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THE REUNION AT WRIGHTSVILLE.

North Carolina Division of United Confederate Veterans Assembles There on the Fourteenth of August in Annual Meeting.

The following general order relative to the assembling of the United Confederate Veterans of the State in annual reunion at Wrightsville has been issued at headquarters by General Carr:

Headquarters N. C. Division United Confederate Veterans, Durham, N. C., July 27, 1901.

General Orders, No. 15.

1. A reunion of the North Carolina Division of the United Confederate Veterans will be held at Wrightsville, N. C., beginning on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 14th day of August, 1901, and closing on the 17th, at which will be held the annual election of Division and Brigade Commanders, to-wit: A Major General and four Brigadier Generals. Only those will be entitled to vote at this election who are duly accredited delegates from camps which are reported by Adjutant General Moorman as having paid their dues. The attention of camp commanders is especially called to this, and they will at once see that their camp dues are paid, as required by the constitution of United Confederate Veterans.

2. Governor Aycock has kindly given the use of the tents and camp equipment of the State Guard at Wrightsville, which will accommodate about one thousand persons. Each tent is eight feet square and has a plank floor and two blankets, and there are cooking stoves and utensils sufficient. Cots may be rented for the occasion by those desiring them. There are a number of hotels and boarding houses which offer reduced rates for those who may not wish to occupy quarters in the camp. Each camp, or delegation, must provide its rations either by carrying them or cooking them in camp.

3. All ex-Confederate soldiers in North Carolina in good standing are cordially invited to this reunion, whether or not they are members of any camp or association. In order, however, to exclude unworthy persons, every veteran is required to carry a certificate from his camp commander, or from the clerk of the Superior Court of his county, in which there is no camp, certifying that he is a veteran in good standing. A strict compliance with this will be required. No veteran without this certificate will be admitted to the privileges of the camp.

4. All the railroads in the State have kindly made a rate of one cent a mile in each direction for this occasion. Tickets will be on sale on the 12th, 13th and 14th days of August, and are good for one continuous passage until the 24th. The agent at any station will give the exact price of a ticket from his station on application. This rate is given to all visitors as well as to the veterans.

5. A full attendance of veterans is urged and as many as practicable are requested to wear their uniforms. This may be the last opportunity for many to attend a re-union and meet their old comrades, so rally up.

H. A. LONDON,

Adj. Gen. and Chief of Staff. By order of Maj. Gen. J. S. Carr.

DROUGHT IN OHIO VALLEY.

The Great Corn States of the Mississippi Are Suffering.

Washington, July 30th.—The Weather Bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions is as follows:

"Intense heat prevailed during the greater part of the week throughout the central valleys, but the temperatures during the last three days were more moderate. Good rains have fallen over a large part of the drought area in the Mississippi and Missouri Valleys, but drought conditions have become more serious in the Ohio Valley and Tennessee, where the week has been rainless, ex-

cept in a few localities. In the Atlantic coast districts the weather conditions have been generally favorable, except over portions of the Carolina and Virginia, where rain is now needed. The conditions were also favorable on the Pacific.

"Recent rains have improved late corn in portion of Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri, but the early crop and the rainfall has been copious and well distributed. In the great corn States east of the Mississippi River, except over northern Illinois, drought and excessive heat have continued with disastrous effect upon corn, which is now in critical condition. In Michigan and generally throughout the middle Atlantic States and New England the corn crop is in fine condition.

"Harvesting of spring wheat is well advanced over the Southern portion of the spring wheat region and has begun in the Southern Red River Valley. Premature ripening has reduced the yield and quality of the crop over the southern portion of the spring wheat belt.

"The condition of cotton over the greater part of the cotton belt is improved, good growth and clean fields being generally reported. In Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee and Central Texas, however, the crop continues to need rain, and shedding and blooming at top in these States extensively reported.

"In the Ohio Valley and Tennessee, tobacco continues to suffer from drought; but in Kentucky and Tennessee has withstood the unfavorable conditions well. In New England and the Middle South Atlantic States the crop has made good growth. Cutting and curing continue in the Carolinas under favorable conditions."

BENSON BUDGET.

Much sickness is reported from many sections.

J. W. Benson is gone to Chapel Hill.

John Guinn died Saturday, after a lingering illness of several months. He suffered an attack of pneumonia last spring and never fully recovered.

The Banner Warehouse here leads off with the first load of tobacco in the county. Ben Dixon, of Elevation, sold a load there Saturday for 65 cents per pound. It was an astonishing price considering the quality of tobacco, and our warehousemen promise to maintain good prices throughout the season. By the way, our people shake their sides with cheerful laughter every time they think of such a "move" as they have put on their neighboring markets' advertisers. We are glad to see such splendid efforts to build home markets for a product that has built up so many sections of the State.

F. R. Hall, of Cumberland, is now with Hall's Hardware House. Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Smith are at Red Springs.

At a special meeting of the town commissioners Monday night license taxes were imposed on certain trades and professions, which brought forth no little kicking from the parties affected—some for one reason and some for another; some because others had escaped, and some because they saw the profits of their business going to pay off the indebtedness of the town, much of which they think the town is paying for some citizens that ought to pay for themselves. Let us bear our own and others' burdens and so fill up the hole in the treasury.

Three negroes, John Brown, from Fayetteville, Cornelius Smith, from Dunn, and Wm. Black, from everywhere else but here, occupied reserved seats in Squire Creech's court Tuesday. They were confronted with their accuser, J. G. Register, who said his house had been broken open and most of his worldly goods carried away, including his wife's clothing. Most of the goods were recovered, and William Black committed to jail.

W. G. Parrish, of Jonesboro, is here visiting his brother, J. D. Parrish.

WEEKLY CROP REPORT.

Condition of the Crops Greatly Improved and Farm Work Almost Completed.

The Weekly Crop Bulletin for the week ending Monday, July 29, says that very favorable weather conditions prevailed generally throughout the State during the week ending July 29, most correspondents report some improvement in crops and good progress in farm work. The entire week was bright and sunny, with high temperatures, but not sufficiently so to cause suffering in crops, although the mean for the week averaged 6 degrees daily above the normal; the hottest day of the summer occurred on Thursday, when the maximum temperature slightly exceeded 100 degrees at some points. Throughout the larger portion of the State no rain fell during the week, but at some places light and beneficial rains occurred on the 22d and 27th.

Laying by all crops is proceeding rapidly, and will perhaps be nearly completed with another week of favorable weather. Farmers have been forced to lay by many crops in rather bad condition as regards grass.

The influence of the hot, dry weather was immediately apparent in the improved condition of cotton, especially where it had received good cultivation; laying by cotton is underway. In some places cotton has too much weed, in others it is very small, and generally it is not fruiting very rapidly, in some northern counties it is only just beginning to bloom; the bolls do not seem to be maturing very well; complaints of lice on cotton are very few.

Young upland corn is doing very well, and is silking and tasseling as far as the extreme west; the older crop has also improved, though much of it is small and barren; corn generally needs light rain to cause the proper filling of the grain.

Tobacco was slightly fired in a few counties by hot sunshine, but generally looks fairly well; topping is underway throughout the northwest portion of the State; curing progressed rapidly and quite successfully during the past week.

Reports on the condition of the sweet potato crop are uniformly excellent; peas, peanuts and rice also are doing well.

Sowing the fall crop of Irish potatoes, turnips and rutabagas has begun.

Conditions were very favorable for haying. Threshing wheat and oats is nearing completion.

Reports on fruit indicate an inferior yield of most kinds, especially apples; melons in the South and West are poor, but in central and Eastern portions are coming into market in abundance.

COLD-BLOODED MURDER.

Thomas Farmer Shot From Ambush in Open Day Near Kenly Saturday.

Special to THE HERALD.

Kenly, N. C., July 30.—On last Saturday afternoon in broad daylight Thos. Farmer and a man by the name of Wheeler were shot from ambush just over the line in Wilson county. Farmer was instantly killed while Wheeler escaped with fifteen shot in his face and head, one in his breast and another just above the stomach.

Farmer and Wheeler had been to Kenly and were returning to their home in Wilson county when they reached a dense patch of woods, about one and a half miles from town they were very unceremoniously shot with the above mentioned results. A shot gun was used and it was either full of buck shot mixed with double "B's," or was double-barrel and both barrels discharged instantaneously. Farmer received fifty-two shot in his body and head and Wheeler about seven, while there were one hundred punctures in the buggy top. Several who heard the report of

the gun declare that there was only one discharge.

For brutality, cool deliberation and blood-thirsty bellishness we have never known an instance surpassing this. The assassin selected a most ideal spot for the committing of his crime. Trimming out a little avenue from a large stump about fifteen feet from the road, cutting down small under-growth and piling it around the stump to further conceal himself, the murderer seated himself and calmly awaited his victim, or victims. Upon the ground are shavings whittled from a stick which is evidence that he who was soon to take the life of his fellow being was enjoying the contemplation of such a tragedy and so thoroughly was he infused with ecstasy of appeased vengeance that he gave no thought of consequences or escape. Farmer and Wheeler were driving leisurely along and when they reached just the right spot, with unusual marksmanship, the fatal shot was fired.

Wheeler says that as soon as the gun was fired he jumped from the buggy and ran around to the mule's head to hold him when he saw John H. Rose emerge from his hiding and run off through the woods. Some think it unlikely that a man under such excitement, with his head and one eye shot, and with his attention further attracted by the rearing of the mule, could discern a man in woods so thickly covered by trees and brush.

But upon this and other circumstantial evidence Sheriff Sharp, who by the way is a good one, placed Rose under arrest Saturday night to await the inquest of Coroner Ruffin Sunday morning.

It developed that on account of some differences occasioned by the inevitable "blind tiger" and its hand maiden—unchaste woman—there was bad blood between Farmer and Rose and that at various times each heard that the other was going to offer him personal violence. This bitterness was intensified by Rose's wife deserting him about a week ago.

When Farmer was shot he had a Winchester rifle in the buggy and a pistol in his pocket, which the assassin evidently knew as his fortress, the stump was, no doubt, intended to shield him from a possible return fire.

After the Coroner's inquest Rose was committed to jail to await the action of the grand jury, while Wheeler, midway between life and death, languishes in a little hovel with little attention save that which charity incites.

The alert Solicitor Daniels of Wilson, together with Sheriff Sharp and prisoner Rose came up Monday to visit the fatal ground and take the deposition of Wheeler. No new evidence, so far as I know, was adduced.

Farmer was buried Sunday, leaving behind a train of errors and reaping the reward of a misguided life.

M. QUAD.

Bridges-Guill.

On Sunday July 28, at 10 a. m., Mr. James L. Bridges, Agent of A. C. L. at Rennert, N. C., led Miss Bessie Guill, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. W. B. Guill, of Four Oaks, to Hymen's Altar, where they were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev. Mr. Overton, of Newton Grove, officiating.

At 3:14 p. m., the happy couple boarded the South bound train for Rennert, N. C., which place they will make their future home. The writer joined with the many friends of the happy young couple wishes for them a long, happy and prosperous life.

XERXES.

Waived Responsibility.

Mrs. Smith—Katie, this water-melon isn't cold at all. Katie—Well, 'taint no fault o' mine, mum; Mr. Smith he got sich a big one that when I put it in th' ice chest I had to take th' ice out.—Chicago Record-Herald.

POLENTA NEWS.

The picnic and Sunday School Township Convention at Oakland last Saturday was largely attended and proved a success in every particular. The speakers, Messrs. R. N. Simms and B. R. Lacy, of Raleigh, and Prof. Smith, of Elon College, acquitted themselves handsomely—their speeches being of the highest order. That of Mr. Simms was a gem of beauty and eloquence; those of Messrs. Lacy and Smith were plain, practical and pointed, full of sound reasoning and altogether the occasion was one to be enjoyed by those present. The table was laden with an abundance of the good things as well as the substantial. May we all live to enjoy many more such events.

Rev. Mr. Hines' sermon last Sunday morning at Oakland was an earnest effort and well calculated to inspire new zeal in the Master's cause.

The farmers are now busy putting the finishing touch on their crops, after which they will take a short rest, which they richly deserve after such a heroic fight against so many odds and disadvantages during the season now coming to an end.

Shiloh Sunday school will have its annual picnic Saturday before the second Sunday in August. It is understood that the protracted meeting will begin on Sunday following.

A series of meetings will begin at Oakland on Monday night after the third Sunday in August. Rev. Dr. Morton, of Rocky Mount, is expected to assist the pastor in the meeting.

Mr. C. C. Young, who for the past two weeks has been prostrated with a severe case of typhoid fever, is somewhat better, though still very low. With proper attention it is now believed his chances of recovery are excellent.

On last Tuesday, Capt. J. J. Young was suddenly taken critically ill. His physician was called in and his symptoms were such that his children were all immediately summoned to his bedside. He was in a delirious state for several days, not being conscious at all and it looked as if the end was near, but during Friday night a slight change for the better took place and he rallied a little but continues very low, though his friends and loved ones still hope for his restoration. He has a complication of diseases. He has during all his life been a very active, energetic man, and it is believed by many that he has overtaxed his strength. It is to be hoped such a good and valuable man in every sense will be spared to the community.

Misses Lillie Turlington, of Benson and Miss Coats, of Banner Township, spent several days on a visit to Miss Nellie Johnson recently.

A certain young widower of Smithfield seems to be quite a favorite with some of the fair sex of this section. It is rumored he is very much attached to this end of the county, or rather one of its fair ones.

Mrs. Booker Wood, of Polenta, and Mrs. Jno. Hardie, of Leachburg, are spending ten days at the springs near Littleton, N. C.

Miss Nellie Johnson will teach a summer school at Baptist Center this summer, commencing at an early date.

Ex-Representative Powell, of Wake, was at the picnic and seemed to be in a state of ecstasy with his surroundings.

Misses Mitchiner and Perry, both of Franklin county, are on a visit to the Misses Tomlinson of the Preston section.

News comes that Miss Bernice Upchurch, is quite sick at her home in Raleigh. It is feared the disease will develop into typhoid fever. She is the sister of Mrs. F. T. Booker of this section.

TYPO.

Mrs. S. H. Allport, Johnston, Pa., says: "Our little girl almost strangled to death with croup. The doctors said she couldn't live but she was instantly relieved by One Minute Cough Cure. Hare & Son, Hood Bros., J. R. Ledbetter.

FOUR OAKS ITEMS.

Capt. W. A. Andrews, our clever and efficient section master, and family are visiting friends and relatives in Washington, Parrale and other points in Eastern Carolina.

The ice cream supper Thursday night, July 25th, was a complete success. Quite a neat sum was raised for the purpose of purchasing an organ for the Baptist church of our town.

Misses Neva Sater and Marie Eakins, of Raleigh, arrived Tuesday to visit the family of our clever A. C. L. agent, Mr. R. S. Wellons.

Mr. C. A. Creech, of Burgaw, has been here for the past ten days visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Clyde Bandy, who has been visiting Miss Eva Hood of Smithfield, for the past few days, returned Tuesday.

Mr. W. E. Stanley is having his store painted, wallpapered and ceiled over head which adds very much to its appearance.

Miss Sarah Beasley, who has been attending school at Buies' Creek Academy is visiting her uncle, Mr. T. E. Oliver.

Chas. Strickland, who several weeks ago was seriously hurt in a wreck on the Enterprise Lumber Company's road, died at his home Monday evening, July 29, after long and continued suffering. His body was entered in Piney Grove cemetery Tuesday evening at 4 o'clock amidst a large concourse of friends and relatives of the deceased. X.

A Good Man Dead.

The subject of this notice Elder S. B. Thain, was born in Annapolis, Nova Scotia, November 4th, 1806. His parents moved to Nantucket Island, thence to Providence, R. I., where they remained until the last war with Great Britain, thence to New York City. After the war he moved back to Nantucket.

At the age of eight he joined the first Sabbath school at the corner of Spring and Mott sts., New York, making him the oldest Sabbath school scholar in North Carolina, being a Sabbath school attendant for 86 years.

At the age of thirteen he went into a shop and learned a trade. At sixteen he went to sea on a whaling voyage and went around the world on the ship Chili.

At thirty he purchased a vessel on the Hudson Bay. He stayed at sea ten months, sold his vessel and quit the sea. The largest whale he ever harpooned was in Conception Bay. He saved out of his head 4,960 gallons of oil.

The day before William Henry Harrison was inaugurated President he left for Wilmington, N. C., where he erected a shop and made barrels for spirits of turpentine. There he made the first spirit barrel that was ever made in Wilmington, N. C.

In 1842 he joined the Missionary Baptist church at Wilmington. In 1843 married Alice Joyner.

In 1850 he moved to Johnston county, purchased a farm eight miles south of Smithfield and erected a shop there. He moved his membership to Smithfield Baptist church and filled the office of deacon. After the civil war he purchased a farm near Rentonville, where he died. His wife died in October 1862. On January 3, 1863, he married Eliza Woodard who, with five children, survive him.

In 1866 he connected himself with the Free Will Baptist church and in 1870 was ordained and given pastoral charge of New Hope church. He was a faithful worker in his Master's vineyard until his death, which was July 25th, 1901, making his stay on earth 94 years, 8 months and 21 days.

He held the utmost confidence of all who knew him. His body has returned to its mother dust, but there is no one that know him but what believes his spirit is gone to the God who gave it, where he can sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the redeemed of God to bask in the sunshine of eternal glory forever. J. A. M.