fulton, of Walnut Cove has been in the city for the past week visiting Miss Ruth Flippin.

Miss Lucy Hadley went to Greensboro Monday to spend a couple of weeks attending the summer school at the State Normal.—Mt. Airy News.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve for Cuts, Burns, Sores

Mr. E. S. Loper, Marilla, N. Y., writes: "I have never had a Cut, Burn, Wound or Sore it would not heal." Get a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve to-day. Keep handy at all times for Burns, Sores, Cuts, Wounds. Prevents Lockjaw. 25c., at your Druggist.

FUND IS STARTED

To Build Monument At Danbury to Memory Of Confederate Dead.

COURT HOUSE LAWN Shaft to Cost \$1,500 to \$2,000—J. J. Martin, Commandant of Stokes Camp, Heads the List.

While Mr. J. J. Martin, Commandant of the Stokes Camp, N. C. Y., was here Saturday in the interest of the coming annual reunion of the ex-Confederates of Stokes county, he became enthusiastic in the matter of a Confederate Monument to be erected on the court house square here, and expressed the wish that the Reporter should start the work of soliciting contributions at once, the Daughters of the Confederacy to take the matter up later and carry it out. Mr. Martin headed the list himself with \$10.00. He said he was a poor man, but that he would willingly give of his substance in such a worthy cause. Mr. Martin's action was followed by the Reporter with a like contribution, so that the list now stands as follows:

J. J. Martin..... \$10.00
Danbury Reporter..... 10.00

All persons everywhere, not only in Stokes, but in surrounding counties and all over the State wherever found, friends and relatives of the boys in gray are invited by the Stokes organization to send their contributions, which will be promptly acknowledged in this paper, and the money deposited in the bank to the credit of the fund. Mr. Martin thinks that a shaft costing at least \$1,500 should be built, and that the work of collecting the funds should be pushed in order that the monument may be built next year and unveiled on the occasion of the annual reunion in 1915, and that the occasion should be made the greatest day in the history of the county. A speaker will be secured to address the thousands who will attend the occasion, a big picnic dinner will be served, and other pleasant features will be arranged. All sums from ten cents up are solicited. Everybody can give something, and the greater the number of those who have a hand in the building of the monument, the better.

Lecture On Home Missions.

Raleigh, July 15.—These dates do not cover the entire month as I am compelled to give part of the time to another field.

This is to give final notice of dates and plans for Institutes to be held at King, Mt. Olive, Shiloh and Friendship.

I want to give three or four days and nights at each point. Please announce meetings as follows:

Pinnacle, Wednesday night, July 29, Thursday night, July 30, and Friday night, July 31.

King, Sunday A. M. and P. M., Monday night and Tuesday night, Aug. 2-4.

Mt. Olive, Friday, Aug. 7, at 7:30; Saturday, Aug. 8, Sunday, Aug. 9, A. M. and P. M.

Friendship, Wednesday, Aug. 12, Thursday, Aug. 13, Friday, Aug. 14, Saturday, Aug. 15, Sunday, Aug. 16.

I shall use a stereopticon and give an illustration lecture on Home Missions at each point.

C. A. UPCHURCH,

NEXT SATURDAY

Republican Primaries To Be Held At The Different Precincts.

THE RESOLUTION This is the Bone of Contention, and is Expected to Parcipate a Sharp Fight in the Convention.

Next Saturday at the different precincts in the county the Republican primaries will be pulled off, and on the Saturday following at Danbury the convention will be held to nominate the different Republican candidates. This a stormy year in the Republican camp. The two biggest bones of contention are the respective offices of Clerk of Superior Court and Treasurer. The nomination of a candidate for Clerk of the Court involves the repeal of the resolution passed by one of the Republican conventions some ten years ago by which no candidate is allowed to hold the same office more than two terms in succession. The friends of Mr. M. T. Chilton, the present incumbent of the clerk's office, contend that the resolution was unwise from the first, that it should never have been passed for various reasons. They take the position that if an official makes good, he should be kept in office just as long as the majority of his party wish, and that if he is not the right man, he should be fired even after the term. They charge that the spirit of resolution has been repeatedly broken, by certain candidates serving for two terms, then changing to some other office, and for which he has equipped himself, and which he has held with credit to his party. Chas. R. Helsabeck is the other candidate for the office of Clerk, and his friends are making a hot and strong fight for his elevation, and for the defeat of Mr. Chilton.

For the office of Treasurer there are many candidates, among them being Fagg, Glidewell, Petree, Tucker, Fowler, and others. All hands are working overtime on the job, and the contest in the primaries and at the convention will doubtless be an interesting one.

Good Crops In Peters Creek.

Mr. J. L. Moore, postmaster of Smith, and the Secretary and Treasurer of the Big Creek Union Milling Co., of Smith, was here Friday. Mr. Moore reports that the recent rains have transformed the crops in the northern part of Stokes from a sorry looking plight into glowing prospects. The outlook now is for the finest crops of corn and tobacco in a number of years, with no shortage in the tobacco crop. The people of that section of the county have been damaged by hail and wind and drouth for several seasons in succession, and they deserve to have good luck again.

Mr. Moore says that his mill is looking forward to excellent grain business this fall, as the wheat crop has been good.

THE BURGLAR AGAIN.

Enters Mr. J. G. H. Mitchell's House and Got Away With \$70--A Marriage --Other News Of Interest.

Walnut Cove, July 22.—The latest invasion to our notorious burglary occurred Sunday night when some person entered the home of Mr. J. G. H. Mitchell, on North Main street securing about seventy dollars in cash besides carrying away some papers. The burglar entered Mr. Mitchell's sleeping apartment at a late hour by way of a window and passed out through the door after having rifled every place in the room where money was likely to be found. Although Mr. Mitchell was in the room, he was not awakened and the burglary was not discovered until early Monday morning. This is only one of the similar instances that has occurred here during the past month and the citizens are thoroughly aroused over the matter. Officers are on the lookout for the guilty party and in the meantime, the people are taking the precaution to barricade their windows and doors and place all their surplus money in the banks.

Saturday afternoon at the home of Rev. J. B. Johnson, Rev. James M. King and Miss Ossie Pike were quietly married in the presence of a few friends. The groom is a promising young Baptist minister residing a few miles west of here, while the bride is one of the county's prominent teachers.

A committee was appointed by the purpose of assessing the damages to the lands traversed by the various roads of the township and they spent last Thursday going over the lands of the parties asking damages, making estimates which will be placed before the county commissioners for consideration and settlement.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Semple, who have been spending the summer at Piedmont Springs were here for a few days. They left Saturday for Fairmont where Mr. Semple will open a warehouse. He expects to return to this market September 1st.

Mr. Sam Gentry was here last week visiting his father, Mr. W. H. Gentry, who continues quite ill.

Messrs. C. M. Jones, A. W. Davis, R. P. Joyce and R. F. Reynolds attended the Odd Fellows picnic at Pinnacle Thursday.

Mr. Samuel Halston, of Wionoda, Va., was here Monday looking after his farm.

Rev. Willie filled his regular appointment at the Episcopal church Sunday morning and night.

Messrs. J. E. James and E. O. Crenkman went to Norfolk last week on the excursion.

Misses Lella and Grace Moore, of Moore's Mill, Va., are spending several days here the guests of Miss Lilla Joyce.

Messrs. J. N. Young and S. H. Stewart went to Danbury and Piedmont Springs Sunday.

Mr. O. N. Petree returned Monday from a trip to New York, where he attended a convention of the agents of the Prudential Life Insurance Co. During his absence Mrs. Petree visited relatives in Durham.

Messrs. A. W. Davis and J. H. Fulton went to Danbury on business Friday.

Miss Edith Petree, of Winston-Salem, is visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. J. F. Hawkins spent Sunday at King with relatives.

SATURDAY, AUG. 29

Date Fixed For Annual Reunion of Old Soldiers of Stokes County.

BIG DAY EXPECTED Commandant J. J. Martin Anxious that the Occasion Be the Most Successful Ever Held.

The Pension Board met here Saturday with only one member of the Board in attendance. This was Mr. J. J. Martin, of Gilead. The other members of the Board, Messrs. W. G. Slate and J. M. Burge, are both sick at their homes and were unable to be present. Just a few minor matters were passed upon by Mr. Martin, among these being two new applicants for pensions, from an ex-soldier and the other from the widow of a soldier.

While in Danbury Mr. Martin, who is the Commandant of the Stokes Camp United Confederate Veterans, made arrangements for the annual reunion of the old soldiers, and fixed the date and place Danbury, Saturday, August 29. Mr. Martin is anxious that this meeting shall be the most largely attended and important gathering of like kind in the county. All ex-soldiers of the county are notified to be present, while their relatives and friends are urged to prepare a good dinner for the old soldiers. Since last year a number of the old veterans have passed away, notably Messrs. W. W. King and Joseph H. Stuart, of Danbury. Not many years will elapse before all the survivors of the lost cause in Stokes will have gone over the river. How appropriate it is that we should revive the memory of those who have gone, and respect those who are with us still, by once a year making these reunions things of pleasure and recreation for the old soldiers.

At the coming meeting in August the first steps will be made, Mr. Martin informs the Reporter, toward plans for erecting a monument to the Stokes veterans on the court house square. The work of soliciting funds for this very commendable work is usually done by the Daughters of the Confederacy, but as no organization of this kind exists at present in the county, an effort will be made to create an organization of Daughters of the Confederacy in the county. To this end, the Commandant most earnestly desires and requests that the young ladies shall get together in the court house on the day of the Reunion and organize their association, and undertake actively the raising of funds sufficient to build a beautiful and enduring shaft that will stand through all time to perpetuate the undying glory of the boys of '61, who gave their lives and property to the cause of the South. Nearly all other counties have these monuments in the State, and Stokes should certainly not be behind her sister counties in honoring her ex-confederates.

Later a program of the day will be prepared, which will be published in the Reporter. Mr. Martin wishes that this shall be the most notable day in the history of the county, and he calls on all friends and relatives of living or dead old soldiers to cooperate in the work.

Puzzled Over Wireless Tax.

How to distribute among the various counties the taxes to be paid by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company is a problem confronting the State Tax Commission of Washington.

The law enacted before the advent of wireless telegraphy, provides that telegraph taxes shall be apportioned to the miles of line in each, but this apparently does not answer where either waves instead of copper wire are used for transmission of messages.

Your Bilious and Costive.

Sick Headache, Bad Breath, Sour Stomach, Furred Tongue and Indigestion, Mean Liver and Bowels clogged. Clean up tonight. Get a 25c. bottle of Dr. King's New Life Pills to-day and empty the stomach and bowels of fermenting, gassy foods and waste. A full bowel movement gives a satisfied, thankful feeling—makes you feel fine. Effective, yet mild. Don't gripe. 25c., at your Druggist. Bucklen's Arnica Salve for Burns.