

100th Birthday Of J. E. Luther Is Celebrated Friday

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It is a rare occasion when members of five generations get together for a picture on the 100th birthday of the great-great-grandfather. In this picture, left to right, are: Mrs. Ida Luther Welch, age 73, daughter of J. E. Luther at her side and who reached 100 years of age Friday; next is Mrs. Nettie Triplett, 48, daughter of Mrs. Welch; and the others are Mrs. Mabel We'lborn, 26, daughter of Mrs. Welch, and her son, Jack age eight.

Hackett Address Of Luther's 100th Birthday Is Given

Following is reproduced the brilliant speech delivered by J. G. Hackett, of this city, Friday at the home of J. E. Luther at Deep Gap on the occasion of Mr. Luther's 100th birthday anniversary:

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J. G. Hackett, of this city, who delivered a most interesting and inspiring address Friday on the occasion of J. E. Luther's 100th birthday at Deep Gap.

J. B. Williams Is Speaker at 100th Luther Birthday

By J. B. WILLIAMS
We meet today to celebrate the one hundredth birthday of one of North Carolina's famous sons. One hundred years ago today, on September 10, 1843, Jesse Elihu Luther was born in Randolph county, N. C. He is the son of William Luther and Mary Loflin Luther. Mr. Luther, with his parents, moved to Wilkesboro in Wilkes county when he was 12 years old.

Mr. Luther is a veteran of the Civil War, having served in the Confederate Army. He volunteered for enlistment and was inducted at Wilkesboro, N. C., on May 10, 1862, and was assigned to Colonel Barber's regiment, and was later in A. P. Hill's division. Lane's brigade, with General Stonewall Jackson commanding. He was in several engagements—the Battle of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, Chancellorsville, and in the Second Battle of Manassas. He was wounded three times, twice in skirmishes and once at Spottsyl- (Continued on page six)

AT 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY



J. E. Luther, center, is shown here with the two feature speakers at his 100th birthday celebration at his home at Deep Gap Friday. At left is J. B. Williams, prominent North Wilkesboro Insurance and Building and Loan executive; and on the right is J. G. Hackett, widely known North Wilkesboro citizen and former member of the State Highway commission.

whose honor this meeting is called today is so unusual that I deem it not out of place to reflect for a few moments on the creation of man.

"In the beginning was God. No other brightness filled the boundless realms of space, the crash of worlds, as they went whirling around each dazzling scene, had not begun. The music of the spheres was not yet being played. The throne of God stood alone in all this wide-spread universe, but in the mind of the Creator there was originated a change—with out-spreading wings He sat brooding-like on the vast abyss and made it pregnant. He cast the bright-orbed worlds out into space, and they moved on by the laws which none but a perfect hand could frame. He besprinkled the firmament with stars, and in their midst placed the sun—the blazing ruler of the day. Eternity for the moment ceased and time began. Out of the dust of the earth He formed man in His own image, and into him breathed the breath of eternal life. The evolutionists have tried in vain to prove that man's origin was different from this. There is an evolution, however, which has been going on since man's formation, and is going on today. It is the evolution of civilization, when man was formed, there was formed with him the germ of civilization. Of its first developments we know but little. They were all swept away by the deluge, and civilization became blotted out of existence. Not so, this was only the first seed time, after which a grander harvest would be reaped. Only the first chrysoth stage of civilization of the Egyptians and

Chaldeans. The colossal ruins of these ages will ever stand as a reminder of their grandeur. They passed away, and again was civilization seemingly destroyed, but it was just another metamorphosis. This period of darkness followed the brighter light that gave promise of retfulgent day.

"The Grecian and Roman civilization rose on the shores of the Mediterranean and bid fair to reach such a high state of perfection that could not be surpassed. Their sculptors touched the cold, unheven stone and it stood forth in like-life reality. Their orators poured forth a stream of unsurpassed eloquence, whose resistless tide swept everything before it like a torrent fed by a cloud burst. Their pictures appreciated all the beauties of nature and left upon the canvas ample evidence that they had but one rival, that one, the creator of the world, and all therein. Their poets sang a lullaby which has charmed all succeeding generations, with its rhythmic purity and sweetness. Their philosophers have harvested their fields of thought and scattered the sheaves to the utmost parts of the earth, and the dauntless spirit of their heroism in the burning sands of Carthage, have defile of Thermopylae and the furnished examples to succeeding generations. But there was much perfect civilization. The Greek lacking in the make-up of that was full of contempt for all mankind except himself. In the Roman was seen a lack of reverence and a lack of personal independence.—both lacked the spirit of Christian character, and the inventive genius which has been (Continued on page seven)

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