

THE GLORIOUS FOURTH.

The Day Was an Ideal One and was Greatly Enjoyed by the Large Crowds.

Featured by many amusing and enjoyable attractions, and ideal weather, the Fourth of July celebration in Lenoir was a grand success, surpassing in attendance anything that has ever been witnessed in this section of the State. Early risers on Friday morning were rather discouraged with the weather conditions, but soon the heavy clouds dispersed and the sun was only obscured by gray glimmerings, which protected the immense crowd coming from that point, Granite Falls, Saw Mills and Hudson. There was not standing room on the train, but everybody was happy since it was the fourth of July. The railroad officials say that they handled 3,000 people between Edgemont and Hickory. Conservative estimates of the crowd in Lenoir on that day, place it at ten thousand.

The first big event of the day was the parade, which formed on College Avenue at 9:30 o'clock. There was only one band in the parade, and not two as was expected by everybody, on account of the boys from Hickory not reaching here in time. The line of march, headed by Chief Marshal Poe and the band, was begun at 10 o'clock. Next came the floats and they were truly a work of art and beauty. Never has a more brilliant and artistic display been made in this section of the State. The first one represented the modern Independence Day as contrasted with 1776. The large wagon was filled with a bevy of beautiful and sweet girls, and despite the spirit of '76 one could not help but being thankful for the joys and pleasures of 1913. The Firemen were next in the line of parade, and our company and equipment showed up to much advantage. The following firms had business floats: Lenoir Chair Manufacturing Co., Bernhardt Seagle Co., three, Price-Cline Harness & Tanning Co., Lenoir Mills, Lenoir Feed Store, J. E. Shell, Cloer's Market, Bank of Lenoir, Lenoir Manufacturing Co., Lenoir Veneer Co., Princess Theatre, and there are likely others that we have overlooked. The Boys' Corn Club had a splendid float and deserve much commendation for displaying their club to such advantage. The prize for the best representative float was won by the Foot Hills Sanatorium. This float consisted of all the equipment of a hospital, consisting of doctors, nurses, operating room, etc., and was the subject of much comment. The floats of the Bernhardt-Seagle Co were all good and one of them stood second in the contest. The Lenoir Mills had a sack of flour big enough to cook blackberry pies for every family in Caldwell County for a week, and the Lenoir Veneer Co. had a big basket filled with a thousand little baskets that would have easi-

ly held the blackberries for the pies. The Price-Cline Harness & Tanning Company had a most unique arrangement of collars, and the Lenoir Feed store had a splendid display of their feed products. The chairs of the Lenoir Chair Manufacturing Co. were attractively arranged and comfortably looking, receiving much favorable comment. J. E. Shell, druggist, and G. W. Cloer & Son, dealers in meats and groceries, both had attractive floats. The float of the Bank of Lenoir was well gotten up and was representative of that enterprising bank. No event of the day was more enjoyed than the climbing of the greasy pole. At first not much headway could be made but the boys were game and finally little Quincy Drum, some 12 years old, reached the top amid much applause. The greasy pig race was not so exciting, the pig being caught before he could get a good running start. There were many to enter this contest, among the number being Mr. Bob Holsclaw, who declares that the pig did not get a square deal. Below we give a full list of the prizes and the name of the winners:

Best Representative Float, \$10 Foot Hills Sanatorium.
Climbing the greasy pole, \$3: Quincy Drum.
Catching the greasy pig, pig as prize; Vance Keller.
100 yards dash, 1st prize \$2, Shelton Penn; 2nd tied, Ed Farthing and E. W. Clay, 50c each.
Best clown, \$3; — Smith.
Best decorated pony buggy, \$2.50; Miss Dell Bernhardt.
Slow mule race, \$2.50; Miss Lola Sudderth.
Bicycle race, \$2.50; Dave Farthing.
Motorcycle race, \$4; J. R. Willetts.

The first event of the afternoon was the firemen's demonstration. This took place on Mulberry street, and some clever work was done by our local fire department. The ball game between Granite Falls and Lenoir at Kentwood Park was a splendid contest and went for ten innings. In the early part of the game Granite took the lead by scoring four runs but this was overcome by the locals in the eighth and the game ended in the 10th when Squires scored on a passed ball. There was some quibbling over the last run, but the game evidently belonged to Lenoir since there were men on second and third with no one out.

Many of the stores of the town were most attractively decorated for the day, and in their holiday attire presented a lovely appearance. Perhaps the prettiest decorated home in Lenoir was the Shuford home in the northern part of town.

Maud—What in the world made you buy more postage stamps?
Ethel—Why, I went into the drug store to get some face powder, and who should be there but Jack.—Boston Transcript

Nell—Has Maud always been cross-eyed?
Belle—No; some fellow once told her she had a beautiful nose and she got that way from constantly looking at it.—Philadelphia Record.

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NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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Ed. Bateman, a well known boatman of Elizabeth City, was drowned near that place Friday. He was out on a pleasure trip with a party when the accident occurred.

The sixth annual convention of the North Carolina Architect association was held in Wilmington Friday. Durham was selected as the place for the mid-winter meeting in December.

A bolt of lightning struck the corner of the K. of P. building at Fayetteville Thursday afternoon, damaging the building somewhat and putting the city in darkness that night for several hours.

Five persons were killed and three injured Friday night, when the Scranton Flyer on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad struck a wagon containing a picnic party, at a railroad crossing near Quakertown, Pa.

Work has been commenced on the double tracking of the Seaboard Air Line from Hamlet toward Raleigh. The first contract covering a distance of 12 miles has been let to the Vaughn Construction Company of Roanoke, Va.

The convention of the North Carolina Bar Association, which convened at Asheville on Wednesday, adjourned Friday. Thomas S. Rollins was chosen president in place of Judge J. S. Manning, and Thomas W. Davis was re-elected secretary.

A barn belonging to C. S. Little, a prosperous farmer of Catawba county was struck by lightning Thursday night and destroyed with all its contents. Two horses, two cows, a new buggy, wheat and roughness, farming tools all went up in smoke.

Mrs. W. F. Prince of Wake county was accidentally shot by her husband Thursday night, who was examining a pistol, which was discharged, the bullet taking effect in the wife's breast. She was taken to the hospital at Raleigh and is in a serious condition.

Johnny P. Smith is dead at Salisbury as a result of a delayed dynamite blast at a quarry at Granite Quarry. The boy went to his work after it was thought all the explosions of dynamite had fired. One was slow in firing and as a result he was badly injured, dying later from his wounds.

The Tenth annual convention of the North Carolina Rural Carriers' Association convened in Wilmington on Thursday morning and remained in session till Friday noon. About 100 delegates were in attendance. Charlotte was selected as the place for the semi annual convention next year.

Carl Putman, a white youth, 19 years old, was run over and killed by a lever car on the Carolina and Yadkin River Railroad Thursday morning at a point between Denton and High Rock. The young man was a member of the section force, in the employ of the railroad and was just beginning his labors of the day when the accident occurred.

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SOLDIERS AT ATTENTION.

Every Enlisted Man Over The Broad Field Turned at the Salute and Faced Flag.

Gettysburg, Pa., July 4.—The United States regular army paid tribute today to the thousands who sleep under the hills of Gettysburg. Somewhere down in the heart of the tented city a bugle rang out in silver sweet call, that wandered over the field where Lee and Meade made history. The big flag before the headquarters of General Liggett, flashing in sudden curves of red, white and blue, glorious in the sunshine of a perfect July day, came slowly half way down the shaft. In front of the tent, shoulders squared, figure trim in summer uniform of white, face toward the flag the general clicked heels together and stood at attention. Somewhere the guns of the thirty battery burst in staccato salute. Every officer over the length and the breadth of the wide field, every enlisted man turned away from the duties of moment and faced the flag, heels together, heads up and eyes alight with the sentiment of the hour.

As the last gun of the 48 sent the echoes clattering about Cemetery Ridge and Round Top, there was solemn silence, the hush of peace. Old veterans who did not realize, perhaps, exactly what was going on, stood silent under the spell of the universal feeling that seemed to sweep the field. Even the clatter of pots and pans in the mess tents was hushed and the yells of cooks about to dish up the midday meal lowered to whispers. For five minutes the camp was quiet. Then the bugle spoke again in notes more joyous. The silken flag leaped up the staff to its very pinnacle and the noises that 40,000 men can make, resumed their sway—the regular army's tribute to the dead and the flag of a reunited nation was paid.

PRESIDENT CHEERED LUSTILY.

Only a few minutes before President Wilson had spoken in the big tent to the veterans in blue and gray and only a short time afterward thousands of those who left began their preparations for departure.

The President came into Gettysburg shortly before 11 o'clock from Baltimore. Through the narrow, crooked streets of this war-famed country town he motored out to camp with Governor Tener, of Pennsylvania, and Representative Palmer, of Pennsylvania, by his side. His appearance at the station of Gettysburg was the signal for a cheer, and from somewhere down in the Gettysburg college grounds came the customary 21 salute. From the station to the camp over the village streets and gray roads the President was driven, while the Pennsylvania constabulary, looking business-like, and efficient in their slate-like gray uniforms, guarded his automobile and kept the traffic clear.

At the entrance to the big tent the President paused for a moment to let the camera battery pop away as he stood with head uncovered between a veteran from either army. His entrance into the tent to the strains of "Hail to the Chief" brought the crowd, which estimates say numbered 10,000, from their chairs with a cheer. The speakers' platform was filled with the staff officers of the governor,

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TAR HEEL SICK.

(Parker R. Anderson.)

Gettysburg, Pa., July 3.—A gloom was cast over the North Carolina camp tonight when General Carr announced that Maj. W. A. Guthrie, of Durham, was very sick and that he had been taken to the government hospital on the field. Three other Tar Heel veterans were stricken today and taken to hospitals. They are J. M. Mitchell, of Statesville; J. E. Singleton, of West Durham; and Robert Pitt, of Pine Knob. With the exception of Mayor Guthrie, none of the others are in a serious condition and will probably leave the hospital tomorrow.

Major Guthrie is having every attention possible. Dr. W. E. Fitch, in charge of the army medical corps, and a native of Burlington, is looking after the Durham man. Dr. Fitch told the Daily News, correspondent tonight that Major Guthrie was a very sick man, but that he hoped to pull him through.

A pathetic scene was enacted at General Carr's headquarters when Miss Nannie Randolph Heath, daughter of General Heath, who was killed here, held a reception for the old veterans who fought under the beloved North Carolina soldier.

With the tears in her eyes and hardly able to control her voice, Miss Heath thanked the veterans for attending the reunion and the reception today.

Tonight General Carr, with 500 North Carolina veterans, and an equal number of Union soldiers marching side by side and headed by the United States infantry band, visited the headquarters of each Union state represented.

Gen. Bennett H. Young, of Louisville, commander-in-chief of the Confederate veterans, called on General Carr and staff and in the course of his speech said he was convinced from what he had heard here this week that the North Carolina motto, "First at Bethel, furthest at Gettysburg and last at Appomattox," was true.

He claimed that he himself was half Tar Heel and paid a glowing tribute to the valor of the North Carolina troops.

Many of the North Carolina veterans left town tonight, and by tomorrow only a few will be left.

Rains Swell Neuse.
The Observer.

Kinston, June 30.—Every stream in this section of the State is swollen from the rains of last week. The total precipitation during the past seven days was over three inches, and the rivers and creeks are rising rapidly with the freshets from upstate. The Neuse at this point is several feet above the normal stage. While there is no present danger of an overflow, it is feared that another heavy rain would put the stream out of its banks.

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COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

WATAUGA.
(Watauga News.)

R. J. Clark, marble salesman of Lenoir representing Miller-Reins Co. was here Monday on his way to Lenoir. He has been selling marble for his company on this trip as usual he has been raking in the orders. He put a fine monument to the grave of Sheriff Ragan.

Mr. Dick Horton passed through town Saturday afternoon with his bride of one week, Mr. Horton informs us that last week that he opened the largest jewelry store in Pennsylvania. At this opening he had not less than one thousand visitors. Dick and his bride were accompanied to Boone by that estimable couple, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dula of Lenoir, with their large car.

Mrs. Ed. Hodges got a severe kick by a horse Saturday morning, but it was not serious, although it could have been serious.

DEADLY SEMAPHORE.
(The Observer.)

Albemarle, June 30.—Spencer Watkins, the 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Watkins of this place, was electrocuted by the rungs of the iron ladder to the semaphore at the Southern depot just before noon today while he was attempting to climb the ladder to set a signal for an incoming passenger train. A freight had pulled into the station and the semaphore refused to work, Mr. Watkins started to climb the ladder to find out what the trouble was, but received a severe shock when he had taken hold of the rungs.

Immediately calling for help, he was seized by Capt. L. S. Whitworth, who was standing near, and the conductor of the freight train. These two men reached him about the same time and when they laid hands on him were, themselves, knocked down by a shock. The young man was removed from the ladder and carried into the station, where he died within a few minutes. Captain Whitworth was affected considerably, also.

It is not known how the semaphore became charged, but it is thought that one of the electric wires running to the top of the signal pole came in contact with the ladder.

Mr. Watkins was a member of one of the most prominent families of Albemarle, a bright and industrious young man. He was working for the railroad temporarily, and would have returned to college this Fall.

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