COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

Contests to Be Held on March * 16 - Centers for Seventh-Grade Examinations.

All is in readiness for the preliminaries for the county commence-These have been cut down from 15 to eight centers, so as to shorten the program for the preliminaries. They will be held at the following centers:

chairman; Observer, Mary Graham; Central, Ebenezer: Pleasant Hill, Knox, Carolina Academy;

Matthews-Mr. Ray Funderburk, chairman; Providence, Fairview, Downs, Stallings; McCall, Mint Hill, Bardis, Morris; Cochrane. Hickory Grove-Miss Mary Kirk-

patrick, chairman; Arlington, Pine Hill; Clear Creek, Furr; Wilson Grove, Back Creek, Progress, Newell. Flowe, Robinson.

Derita-Mr. W. C. Pressiy, chair-terially adding to the man; Union, Nevin; Oehler, William's of the institution's home Chapel; Rockwell, Trinity; Croft, Mallard Creek; Liberty Hill.
Huntersville—Mr. J. C. Stuart,
chairman; Hopewell, Gilead; Davidson, Caldwell; Beech Cliff, McDowell,

Alexandriana, McAuley; Abernethy. Cornelius—Mr. B. L. Biggers. chairman; Cowan, Caldwell station; Bethel, Alexander-Iredell; Gamble,

Charlotte-Miss Ona Choate, chair-North Charlotte, Freeland's Chapel; Oak Grove, Hoskins; Carmel, Dixie: McIver. Paw Creek-Mr. H. B. Craig, chair-

man; Hart Grove, Alexander: Long Creek, Oak Dale; Mulberry, Big Centers for seventh grade examinations-Corniellus, Huntersville, Hope-well, Paw Creek, Big Springs, Pineville, Sharon, Matthews, Bain Acad-

Hickory Grove, Schools will report to center most convenient. Date—March 29-30.

ANNUAL MEETING OF Y. W. C. A. THURSDAY

Followed by Banquet-Special Entertainment Program-Address by Student Secretary of South Atlantic Field.

The annual meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association w: be held next Thursday evening at o'clock. At that time all groups in he association will assemble in dining room of the association building, where a banquet will be served and reports given on the past year's

These groups will include board and committee members, the Grace Dodge Chapter, the Extension Chapter, the Junior Extension Chapter, Allan's Bible Class, the Busi-

nected with any group will be ent. All of these groups are actively engaged preparing songs. stunts, etc., and the occasion is destined to be a very enjoyable one. Members of the ciation are looking forward to it as the one time in the year when all members come together, and when the edifice was known as "Uncle way steadily up the mountainsides.

Henry Weidner was the first white

what the other parts are doing.
Miss Margaret Flenniken, student cretary of the South Atlantic field, will make a brief address on: "A Woman's World Movement and World Service." All who have not ione so, should 'phone their names in to the association not later than Tuesday evening, in order to have places reserved for them at

LEGISLATOR LEAVES BODY TO DO GRAFTING AT HOME

Special to The Observer. Newton, Jan. 20 .- Grafting is not

is claimed, around nknown, American State Capitols during a sesion of the Legislature, but it is perhaps quite rare that a member of the General Assembly leaves the Capitol to graft at home; yet this is what Representative J. Yates Killian of this county has been doing the last three days of this week. Before he was a legislator he was a nurserynurseries. This is the time of year sappearance of a whirl wind with a horse, on the summit of the for grafting peach, plum, pear, apri- large light in the center, out of which tain, coolly directing his men. cot and apple and all hands at the big were issuing smoke and fire. Rev. nursery are busily engaged in the Mr. Killian came home Wednesday night to oversee the grafting

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LOOKING BACKWARD

Items of Interest Concerning People of Charlotte and the Carolinas, From The Observer of This Date, 1907 and 1897.

TEN YEARS AGO

Osmond L. Barringer returned last night from New York, where he has been in attendance at the automobile show. During his absence, Mr. Barsigned a contract for the exringer clusive handling in this territory of ment contests to be held March 16. the Franklin, Autocar, Cadillac, Pope-Waverly, and Baker machines.

The new Selwyn Hotel, with its 140 rooms will be thrown open to the public next week. It is expected that within six months, ground will be Pineville-Mr. Jackson Hamilton, broken on West Trade street for the new traveling men's hotel, which is to be erected by Messrs. Thomas Gresham and J. P. Sanders.

A plan is on foot whereby a syndicate will be formed to operate the Odell Mills, at Concord, which recently became insolvent, for the benefit of the stockholders. Very little of the embarrassed concern's stock is held in Charlotte.

in the Merchants & Farmers Nation in the Merchant's & Farmers' National Bank, on East Trade street, materially adding to the attractiveness

The wedding of Miss Jessie May Hart and Mr. C. F. Shuman took place last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Jarrell, on the Pine-

ville Road. The baseball season is at hand. The collegiate nine from Clemson and Trinity will meet May 4, at Latta Other college games will probably be booked for the Charlotte

R T. Wyche, president of the for injuries allegedly received at pay a visit to Charlotte in the near future, having been secured through Mrs. Annie Smith Ross, librarian of the Carnegie Library. "Children's the Carnegie Library. for the little one's amuse-Hours," ment, will be a feature of the New York man's entertainments, which are

long consideration. After Superior Court jury yesterday refused damages to Jasper Miller, in a suit which had been brought against the Atlanta & Charlotte Air Line Railway. for injuries allegededly received at Gastonia more than 12 months ago. Damages were asked in the sum of The jury was out more than

Maj. John C. Davidson, a former resident of this city, has been elected to the presidency of the Nebo Consolidated Coal & Coking Co., a big Kentucky corporation. Major Davidson is a resident of Louisville, and surance Company.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Coming from the Mississippi Valley and moving rapidly over this section of the country, one of the most severe rain storms Charlotte has ever experienced manifested itself here about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and lasted through the night. The storm was more of a cloudburst than anything else and rain was said to have fallen heavier than it had before in the memory of some of the oldest residents.

There was a regular reunion of last week, Baxter Myers, Ed Stitt, Ed Ray and M. R. Pegram, Jr., having spent the week there. All of them met at the same time while in O. J. the Louisiana city

One of the most delightful social Brevard McDowell, at their residence Dilworth last evening. One of the most unique concerts

scheduled to be held in this city in number of years will be the phonograph recital, which will be held at the city hall tomorrow night under the auspices of the Daughters of the

Judge Norwood says the dull season cannot be blamed upon him as he had fust as soon pass upon a num- At ber of cases as not.

The monthly entertainment of the Southern Manufacturers Club will be given tonight, at which time one of the most enjoyable functions of the kind in Charlotte will be held. The committee on arrangements an nounces that the entertainment will far surpass any others which have been held there.

Remenyl, the famous Hungarian riolinist, will give his concert at the Y. M. C. A. hall tonight, and so far as can be learned, one of the largest crowds which has ever turned out to hear a musician in this city, will be

present has been received in Char-News lotte to the effect that a bill is now before the Legislature which will take out of the hands of Democratic citi-zens of the city, the management of its police and fire department. The bill is known as the "commission meaand according to those who have heard of it, stands small chance of being passed, inasmuch as a number of Charlotteans are in Raleigh was formerly with the Aetna Life In- at the present time doing all in their power to prevent its adoption.

DOWN IN OLD CAROLINA

BY EDWARD LANSING COWLES

tion of that town, when a panic was the Holiness people. ness Women's Bible Class, Night caused Friday night by the supposed Schools, High School Club, Young visitation of a ghost which made its Employed Girls' Club, the Residence appearance in a church wherein sercongregation of Kingville.

Many of the colored population de clare that it was the "sparet" of Uncle Arch Melton, who died about Arch Melton was a staunch pillar and occurred as the patriots made their

were no longer held in this church, but for the past month, it is said, the Holiness congregation has taken possession, as some say, without thority from anybody, and have been

conducting their services in it.
It was at one of these services that the strange visitation occurred the other night. After this Holiness congregation had enjoyed quite an exciting evening and as prayer was being offered, led by Rev. Judson Mc-Clendin, the ghost made its appear- son, Daniel, and bade him go ance just over the front door. It was to fight for American liberty. the Reverend head of McClendin, which was bowed in solemn prayer

left ear, in some unknown tongue, as termined to get him. it passed over his head. He says that several heard it speak, but no one understood the words. Having passed went through the wall on one side of the house several of those present say dows of the other side of the house.

The above is the exact statement of the occurrance as related by Rev. McClendin himself, with the excepon that he asserts most emphatically that he did not run and that he was not frightened in the least. To use his own language: "I won't scared bit I was sho it was de angel of de dubitably fired in history. Lawd and I still knows it was, so for what wuz I gwine ter go and run way

from de Holy Ghost""

It seems that about the same hour blood-curdling experience which the Holiness congregation had, a colored man, who is with the street construction force, and who resides in the home of the late I note Arch Mel-ton, where the latter died several months ago had a frightful experi ence also. As everything was quiet and he was making preparations to retire for the evening, a strang noise ccurred in the dining room. dishes shook, and it is said that they actually smashed into pieces against each other. This colored brother, not caring for another experience of like kind, excused himself from his customary job the next morning, and procured a drayman, who promptly moved all of his entire household and

bright and early. There is no question but that a large number of the colored folks of thoroughly believe that Arch Melton has come back to reap vengeance upon all of those who have interfered in any way with his church. who are not thoroughly orthodox

Uncle John Lilly, who was a warm friend of Uncle Arch during the latter's lifetime, says that it was no means tire insurance at a moderate more than he has been expecting to cost hear ever since the Holiness congre known as the "Fust" Raptist Church ncie John is sure that Uncle Arch ms returned to upset the tables of 10 N. College St.

A. C. Huneycutt, of Albemarie, re-the "money changers" and he says tees a somewhat unusual "ghost" that his spirit will not cease to visit story from Kingville, the colored sec- that church until it is abandoned by

Club, gymnasium classes, business vices were being held by the Holiness history recounts the story of the celein the hands of the two years ago. The church in which the ghost made its appearance, was guson at the battle of Kings Mounformerly owned by the Missionary tain, thus avenging the death of Dan-Baptist Denomination of which Uncle iel's brother, Abram, which had just

> About 18 months ago a dispute olina. He settled on the South Fork arose among the brethren of this River, which runs through the coun-County Judge O. J. Sikes, to be held in trust, and so the matter stands. Services by the Baptist denomination clear the wilderness and to make his. tory, but its greatest achievement was bringing down Ferguson at Kings Mountain, which turned the tide of battle and helped to win for America a pivotal fight, after which the cause of American independence went forward with accelerated speed.

The writer mentioned says that the old frontiersman gave his marvelous firearm to his biggest and strongest son, Daniel, and bade him go forth iel and Abram joined the then only a small light about the size of a candlé. It moved slowly towards armies gathering to fight Ferguson. and during the battle at Kings Mountain, Abram lost his life. Seeing his and supplication, and as it moved to- brother dead, Daniel was filled with wards the preacher it took on bigger rage and a furious determination to make the British pay dearly for his man, and he and his father, W. L. As it passed the bowed head of Rev. death. He and other patriots could Killian, own and operate the Killian McClendin, it is said, it presented the horse, on the summit of the mounwas too far away for any one of them McClendin says it spoke to him, in his to hope to reach him, but Daniel de-left ear, in some unknown tongue, as termined to get him. Slipping from tree to tree, and rock to rock, like an Indian, he finally got in range of the Scotch officer. He put in an extra over the head of the preacher it went charge of powder and the smoothest through the wall, leaving only a puff bullet in his pouch, rested the rifle on through the wall, leaving only a puff bullet in his pouch, rested the rifle on of smoke as it disappeared, and as it a boulder, and taking deliberate aim. fired. Colonel Ferguson tumbled from his horse and the British seeing the preacher and congregation made him fall, lost heart and soon surrendisappearance through the win- dered. A Catawba Dutchman's rifle sealed the fate of the English at King's Mountain, and King's Mountain broke the British power South, and was a turning point in the

John Wilfong and Michael Schell, eye-witnesses of the incident, brought back word of it, and it has been in-



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Belief General That Charlotte Is Facing Greatest Era of Realty Development in Its History.

That Charlotte is facing the great-est era of realty development in its history was the consensus of opinion resterday at the annual meeting of the Stephens Company, attended by several out-of-town directors and business men. A year of unprecedented growth and prosperity was recorded in the secretary's report. directors were added to the board, all Charlotte boys, held in New Orleans three being among the leading realty last week, Baxter Myers, Ed Stitt, men of this city. They are: W. S. Alexander, president of the Southern All of Real Estate Loan & Trust Company; O. J. Thies, president of the Thies-Smith Realty Company, and J. Arthur Henderson, president of an equally functions of the season was the 6 prominent realty company, represent-o'clock dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. ing some of the most prominent real-

ty interests in this scetion. They re-elected as directors: John M. Miller, Jr., and Thomas Gresham, both of Richmond; W S Lee, Arthur J Draper, George Stephens and Word H. Wood. Officers re-elected were: George Stephens, president; Arthur J Draper, vice president, and W C. Rankin, secretary and treasurer

day, after a very short session, in which very few cases were disposed FOR SHRINE MINSTRELS

Meeting Saturday Night, Body Is Also Chosen to Issue Shrine Edition of Newspaper for Minneapolis Trip.

At a meeting of Charlotte Shriners held Saturday night, a committee was appointed for the purpose of staging the minstrels of the organization, which are to be held between Feb-

ruary 22 and 28 in this city. H. C. Dockery was appointed chairman of the committee and the following were selected to get the program arranged and complete plans of the feature; Kirl Bicknel, J. B. Brown, Thomas S. Pegram and J. E. McIlwaine.

It was also decided, at the Saturday night meeting, to issue a Shrine edition of some daily paper with which to advertise Charlotte and North Carolina at the big Shrine meeting in Minneapolis, Minn., in June.

Leake Carraway was appointed chairman of a committee to take that matter in hand with Thomas G. Griffith, W. E. Dellinger and Paul Brown as committeemen

Shriners of Monroe will give a big banquet and ball in that town Monday night, at which Oasis Patrol Band of Charlotte will officiate as the sole music-making organization present.

A big delegation of Charlotte Shriners will leave this city Monday after-noon at 5 o'clock with the band, and

will return after the festivities at 10:55 o'clock Monday night. Past Potentate S. H. Green, of Oasis Temple, will act as toastmaster at the banquet, which is to be held in the rooms of the Monroe Commercial

GOLFERS AT PINEHURST.

Pinehurst, Jan. 20 .- One hundred brated "great rifle" of Henry Weidner, and fifty golf players, comprising the "Whitener," telling how advertising golfers, began here today, the organization's annual tennis tournament which will continue a week.

FUNERAL OF MRS. PYLER HELD NEAR MONROE HOME

Special to The Observer. Mrs. Plyler was 83 years old, and died Thursday morning from causes incident to old age. She was the mother of P. W. Piyler with whom she made her home and J. A. Plyler, who resides in Mecklenburg County, near Charlotte.

She had been a devout member of the Methodist Church for more than half a century and was well-known for her charitable, Christian spirit. The funeral was preached by pastor, Rev. M. A. Osborne.

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His children are Alex. Jackson, Mrs. Barnes and Miss Matt Jackson, of this city, and Dr. Max Jackson, of Macon, Ga., and Mrs. J. H. Salbough of Columbia, Pa.

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