

# Social Events

## Rev. Tuttle celebrates 100

By Kay Thomas

The Rev. Mills Monroe Tuttle was 100 years old Friday, November 2.

On Friday morning he was dressed up and all ready for a festive day. The celebrating had already begun as his children and grandchildren gathered. He lives in Hoke County with his daughter, Mrs. Emma Lee McLean. Her brothers, Mills Monroe Jr. and Robert Erskine had come with their wives and the grandchildren had begun to arrive.

The Rev. Tuttle was eager to recount his busy life.

His memory is good and he and his family had a fine time reminiscing.

Tuttle was born, as he says, "right on the line" between North and South Carolina, in his grandmother's house. His parents were running a hotel in Lenoir when his mother decided to go home to her mother's for his birth. His grandmother lived between Fort Mill and Pineville.

His parents had six other children, four sons and two daughters. Rev. Tuttle says when they began having more children, they gave up the hotel business, and his father began running a store. His mother lived to the age of 92.

The Charlotte-Monroe area was

his home for "35 or 40 years" he said. He was a bookkeeper or accountant until he was 52 years old.

As a young man he worked as an assistant Register of Deeds. Later he worked for an oil company and textile company — one job for 20 years.

At the age of 52, he experienced a call from the Lord and became an evangelist. He had been a life-long Methodist, but found the Baptist church was better suited for the evangelical work that he began.

At first, he says, he continued to work as an accountant and traveled around to preach near home at night.

Before long he began to preach as a profession, and he continued to preach for 28 years.

The Rev. Tuttle's family had come from great distances to be with him on his birthday.

Mrs. McLean's son Monroe lives nearby, but her son Harry was coming from Clarksville, Virginia and her son Neil from Marietta, Georgia. Her daughter Anne lives in Arizona and could not come.

His son Mills Monroe Tuttle Jr. and his wife Margaret live parts of each year in Canada. They had driven from Canada to Florida and back to Hoke County for this special occasion. Their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs.

Mills Monroe Tuttle, III had come from Birmingham Alabama.

Robert Erskin's wife Rachel talked about a family crest she has for the Tuttle family. She says the name derived from Tut Hill, and the crest shows a hill and a dove. She says theirs is a peaceful family. She and Erskin came from Wilmington, Delaware. Their son Robert Erskin Jr. came from Newark, Delaware. Their other son Michael lives in Providence, Rhode Island. He could not come.

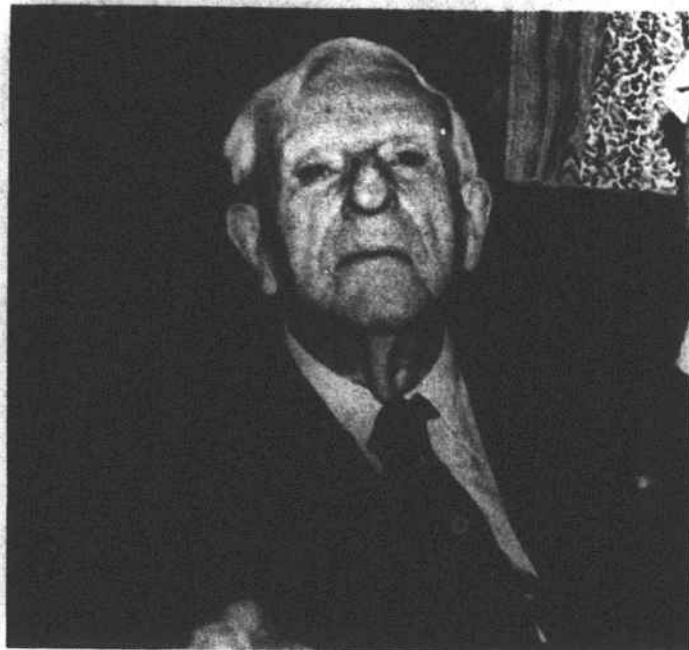
Rev. Tuttle shares his November birthdate with two presidents, McKinley and Polk. He got greetings this year from another. President and Mrs. Reagan had sent a lovely engraved card from the White House.

When asked if he was interested in political leaders and if he had any special memories of a president, Rev. Tuttle began to tell a story about Roosevelt coming to Charlotte to be in a parade. That was May 20, a founders' day, he thought.

His daughter remembered Roosevelt coming too, but as Mr. Tuttle talked on we learned that his wife had been a young woman in the parade.

The day he remembered so fondly was before his daughter's birth.

The President Roosevelt he remembered was Theodore.



Rev. Mills Monroe Tuttle during 100th birthday Friday

## Caulder-Dow are married

John Earl Caulder of Raeford, and Ethel Dow of Pinebluff were united in marriage on Thursday, November 1 at the Raeford Church of God.

Rev. Barney Childers officiated. Children of the couple attended. Out-of-town guests were sisters of the bride.

The couple will reside in Raeford.

## Births

Mr. and Mrs. William Paul Brafford announce the birth of a son, William Paul Brafford Jr. on October 31, in Raleigh.

Mrs. Brafford is the former Linda Currie of Raeford.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dietzel of Baton Rouge, Louisiana announce the birth of a son, Thomas Michael, on November 1. Mrs. Dietzel is the former Ann FitzSimons of Raeford.



### Then and now

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Julian King will be on the Raeford Junior Woman's Club Christmas Home Tour. The house, located on Central Avenue, is

shown here as it appeared around 1900 (above) and as it did on Monday.

## King home on Christmas tour

December 2 is the date set for the Christmas Tour of Homes and Craft Show planned by the Raeford Junior Woman's Club.

One of the homes on the tour is owned by Julian and Mary Neil King. Mrs. King's grandfather presented the house to his bride as a wedding gift, and it has been used continually by the Gatlin family. It was built in 1906 by Marcus Dew, a Raeford contractor who built many Raeford homes in the town's early days.

The house has changed little structurally since Mr. and Mrs.

Hallie Gatlin lived there. The Kings bought the house in 1973 and have worked to modernize the heating system and have added central air conditioning. They still use the footed bathtub and three of the fireplaces. Many furnishings have Gatlin history.

There are remnants of a maid's quarters, a wash house, and a smoke house still on the property. It is at 213 East Central Avenue.

The Craft Show at the Civic Center will feature demonstrations and the sales of crafts — wonderful

Christmas gifts.

Melody Schech was a founding member of Fayetteville's Fiber Arts Guild. She dyes her yarn using natural materials and spins at her spinning wheel.

Bill Kiser of Fayetteville builds sleds and other wooden items. He works full-time with Cumberland County Dept. of Social Services, but his wood working is more than just a hobby.

The Calico Corner of Raeford will have a display of Christmas ideas in the show.

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