

OUR RALEIGH LETTER

By M. L. Shipman

Raleigh, December 23.—The outstanding event of the week here was the formal inauguration of his live-at-home program by Governor Gardner who was host at the Mansion on Thursday evening to more than 200 representatives of North Carolina newspapers. The purpose of the banquet was to impress upon the State's newspaper men and women that North Carolina soil properly cultivated produces practically all food necessities. Participants of the dinner Thursday evening came away satisfied that it is not at all difficult to "live at home" and it is assumed that they will advise their farmer constituencies how it can be done.

The Governor and Mrs. Gardner were assisted by members of the Council of State and officials of the North Carolina Press Association in serving home products which constituted the menu. The Test Farm at Willard supplied cold pressed scuppernon juice to start with, the sea foods came from Hyde and Beaufort counties, the sauce from Harnett, the celery from Graham, the cheese from Ashe, the flour used from Shelby and the butter from Salisbury. Turkeys, hams, yams, jellies and crab apples, turnip salad, corn pone and sauerkraut various sections. The milk was supplied by the Guernsey Breeders' Association from its dairy at Elkin, the peach conserve came from Moore County and the grape paste and nut bonbons were furnished by the home demonstration clubs of Lee and Bladen counties. The State test farms of the eastern section supplied apples and pecans and, of course, the cigars and cigarettes were "made in North Carolina." The entertainment was also native and entirely appropriate to the occasion. Editors from the French Broad in the west to the Pasquotank in the coastal section were on hand and did full justice to the occasion and there is no sort of question to the claim that North Carolina was represented in that meal, as a result of which "diversify" will probably be the slogan passed on to the farmers of the State next year when preparations begin for planting new crops, for the folks can eat neither cotton nor tobacco. More hog and hominy is the urgent need of the State—right now and Governor Gardner's dinner is expected to start a new line of talk by the editors who put their feet under the executive table on December 19. Not only was the dinner representative of the State's varied products, the flower of her citizenship was there also to participate in a history-making event in furtherance of the "Gardner Live-at-Home Week."

Talk of opposition to Senator Simmons was revived here following the action of the Democratic executive committee in Alabama in barring Senator J. Thomas Heflin from participation in the Democratic primary in that State next August to select a Democratic senatorial candidate. Senator Heflin declined to support Governor Smith for the presidency last year and Alabama regulars would punish him for the "indiscretion." Senator Heflin was "barred" by the executive committee of his state because he "supported" Hoover; the Smith folks in North Carolina seek to punish Senator Simmons for the reason that he failed to support either of them. Conservative party leaders here counsel against the threat to bring out a candidate against the Senator who has erred a single time politically during his thirty years of service to his party and the State. No inconsiderable number of Democrats feel that if Senator Simmons is to be punished at all it should be meted out to him in November rather than take the risk of a bitter fight preceding the June primary, while many suggest that the indiscretion be overlooked in the interest of party harmony. It is a safe bet that the State Democratic Executive Committee of North Carolina is not going to "pull a bonehead" similar to the committee in Alabama.

North Carolina continues to sit at the foot of the table in the Hoover household. Notwithstanding the expectation that the President would appoint a Democrat to succeed Commissioner Taylor on the Interstate Commerce Commission and that Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, of this State, filled the requirements of the positions, the plum goes to a Tennessee republican by the name of Robert M. Jones. Railroad interests are said to have blocked the appointment of the North Carolina candidate and now Southern Democratic senators would know the reason the President turned down a man who knows something about rate problems to favor one who admittedly is uninformed on subjects of that character. The confirmation of Judge Jones may be consummated, but not until an investigation has been made by Senator Simmons and other Southern senators into his character and fitness for the office and the influences behind the action of President Hoover which brought keen disappointment to official North Carolina.

Special Judge Thos. L. Johnson, of Lumberton, but a native of Buncombe County, announces his candidacy for Governor in 1932. Ehringhaus, Fountain, Cox and Brummitt

have already indicated their willingness to serve.

The 1930 automobile license plates are not being taken very rapidly, according to reports from the Department of Revenue. Owners began buying their license a week ago and have around ten days to complete the job. These plates were "made in Carolina" by convicts at the State Prison and all the products used except the steel and the paint employed in the manufacture came from this State. Half a million pairs of plates are to be delivered and next year's demand is expected to require that number. Each car will carry two license plates and these must be applied on or before January 1, in compliance with a statute enacted by the 1929 General Assembly. The death toll this year from automobile accidents to December 1 was 522 and the injured 5,176. Last year the twelve months total was 676. Hit and-run drivers are reported on the increase. Many children playing in the streets and on the highways fall human prey to automobile accidents in the State every month. Eight of these were reported in November.

During the week seventeen schools in fourteen counties were recipients of their proportional parts of the \$375,000 building fund according to announcement of the Department of Public Instruction, which also states that eighty counties have met their installments and interest in full of the fourth special building fund amounting to \$1,523,378.82 recently due. The payments received so far, it is said amount to \$1,256,690.95, with a balance of \$187,687.87 to be collect-

ed. Announcement is made that distribution of \$275,000 from the State Literary Fund will take place on February 10.

Judge Townsend "stepped down and out" in "due form" during the week and Odus M. Mull, of Shelby, long time personal and political friend of Governor Gardner, "stepped in" as Executive Counsel, Secretary to the Salary and Wage Commission, Commissioner of Pardons, etc. A goodly number of paroles were granted and many applications rejected on the eve of Judge Townsend's departure and few pressing cases were left on the calendar. As Executive Counsel, Mr. Mull will draw the largest salary of any person in the employ of the State, or \$670.83 per month, to \$591.66 for the Governor. Mr. Mull will for the present retain the chairmanship of the State Democratic Executive Committee which he assumed soon after the nomination of Gardner for Governor during the summer of 1928. Judge Townsend returned to his former home in Dunn, but is not expected to remain there very long. However, his future plans were not announced before leaving the capital city.

State highway projects call for the construction of 57 miles of new roads at an approximate cost of \$600,000, bids for which were received during the week. One of the links is to be a "dirt road" between Oxford and Berea in Granville county, a distance of 8.54 miles, and 5.22 miles of hard-surface between Richlands and Jacksonville in Onslow County. More than 20,000 city officials, county and state highway executives, engineers,

educators, contractors, manufacturers and distributors of highway machinery and materials are to attend a meeting of the American Road Builders' Association during the month of January in Atlantic City and North Carolina is expected to share largely in the program.

As a suitable locality for a practical demonstration of the Governor's "Live at Home" program the decision goes to Pitt County on the promise of leading citizens of that section to cooperate with State authorities in working out the plans. A tract of land not exceeding 100 acres, located on hardsurfaced roads, is to be procured, which Governor Gardner and the prison board will furnish honor-grade prisoners to operate under the direction of agricultural experts.

TO THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS
OF EX-SERVICEMEN BURIED
IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

The United States Government will furnish a headstone free of charge, freight paid, for the grave of any man that served in the United States Army. It makes no difference if the man died in the service or since discharge.

As part of the work of the American Legion, I have the blanks to make application for these stones and will be glad to get them for any who will give me the information needed. Just get me the soldier's name, the outfit that he served in, in the Army, age at time of death, date of death and the place that he is buried. I have gotten several of these

stones for the boys and they are very nice markers of white marble.

This applies to the colored soldiers as well as the white. I can be found at the Railroad station in Louisburg any day between eight and five o'clock.

T. C. ALSTON.

MRS. SARAH WILDER DEAD

Mrs. Sarah Jeanette Wilder crossed the Bar into the Beyond Sunday Dec. 15, 1929, after being bedridden for over four years, besides suffering 3 strokes of apoplexy. She was 91 years of age last February.

Her physicians said she possessed a most wonderful constitution. Her husband Troy Wilder died during the Civil War, in Georgia, leaving her to struggle and rear two small boys. She heroically faced the hard life of the reconstruction days, and with very little help kept the wolf from the door, reared her boys to manhood and held on to her small home. She never ate the bread of idleness, even after her affliction, when she could use only one hand, she was anxious to be at work. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Cullom, Wake Forest, amid a host of sorrowing friends. Just as the sun was near its setting, Dr. Cullom feelingly quoted Tennyson's beautiful poem, Crossing the Bar.

The local Negro farm agents of the State College extension service held their annual conference and short course at Raleigh on December 17 to 20.

MR. T. J. KING DEAD

The remains of Mr. Thomas J. King, of Richmond, a brother to our late townsman Mr. Jno. W. King, who died in Richmond Sunday, were brought to Louisburg Monday and interred in the family burying grounds at the old Green Hill estate just South of Louisburg. The deceased leaves one brother Joe D. King, of Cape Charles, Va.

The deceased was 65 years of age and was among Richmond's prominent business men. He was a member of one of Franklin County's oldest and most prominent families.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. D. Miller rector St. Paul's church. The pallbearers were J. P. Timberlake, F. W. Justice, M. S. Clifton, L. L. Joyner, S. P. Boddie, P. R. White, E. H. Malone.

MR. ROGER HARRIS DEAD

The community is deeply saddened at the passing of Roger Harris, which occurred at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harris about three miles Northeast of Moulton, Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, after a weeks illness with pneumonia.

He was just in the prime of life, being twenty two years of age. He was a faithful member of Mt. Zion Baptist church. He was a prosperous young Merchant and a clean minded young man.

We should not think of Roger as dead, because he has only gone to the home that God has prepared for him. In the fourteenth chapter of St. John He tells us He is going to prepare a place for us so that we can live with him. He completed Roger's mansion and called him to dwell therein with Him and his Holy Band. Although we all miss Roger we must remember he belongs to God and that God has called him to a much better place than this troublesome world.

We cannot think of him as dead because his memory will continue to live in the hearts and minds of all who know him and loved him for the many lovable attributes that characterized a useful and unselfish life. Those who had the privilege of walking with Roger along the pathway of life are happier and better for it for in his loyal personality one found inspiration to meet the hardships and brighten the way.

Not dead—oh, no! But borne beyond the shadows,

Into the full clear light;

Forever done with mist and cloud and tempest,

Where all is glad and bright.

Not even sleeping—called to glad awakening

In Heaven's endless day;

Not still and moveless—stepped from earth's rough place

To walk the king's highway.

Oh, no; not dead! but past all fear of dying,

And with all suffering o'er—

Say not that he is dead when Jesus called him.

To live forevermore.

Roger leaves to mourn their loss besides his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harris, four brothers Messrs James, Herbert, Newell and Marvin Harris and one sister Mrs. B. Hunt of Apex, and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral services were held at the grave Saturday afternoon, December 14th at 3:30 o'clock, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Paul Caudle. The interment was in the family burying ground.

Kind and tender expressions of love and sympathy were shown by the many friends in attendance and the profusion of beautiful flowers which decorated the mound of his serene place of rest.

The pallbearers were Messrs Bennett Foster, Sam and Georgia Harris, Roy Moore and Elliott Cottrell.

HIS COUSIN.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Tuesday night December 17, 1929 there was a birthday party given at the home of Mrs. Vance White in honor of Miss Bessie Perry. Those present at the party were Misses Bessie Perry, Ruby Mae White, Maggie Edwards, Josephine Jeffreys, Pattie Roberts, Linda Mae Roberts, Lyndell Mullen, Alethea Cheaves and Messrs Frank Jeffreys, Wayne Winstead, Zanna Lee Cheaves, Richard Hill, Ben Dickerson, Joe Dickerson, Tommy Dickerson, M. C. Wilder, Max Wilder, Aldridge Wilder, Nathan Edwards, Millard Jeffreys, Ray Strickland and Zebulon White. After lots of good refreshments were served which all enjoyed. The crowd parted to go home. Wishing Bessie many more happy birthdays.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their loving kindness and help during the last sickness of our dear mother and grandmother, also for flowers sent.

J. T. Wilder and Family.

CHRISTMAS

Folks ring the bells and raise the strain,
And hang up garlands everywhere;
They feast and frolic—and then they go
Back to the same old lines again.

—J. T. HOWARD.