

WEATHER TODAY  
North Carolina: Fair Tuesday  
and Wednesday.

# The News and Observer

WEATHER YESTERDAY  
Highest temperature, 55 degrees  
lowest temperature, 38 degrees  
total precipitation for 24 hours  
ending 8 p. m., 0.1 inches.

## Leads All North Carolina Dailies In News and Circulation

### THE STATE IS FOR WOODROW WILSON

So Declares Newspaper Men  
in Telegrams to Papers Asking  
About North Carolina

### NO DECISIVE VOTE FOR THE CONTESTED OFFICES

The Returns From Various Counties  
Are Such As to Show That  
Definite Results Will Only Be  
Had After County Conventions  
and Then Not On Absolute Figures  
Till the State Convention  
Ends the Contest for Nominations.

Returns continue to come in from various counties in North Carolina in which Democratic primaries or precinct meetings were held on Saturday, but these reports are such that no definite result can be announced as to any of the contested State offices.

From some of the counties there are definite returns as to county officers and members of the General Assembly elected, and from most counties the result of a large vote for the contested offices, the vote given Hon. Locke Craig for the nomination for Governor being extremely large wherever reported.

In the counties in which there was no voting on a preference for a nominee for President the large majority expressed their preference for Governor Woodrow Wilson. In less than half the counties reporting was there any voting on a preference for President, and in some of these there was only a vote on the question in some precincts. A newspaper man in reply to requests for information as to the result of the voting for President in North Carolina sent out the following to a number of newspapers:

**State Largely For Wilson.**

From fifty-two counties in North Carolina telegrams state that in twenty-seven of these no action was taken on Saturday on preference for nominate county officers and delegates to county conventions. In numbers of the twenty-five counties acting there was only a vote taken on presidential preference in varying number of precincts, no presidential preference primary having been authorized by the Democratic State Executive Committee.

In sixteen of these counties no definite result can be reported for Woodrow Wilson, while minorities in four were reported for Oscar W. Underwood. In three counties the vote is reported as about equally divided between Wilson and Underwood, in one between Wilson and Clark, and in one that Wilson has 55 to 40 per cent against Underwood, Clark and Harmon.

Many counties are yet to act and no definite result can be given till after county conventions on May 25. On the basis of the reports received here it would appear that Wilson will have fully seventy-five per cent of the strength in the State convention to be held on the sixth of June.

Telegrams giving reports of the primaries or precinct meetings in various counties are:

### GUILFORD COUNTY.

Hobgood for Senate, Justice and Gordon for House, Daniel for Lieutenant Governor, Travis for Corporation Commissioners. (Special to News and Observer.)

Greenboro, N. C., May 20.—Official returns from all except one county precinct, which casts only about 25 votes, have been received, according to Chairman Cooke, and show the following vote for the contested State candidates:

Lieutenant Governor—Shaw, 985; Daniel, 775; Ingham, 324; Boush, 117.

Corporation Commissioners—Long term—Maxwell, 837; Pell, 1,160; Justice, 296. Short term—Travis, 1,448; Daniel, 452; Hagwell, 209.

Each candidate will have his proportional part of the vote of Guilford in the State convention, according to the primary law, regardless of who are elected as delegates in the county convention to be held here next Saturday.

As for Stedman for Congress polled the biggest vote among the uncontested candidates for State or district offices, receiving a total of 2,565. The next highest total was for W. H. Rankin, unopposed candidate for Register of Deeds, who received a total of 2,553.

For Governor, Craig received a total of 2,497, while the other State candidates' totals ranged from 2,090 to 2,200.

The legislative ticket nominated in Hobgood for the Senate, Justice, Gordon and Gold for the House, the vote being as follows: Senate—F. P. Hobgood, Jr., 1,569; W. R. Land, 991; House—J. H. Gordon, 1,616; E. J. Justice, 1,410; T. J. Gold, 2,097. The defeated candidates are J. M. Davis with 842; H. C. England, 599.

The vote of Justice and Gordon was reduced by High Point primaries voting for Davis and England, the new county proposition cutting a figure there, at the expense of Justice, Gordon and Hobgood, who actively opposed the new county two years ago.

The present Board of County Commissioners was renominated, with the exception of Commissioner C. A. Wharton, who was defeated by T. A. Wilson. Treasurer G. A. McKinney was nominated over John Barker by a very small margin.

There were three candidates running for sheriff—Stafford, Crutchfield and Lane. The total vote was: Stafford, 1,409; Crutchfield, 1,240; Lane, 343. Stafford having failed by a few votes of getting a majority over (Continued on Page Nine.)

### THE TABLET IS GIVEN TO STATE

Handsome Memorial Presented  
by the Colonial Dames

### THE WHOLE STATE HAS A PART IN CEREMONY

Ladies Comprising All of the Committees Make This Addition to the State's Collection of Memorials—Judge Clark and Governor Kitchin Make Addresses—It Was Largely Attended Ceremony—Some of the Visitors.

In the presence of all the people who could gain where to stand yesterday afternoon and view the impressive ceremonies the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and its twenty-seven signers were presented in lasting memorial tablet of handsome bronze, and it is now adorning a wall in the Rotunda of the Capitol.

The celebration wasn't simply a ceremonial in which good women, as it is their wont, sought to keep alive an event in danger of dying of neglect. The Colonial Dames are an organization who have gotten themselves together for the monumental study of mythology, nor are they assuming the large task of dignifying every unimportant event that comes to their ears, but they are really able to handily history with every man who would throw the dust of doubt into the eyes of faith and their champion yesterday was Chief Justice Walter Clark.

The Colonial Dames of North Carolina gave this tablet. This organization is studying the history of the time which gave a renaissance, if not a birth to the spirit of liberty. It has found the great figures in the wonderful movement and now is putting them before the world.

The celebration is not new, but new life is being given it by the Dames. The historical imagination is being turned upon it. That's where the Southern portion of the nation has been sadly neglected in all of the books Southern children have been reading, they have been taught to believe that "Here once the embattled farmers stood And fired the shot heard round the world." The embattled farmers did no such thing and the shot was heard nowhere. But (Continued on Page Nine.)

### PRIMARIES TODAY IN BUCKEYE STATE

The Two Weeks' Fusillade of  
Verbosity by Four Candidates  
is Ended

### PRESENT ACTIVITY IS GREAT RECORD BREAKER

Battle Between Taft and Roosevelt  
in Ohio Unprecedented in  
Primaries of That State—Gov.  
Wilson Did Not Evade the Home  
State of His Opponent, Gov.  
Harmon, But Mr. Bryan Did and  
He Urged Strongly Upon the  
Progressives Their Duty to  
Nominate the Jerseyman—  
Description of the Wind-Up  
Features.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Columbus, Ohio, May 20.—Ohio tonight rested from the strain of the last two weeks campaign during which four presidential candidates bombarded the State from one end to the other and is ready for tomorrow's primaries.

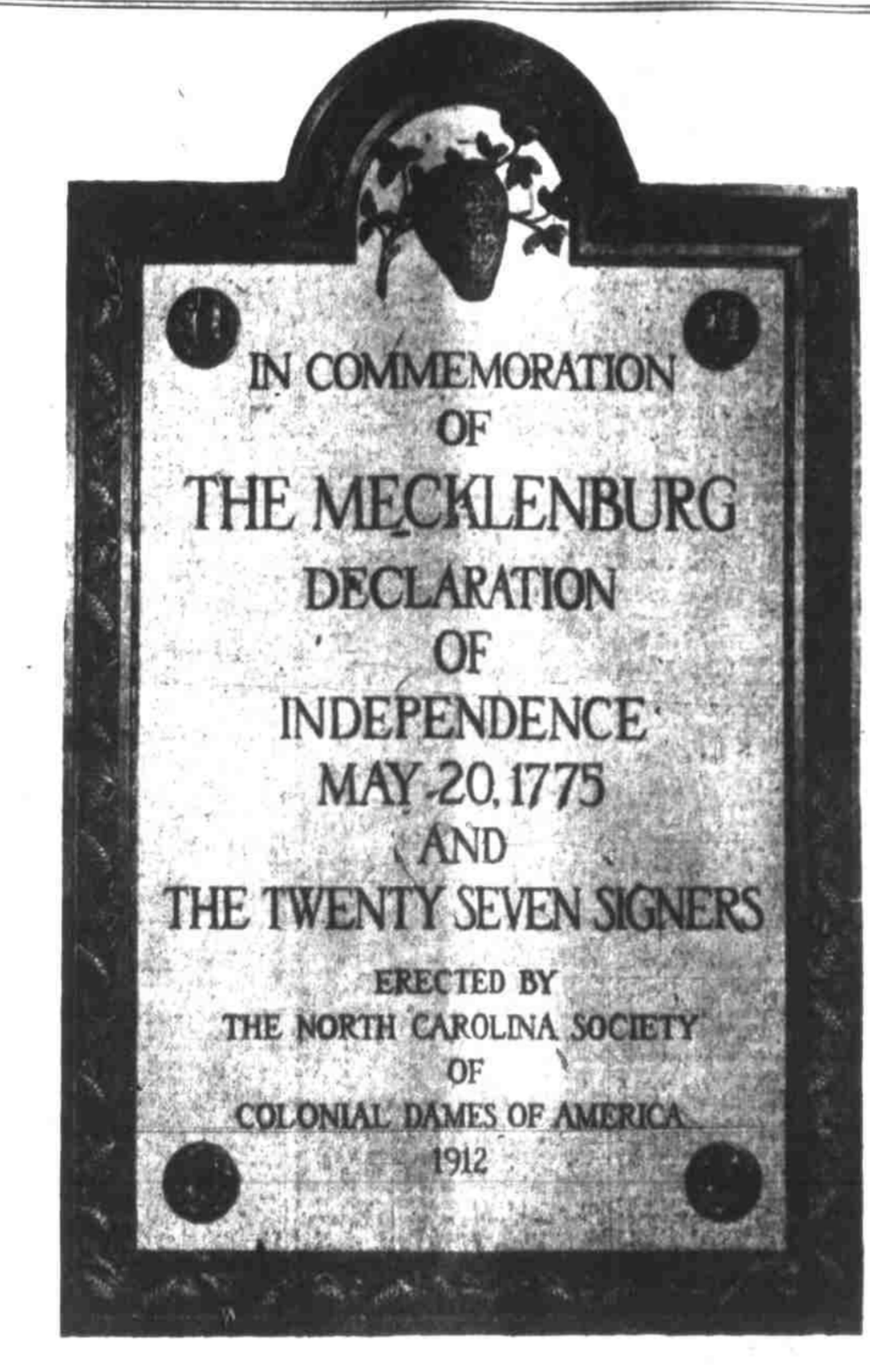
Three of the Republican candidates for the presidential nomination carried their fights almost up to the hour of balloting and today President Taft, Colonel Roosevelt and Senator La Follette will be making public addresses, offering their final pleas with the Republican voters for support tomorrow. Governor Judson Harmon ended his fight for the State Saturday night.

The second to the last State to hold presidential preference primaries and the home of two of the candidates, Ohio is considered the crux of an unusual political situation.

Activity in the Ohio campaign is said to be the most intense in the present presidential contest. It was in this State that Colonel Roosevelt first presented the platform upon which he is basing his fight. President Taft and his former friend, the ex-President have crossed and recrossed each other's trails in their courses about the State, speaking in open air meetings and in town halls.

Woodrow Wilson, Governor Harmon's only opponent, did not enter the State. Harmon's serious antagonist has been Wm. Jennings Bryan, who, speaking for the Ohio Progressive Democratic League, has berated the Governor and urged Wilson's nomination to several campaign tours.

President Taft and Governor Harmon tonight went to their homes in Cincinnati. The President will leave tomorrow afternoon for Washington and Governor Harmon will hear the returns at his home. Colonel Roosevelt and Senator La Follette completed their campaigns, the one leaving



MECKLENBURG DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, MAY 20, 1775. (Martin's History, Vol. 2, Page 373.)

Resolved—That whosoever directly or indirectly abets or in any way, form or manner countenances the invasion of our rights, as attempted by the Parliament of Great Britain, is an enemy to his country, to America, and the Rights of man.

Resolved—That we the citizens of Mecklenburg county do hereby dissolve the political bands which have connected us with the mother country, and absolve ourselves from all allegiance to the British Crown, abjuring all political connection with a nation that has wantonly trampled on our rights and liberties and inhumanly shed the innocent blood of Americans at Lexington.

Resolved—That we do hereby declare ourselves a free and independent people, are; and of right ought to be, a sovereign and self-governing people, under the power of God and the General Congress; to the maintenance of which independence, we solemnly pledge to each other our mutual co-operation, our lives, our fortunes, and our most sacred honor.

Resolved—That we hereby ordain and adopt as rules of conduct, all and each of our former laws, and the crown of Great Britain cannot be considered hereafter as holding any rights, privileges or immunities amongst us.

Resolved—That all officers, both civil and military, in this county, be entitled to exercise the same powers and authorities as heretofore; that every member of this delegation shall henceforth be a civil officer and exercise the powers of a justice of the peace, issue process, hear and determine controversies according to law, preserve peace, union and harmony in the county, and use every exertion to spread the love of liberty and of country, until a more general, and better organized system of Government be established.

Resolved—That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by express to the President of the Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia.

- ABRAHAM ALEXANDER, Chairman.  
JOHN MCKNITT ALEXANDER, Secretary.
- EPHRAIM BREVARD,  
ZACHEUS WILSON,  
JAMES HARRIS,  
MATTHEW McCLURE,  
RICHARD BARRY,  
JOHN FLENNIGIN,  
WILLIAM GRAHAM,  
RICHARD HARRIS,
- ADAM ALEXANDER,  
CHARLES ALEXANDER,  
JOHN PHIFER,  
BENJAMIN PATTON,  
JOHN FORD,  
ROBERT IRWIN,  
EZRA ALEXANDER,  
JOHN DAVIDSON,  
THOMAS POLK, sen'r.
- HEZEKIAH ALEXANDER,  
HEZEKIAH J. BALCH,  
WRIGHTSTILL AVERY,  
WILLIAM KENNON,  
NEIL MORRISON,  
HENRY DOWNE,  
DAVID REESE,  
JOHN QUEARY.

for the East during the night and the other for the West.

Supporters of all factions in the four-cornered contest are expecting a large primary vote. The returns are not expected until late. The polls will be open from 5:30 in the morning until the same hour in the evening.

Lewis C. Layton, Taft's Ohio manager, was confident in his predictions tonight that the President will not be turned down by his own State. "It's a Taft victory, and it's all over but the shouting," he said. "Ohio looks better for Taft tonight than it did 48 hours ago, and looked mighty good then. Within the last 24 hours there has been a remarkable change in sentiment for the President among the farmers."

Chairman Walter F. Brown, of the Republican State Central Committee, who has managed Roosevelt's campaign in this State, did not make any final predictions as to tomorrow's outcome. The Roosevelt committee has been in the city since the night of the election.

Senator Root would be acceptable to both the Taft and Roosevelt forces. "I just received the acceptance of Senator Root tonight," said Colonel New when he made the announcement. "There is nothing more that I can say."

**FLOYD ALLEN'S BOY  
FACES DEATH CALL**

Wytheville, Va., May 20.—Claude Swanson Allen, youngest son of Floyd Allen, charged like his convicted father with having participated in a conspiracy of the Allen clan to annihilate the Hillsville court last March, was brought handcuffed to the Wytheville court today and placed on trial for the murder of Judge Thornton Mason.

At the close of the morning session five jurors had been empaneled. Judge B. W. Hulen testified at Floyd Allen's trial that he saw Claude fire one of the "shots" that pierced the side of the Judge Mason.

### GOT THREE JURORS IN HAWKINS CASE

Good Headway Made On First  
Day, in Spite of Delay Ex-  
perienced at Beginning

### "LAKE MYSTERY" TRIAL ATTRACTS GREAT CROWD

Out of Panel of 500 Veniremen  
Summoned Over 100 Were Exam-  
ined in Securing the Three  
Men in the Box—State Exercised  
Nine of Its 28 and Defense Ten  
of Its 161 Peremptory Challenges—  
Over a Hundred Witnesses  
Names Read Out in Court—Im-  
mense Attendance.

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Hendersonville, N. C., May 20.—  
Owing to delay on account of absence  
of witnesses, the State and defense  
could not announce readiness to take  
up the Hawkins murder mystery on  
the 20th.

But upon adjournment at 2 o'clock  
this evening three jurors, J. P. and  
Thomas Young and W. M. Maxwell  
had been secured.

Approximately 100 of the venire of  
500 had been exhausted, the State  
having exercised nine of twenty-eight  
peremptory challenges to which it is  
entitled, while the defense has exer-  
cised ten of its 161.

Among those who were stood aside  
for cause are several known there  
being few who had not formed the  
opinion that one or more of the seven  
defendants were guilty, or not guilty.

In calling over the list of witnesses  
the State named fifty-two, while the  
defense named sixty-five, some of the  
latter belonging to the State.

The attendance on court is the  
greatest in the history of Henderson  
county court, and in a week or two  
weeks of intense interest and prob-  
ably much excitement is ahead.

**Another Account.**

(By the Associated Press.)  
Asheville, May 20.—A crowd which  
taxed the capacity of the Henderson-  
ville court house gathered at that city  
today to hear the opinion of the case  
against the seven defendants charged  
with the death of Myrtle Hawkins,  
which on account of the absence of  
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### MECKLENBURGERS CELEBRATE 137TH

Number of Visitors to Char-  
lotte on First Day of Cele-  
bration 5,000 to 10,000

### BUT HOME FOLKS MADE CROWD SWELL TO 30,000

The Parade Was the Main Feature  
and it Was 20 City Blocks Long,  
Including Historical Floats  
Representing Original States—  
Tar Heel Aviator Makes Suc-  
cessful Flights—Manufacturers  
Exposition Balance of Week—  
Other Features and Incidents.

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Charlotte, May 20.—Perfect weather  
conditions and a number of visit-  
ors to the city estimated at from  
5,000 to 10,000 attended the  
first day of events—the Twentieth of  
May celebration, which will continue  
five days in commemoration of the  
137th anniversary of the signing of  
the Mecklenburg Declaration of In-  
dependence.

Visitors were on the streets early  
this morning to witness the parade  
with which the program of the week  
was begun. The Interurban Railway,  
which is operating its electric cars  
from Gastonia for the first time today,  
brought in a large quota of visitors,  
while the Southern and Seaboard  
poured in their accustomed numbers.  
County people flocked into the city in  
every style of conveyance, and swelled  
the throng until the facilities of  
accommodation were almost over-  
taxed.

**The Parade Starts.**

The parade starting at 11 o'clock,  
covered twenty city blocks, and  
was witnessed by thirty thousand people,  
it is estimated.

An historical float carrying thirty-  
seven of the city's finest young ladies,  
each bearing a pennant inscribed  
with the name of one of the original  
thirteen States composing the Union,  
was the most notable feature of the  
pageant.

**The Heel Aviator Flies.**

Aviator Thornwell Andrews made  
a spectacular aeroplane flight at 2:30  
this afternoon, rising to a height of  
five or six hundred feet in a stiff breeze  
and circling over the southern part  
of his native city. He remained in  
the air for fifteen minutes and the  
flight afforded great satisfaction to  
the hundreds of watchers who were  
attracted by this event alone.

In the afternoon what is believed to  
be a record-breaking attendance for  
the Carolina League was on hand for  
a game between the local Hornets and  
the Spartanburg team.

Tonight at 8:30 in the Academy of  
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### RALEIGH MOURNS HON. R. H. BATTLE

The Dean of Raleigh Bar  
Passed Away Sunday Night

### NO BETTER MAN EVER HONORED THE STATE

The Life of Mr. Battle Touched  
the City and State in Every Line  
of Usefulness and Helpfulness—  
He Was Public Spirited and  
Patriotic—He Gave Himself  
Freely to the Service of His  
Church, His State, His Party,  
and His People—No Good Cause  
Ever Lacked His Support—He  
Wore the White Flower of a  
Blameless Life.

All Raleigh was in mourning Mon-  
day morning when the news went  
over the city that Hon. Richard H.  
Battle, who had been ill for some  
time, had died at Rex Hospital at  
10:30 o'clock Sunday night. It  
seemed fitting that this good man,  
who had been the president of Rex



HON. RICHARD H. BATTLE,  
Distinguished Lawyer and Patriot  
Citizen Who Died On Sunday  
Night.

Hospital Association for so many  
years, should have died in the insti-  
tution for which he had done so much.  
He was taken there at his own re-  
quest ten days ago and had grown  
weaker day by day. He was cheerful  
to the last. Some weeks ago he suf-  
fered a slight stroke of paralysis in  
his hand and could not use it, but  
until a few days ago he was able to  
read and took deep interest in every-  
thing that concerned the city and  
kept in touch with his friends and  
whenever he conferred them.

Last week Bishop Robert Strange,  
of the East Carolina Diocese, who  
was a warm friend of Mr. Battle's,  
came to Raleigh and spent the day  
with him. It was a delightful day to  
Mr. Battle to hold converse with his  
beloved friend.

He grew weaker all the time until  
Saturday when his physicians tele-  
graphed to his children that his con-  
dition was critical, and they came at  
once and were with him when he  
passed away, quietly and peacefully,  
in the blessed hope of the resurrec-  
tion of the just.

Mr. Battle is survived by one  
brother, Dr. Kemp Plummer Battle,  
of Chapel Hill, and four children—  
Dr. Lewis J. Battle, of Washington,  
D. C.; Mrs. W. M. Pitt, of Charlotte;  
Mrs. Robert Miller, of Goldsboro;  
and Mr. Ed. S. Battle, of Raleigh. His  
wife died twenty years ago.

The funeral of Mr. Battle will be  
held from the Church of the Good  
Shepherd this afternoon at 5 o'clock  
and will be conducted by the rector,  
Dr. J. McK. Pittenger. The pall-  
bearers are:

**Some of the Positions Held.**

Some of the positions held by Mr.  
Battle were:

President of the Board of Trustees  
of the Orlin Hanes Library, Presi-  
dent Board Trustees, Raleigh Ceme-  
tery Company; President North Caro-  
lina Home Insurance Company;  
Treasurer University of North Caro-  
lina; President Board of Trustees of  
Rex Hospital, President Board of  
Trustees of Raleigh Associated Char-  
ities; Senior Warden Church of the  
Good Shepherd, being the first and  
only Senior Warden since its estab-  
lishment in 1872; member Standing  
Committee Diocese of North Caro-  
lina; Trustee of St. Mary's School;  
Trustee to National General Con-  
vention Episcopalians, Representative of  
Diocese of North Carolina for nine  
consecutive terms in Triennial Con-  
vention of the Episcopal Church in  
the United States; Trustee of St. An-  
ne's School; Director and Atter-  
ney of the Citizens' National Bank of  
the Raleigh Cotton Mills and the  
Newse River Cotton Mills.

**Vestry of Good Shepherd Church.**

At a joint session of the Vestry of  
the Church of the Good Shepherd and  
of the Brotherhood of the Good Shep-  
herd held last night at the Parson-  
age of the Church, resolutions were  
passed to the late Hon. Richard H. Battle.  
The resolutions are: (Continued on Page Five.)