

CHISHOLM C. CRANFORD

As Seen by Writer in The Charlotte Observer.

In its column of the "Representative Men of North Carolina," the Charlotte Observer of last Monday morning carried the following just and interesting tribute to Mayor Chisholm C. Cranford, of Asheboro:

If Asheboro were a kingdom, (which it couldn't be, the people are too neighborly), and the clear-sighted king were to raise Chisholm Cranford from the nobility of honest endeavor and community usefulness to the peerage and grant him the privilege of a coat of arms, fitting blazonry would consist of a dray and dusty miller's cap on a field made of "Farmer's Friend" flour sack. Now, if you are ready, here comes the story of why Chisholm merits this attention.

Born at Hill's Store, Randolph county, February 2, 1875, C. C. Cranford was educated at Farmer High School and at the age of 20 years, a green farmer lad took a job in Asheboro with the Asheboro Roller Mills, driving a dray for 50 cents a day and paying \$8 a month for board—which was worth it. Having worked on this job for a year, he then, on the same night that William J. Bryan was first defeated for the Presidency of the United States stole Miss Mollie Davis, of High Point, and was married.

But during the days of draying he had learned the trade of miller when there was nothing for him to take out on his dray and after marriage worked for the mills as head miller for five years, and by that time had saved money enough to buy stock in the enterprise. Elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Company, he began reorganizing the business and rebuilt the plant the following year, adding largely to its efficiency and through his own industry increasing the output.

It was in 1901 that he became a stockholder, and in 1906 he sold the Asheboro Roller Mill and bought the Crown Milling Company, a large new mill that had been recently erected and was slow in getting on its feet. Conducting the new property successfully for five years, in 1911 he sold this and bought the Randolph Chair Company, which plant he has since rebuilt and greatly enlarged. He has just finished building, together with his brothers, the Piedmont Chair Works, a large and well-equipped chair factory owned by the Randolph Chair Company, of which he is secretary and treasurer.

From the 50 cents a day he has risen steadily but rapidly until at the present time he is vice president and stockholder of the Southern-Crown Milling Company, a director in the First National Bank of Asheboro, of the Acme Hosiery Mills and of the Southern Chair company, of High Point. Although most of his interests are those of the manufacturer, Mr. Cranford has large real estate holdings, owning some of the best property in Asheboro. A few years ago he built the three-story brick building in which the post office is located. Another building nearby occupied by the Farmer's Union Store, is also his property. His home is modern, comfortable and located in the heart of town. He has four children: Three boys and one girl.

Interested in all things concerning the community, Mr. Cranford has given no small amount of valuable time to the attention of municipal affairs. In 1903 he was elected town commissioner and has served as such three terms. Last year he was elected Mayor and still holds that office, discharging his duties in a business-like way and painstaking manner. However he still has a knotty problem before him in the dog tax, which is often levied and much less frequently collected by the municipality.

Chisholm drives an automobile now; but that's merely because he's usually in a hurry. If he had a load of flour or flour to go out and drivers were scarce, he would just as quickly play chauffeur to a mule and a dray.

Tabernacle Township S. S. Convention First Sunday in July

Through an error it was printed in last week's Bulletin that the Tabernacle township Sunday School convention would be held on the second Sunday in July, but instead the convention comes on the first Sunday, and a good program is now being arranged and will be printed in a later issue.

DECORATION DAY.

41 Veterans Gathered Here on Last Saturday.

41 Confederate veterans gathered here last Saturday in answer to the call of Col. A. C. McAlister, to observe Decoration Day. The first service was held at the monument in front of the Court House, from which the tottering line marched to the Armory of Company K, and a good dinner was served by the Randolph Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

From the armory the veterans marched to the cemetery and here a short memorial service was held and graves decorated. A salute of 16 shots was fired by a detachment from Company K.

The veterans are passing out at a rapid rate and each year the line grows thinner, and many faces are missed. Col. W. P. Wood, of Raleigh, was here for the celebration and took part in the exercises.

PRISON SHELTERS A NEGRO FROM MOB

Charged With Rape, is Rushed From Davidson to Guilford Jail.

Fearing that their prisoner would be lynched by an armed posse of angry citizens who were searching the surrounding country for him, officers of Davidson county last Thursday carried Henry Hoover, a negro youth, charged with attempting to criminally assault Belva Kanoy, a young white girl to Greensboro where he was confined in the Guilford county jail for safekeeping.

It is said that the crime with which the negro is charged was committed near Thomasville on last Tuesday afternoon and soon as it was learned that the attempt had been made a posse of armed citizens began the search for the guilty one.

At daybreak Wednesday morning the Hoover youth came to the home of his aged father who lives near Thomasville and the officers taking him in charge hurried him at once to jail, but when other facts were learned he was hurried to Greensboro in an automobile fearing that the enraged citizens would take his life. A pack of blood hounds from High Point helped in the search for the negro Tuesday night, but even with this assistance the outraged citizens were unable to locate the negro youth charged with the crime, who is said to be only 15 years old, while the girl is only 13.

Accompanied by a party of citizens from Thomasville the girl went to Greensboro on Friday, where she positively identified the negro under arrest as the would-be perpetrator of the crime.

The boy, it is stated strenuously denies having attempted to commit the fiendish crime. The youth told the officers at the jail that he remained in hiding Tuesday night and in an old barn near his home on one occasion five armed men were within a few feet of the place where he crouched, but they failed to see him. The five men, he said, were armed with shotguns.

Reports from Thomasville say that prior to the attempt to commit the crime, the girl, who was returning home from school, was followed for some distance by the negro. It is said that she was walking along a lonely stretch of road near a body of woodland when the negro rushed in on her and attempted the crime. Borne to the ground in the struggle, the girl screamed for help and her assailant ran. Her piercing cries for help were heard by a woman who sat on her front porch not far away. The woman it is said saw the negro fleeing from the spot just after the screams were heard. A minister is also reported to have seen the fleeing negro.

Hen Has Charge of 250 Chicks.

Mount Olive, May 9.—Two hundred and fifty chicks with one hen is the sight to be seen at the home of Mrs. J. L. Brock of Faison. The first hen to set this spring was placed with her young brood in a small enclosure; then all chicks subsequently hatched by other hens were placed in the same enclosure with the first brood, their mothers being shut up for a few days to wean them from their brood, the same hen being kept with the chicks all the time. It is said that the idea worked remarkably well.

A NEW COMPANY FOR HIGH POINT

The Political Pot Is Beginning to Boil in This Near-by City.

For the purpose of handling veneer in plain and figured mahogany, in sawed and sliced quartered oak, and in circassian walnut quartered gum as well as all other kinds of veneer and thin lumber, the Southern Veneer Company of Louisville, Ky., has decided to establish a branch plant here in order to get into more intimate touch with their customers. The determination to establish such a plant has come after mature deliberation by George F. Kretzmer and son, the largest owners of the Louisville plant, who visited High Point a few days ago for the purpose of going into the matter thoroughly.

High Point's political pot begins to boil. Dallas Zollicoffer, a young lawyer, offers for the house on the Aycock or Pielmont county ticket. Robert Brockett, a well known resident of the Furniture City announces his candidacy for the legislature. Then there is Delos Hammer, also a lawyer, running for the house. These are all Democrats. The Republicans of Guilford county have nominated W. P. Ragan for the House, J. Elwood Cox for county commissioner, and Dr. D. A. Stanton for coroner.

In addition to Messrs. Hammer, Zollicoffer and Brockett, who are High Point candidates for the lower house from Guilford county, comes Edward H. Farris, who it is predicted will make an exceptionally strong race. He is a young man, brother of J. J. Farris, editor of the Daily Enterprise; has a wide knowledge of law, is a graduate of the State University, and the University law school, and possesses a large experience, energy and enthusiasm. Altogether this gives eight candidates in Guilford for the legislature, the other four being W. C. England, N. L. Eure, W. J. Sherrod, and Squire Bowman.

To oversee the 40,000 square yards of paving, to cost approximately \$60,000 on North Main street, Gilbert White, consulting engineer of Charlotte, has been employed. In lieu of Dr. J. R. Reitzel, who was recently killed by the overturning of his automobile near Greensboro, the city council has appointed Vernon W. Idol, a prominent citizen and member of the Methodist Protestant church to make the accustomed number of twelve trustees of the city schools. Mr. Idol is a successful business man in whom the community has great confidence.

WILL BE IN PRIMARIES

Beasley Announces That He Will be in Race Against Page.

R. F. Beasley has announced that he will be in the race in the primaries in this district for the nomination for Congress against R. N. Page. Mr. Beasley already has his tickets printed and they are now being distributed throughout the district.

Mr. Beasley is on a speaking tour of the district this week.

Paper Spreading Out.

The Wilkes Patriot, edited by Hon. Charles H. Cowles, comes out in new and improved form, in celebration of its eighth birthday. It has installed a linotype, new press and electrical power and ranks with the best of papers in typographical appearance. The Patriot has always been an able expounder of the Republican doctrine, and its politics has been accompanied by fine news service.

YOUNG MAN MEETS INSTANT DEATH

J. J. Kennett, of Pleasant Garden, Killed Instantly at Ivanhoe.

At Ivanhoe early last Saturday J. J. Kennett, a brakeman on an Atlantic Coast Line freight train, was struck by the water spout of a tank, knocked 84 feet from the top of the car on which he was riding and instantly killed. The body was horribly mangled.

J. J. Kennett was well known in Randolph and throughout Guilford county. He was 24 years old and was the son of John C. Kennett, of Pleasant Garden, who is connected with the United States Revenue Department, with headquarters at Greensboro.

MR. BEASLEY SPEAKS

About 100 Heard Him Monday Night.

Rowland F. Beasley, of Monroe, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Seventh district addressed about 100 people in the court house Monday evening, in the interest of his candidacy. Mr. Beasley spoke in an earnest manner and made a very good impression here, this being his first visit.

He said that he resented the imputations of Mr. Page that he would not stand by the results of the primary and said this course was an ill grace from Mr. Page, whom he predicted would be the dearest politician in the State as soon as his methods were found out in all parts of the district as they had been in some parts.

Mr. Beasley referred to the article in Sunday's papers stating that Mr. Page had sent \$100 to the Postmaster at Laurinburg to be used in his behalf. He also said that Mr. Page had been so long in public office that he had lost the interest of his constituents and referred to the many wrongs Mr. Page had over his appointments of postmasters in his district. He said that the rank and file of the party—the best party workers—had been disregarded, insulted and trampled under foot. Altogether his speech was not of the "mean" kind, and he only discussed the political record of the present congressman.

He discussed the record of Mr. Page in Congress and Mr. Beasley take the stand that he has no record—excepting that he has been there for ten years, which he says Mr. Page maintains is reason enough for his re-election.

School Tax Election in Fentress Township.

A school bond election to determine the issuance of \$8,000 bonds in Fentress township, Guilford county, was ordered by the Commissioners for June 9th on petition of the required number of citizens in that township. This election will be held at the Pleasant Garden school building. O. F. Ross was appointed registrar, and C. F. Neelley and Wat Elliott were named poll holders. The registration books is to be open from Thursday, May 7th to Saturday, May 30th.

Facts About Mexican Territory.

It is interesting to note that the area of Mexico practically equals that of the United States east of the Mississippi river. The distance from Juraz on the northern border to the City of Mexico is twelve hundred miles and from the capitol to the southeastern boundary nine hundred more. Prior to the Texas secession and the loss of territory at the close of the war with the United States, when nearly 1,000,000 square miles were added to our territory, Mexico and the United States were approximately of equal area, but now Mexico is less than one-fourth the size of continental United States.

Guilford Creamery Doing Big Business from Start.

The Guilford County creamery, recently established under the auspices of the Guilford County Farmers' Union at Greensboro, is doing a splendid business and it is believed that the promises of promoters in the outset will be more than realized. J. A. Hornaday, who formerly conducted a creamery at Liberty, is in charge of the enterprise. Lloyd Combs of Illinois, an expert maker and tester is assisting in the work.

Farmers within a radius of 20 miles of Greensboro are now sending their milk to the creamery. The railroad company has made a special rate on cream shipments in order to assist the farmers and encourage the new method. A five gallon can may be shipped from any of the nearby points to the city for the sum of 12-1-2 cents.

"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch."

On Friday evening, May 22nd, the play, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" will be given by some of the students of the ninth grade, in the school auditorium. This play is adapted from the book of the same name and much fun is promised. The admission will be 10c children, 15c general admission and 25c reserved seats, the proceeds to go to the Asheboro park.

AGED WHITE MAN IS HELD FOR ABDUCTION

James Sizemore, 70 Years Old, Charged With Abducting 13-Year Old Ira King

James Sizemore, a white man, 70 years of age, of Siler City, is behind the bars of the Guilford county jail at Greensboro, charged with the abduction of Ira King, a 13-year-old white girl of Pomona. The girl is held in custody as a witness.

Saturday afternoon Deputy Sheriff Joe S. Phipps, knowing of the crime made a trip to Liberty, where he thought the couple to be. Upon arriving there he found his party and immediately placed them under arrest, carrying them back to Greensboro.

The elder of the two claims that he carried the girl to Liberty, and that upon arriving there she was to become the bride of his son. The girl claims that she never heard of the son and that nothing was said about marrying.

Sizemore will be given a preliminary hearing at Greensboro this week.

IREDELL COUNTY MAN KILLS LITTLE NEPHEW

Rosco Rash, Weak-Minded, Beat Child to Death With a Heavy Club.

One of the most horrible tragedies that was ever enacted in Iredell county occurred late last Thursday evening in the Jennings community, 20 miles north of Statesville, when Rosco Rash, an irresponsible white man, of about 30 years of age and who has been weak-minded since his birth, killed his little nephew, William Clay Brown, the 18-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brown. The child's head stick and other injuries inflicted, was beaten into a pulp with a club. Rash is now in jail at Statesville.

Thursday afternoon the family including Mrs. Brown and baby attended the funeral of a neighbor, returning home about five o'clock. When they drove into the yard the baby was lifted from the vehicle and given the liberty of the yard to play while his mother and the other members of the family went about their work. Rosco Rash was also in the yard at the time, but later it was noticed that both Rash and the baby had disappeared and a search for them immediately begun. After a time Rash returned to the house and when questioned about the baby he fled to the woods. Members of the family gave chase and as the chase progressed neighbors joined them. After running some distance Rash took refuge in the barn of L. C. Meyers. When captured he at first refused to talk about the baby but was finally frightened into doing so. He led the party to a branch a short distance away from his home and pointed to the body of the baby, which had been placed under the bank. When the little body was removed life was extinct. The skull was crushed, the face badly disfigured and there were injuries on its body. While the body was being examined Rash remarked to the crowd that if they would do nothing with him for killing the baby he would "work it out on the chain gang." He gave no reason for killing the child, but said that he was sorry he had hurt the feelings of his people and wouldn't have done it for five dollars.

New Source of Hair Adornment Is Discovered.

Goats' hair made into curls is the latest rage of manufacturers to supply milady's demand for fetching hair adornment. Demand for this commodity was chronicled by the Department of Agriculture last week.

BIG FRUIT CROP IS PREDICTED BY DEPARTMENT

Indication That State Will Be Blessed This Year by Full Crops of All Kinds

Reports coming in to the horticultural division of the State department of agriculture indicate that this State will be blessed this season with a good full crop of fruits of all kinds. While there are localities that sustain a considerable loss in peaches and other early fruits during the cold waves that characterized even late spring, the general condition of the peach crop is good with prospects for quite a full yield.

HONOR ROLL

For the Last Month of the Graded Schools.

The following is the honor roll of the Asheboro graded schools for the eighth and last month:

First Grade
Zella Johnson, Mary Cooper, Ona Hayes, Ruth Porter, Frances Barker, Virginia Barker, Worth Bowman, Graydon Johnson, James Kivett, Joe Parrish, Glenn Phillips, Luke Richardson, Hal Rich, John Redding, John Beck, Hal Johnson, Fred Newby, Ellis Scott, Elmer Scott, William Skeen, Wiley Croker.

Advanced First Grade
Dora Boggs, Pearl Foster, David Beaver, Troy Gaddis, Alfred Hamlet, Clay Rich, Fletcher Steed.

Advanced Second Grade
Leola Kivett, Lillian Turner, Epsie Beck, Ray Clarke, Elmer Hammer, Roy Hayes, James Yow.

Second Grade
William Armfield, Samuel Brittain, Winfred Berry, Wallace Moore, Grace Cooper, Effie Kinley, James Allred, Gilmer Christie, Willard Ferree, John Hadley, Dewier Rodgers, Lester Rich, John Turner, Linnie Burkhead, Ethel King, Annie Lee Spoon, Paralee Wilson, Harris Coffin.

Third Grade
Shelton Burkhead, Roy Boling, Wistar Cox, Billie Fox, William Hammond, William Johnson, Holt Moffitt, James Underwood, William Underwood, Albert Bean, Fred Cranford, Ethel Cox, Bessie Foust, Vetta Hendrix, Nan Lewis, Katie Smith, Ida Smith, May Presnell, Ethel Williams.

Lower Third Grade
Mattie Burkhead, Colon Way, Claire Presnell.

Fourth Grade
Gladys Allred, Mary Bulla, Ethel Bunting, Pearl Boling, Floyd Beaver, Clay Garvin, Janette Hendrix, Bessie Kennedy, Richard Lassiter, Mary Loflin, Harold Moore, Nita McCain, Anna Richardson, Marvin Rash, Rosa Belle Rich, Worth Way.

Fifth Grade
Mary Carter Auman, Ruth Hadley, Bertha Presnell, Frances Hall, Mamie Thomas, Kate Spoon, Wilma Russell, Leota Moffitt, Iola Lowdermilk, Mary Ellen Cox, Charles McCrary, Neely Hunter, Kate Bulla, Lena Wilson, Vera Turner, Julia Ross, Josephine Smith, Een Humble.

Sixth Grade
Stella Auman, Blanche King, May Belle Penn, Carrie Brittain, Lottie Newby, Harriette Betts, Lennie Bean, Ruth Cox, Mary Fox, Mary Mendenhall, Alta Rush, Nellie Fox, Bertie Way, Maude Lee Spoon, Iris Turner, Nettie Ward, Genevieve Wilson, Robert Jones, John Hunter, Frank Redding.

Seventh Grade
Tilmont Cox, Donna Lee Loflin, Jewel Lowdermilk, Mary McCain, Cleta Rich, Ben Bulla, Colon Hamlin, Jessie Robbins, John Wright.

Eighth Grade
Lucille Morris, Hallie Ross.

Ninth Grade
Ruth McPherson, Lena Williams-Banks Richardson.

Tenth Grade
Virtle Caviness, Mabel Parrish, Lula Pritchard, Rilla Spoon, Jessie Ward, Lelah Hayworth.

PRIMARY SATURDAY

For the Selection of Congressman From 7th

The Democratic primary for the Seventh Congressional district will be held Saturday, and things are beginning to warm up. Of course Robert N. Page is a candidate for re-election, but has strong opposition in the lower end of the district in the form of R. F. Beasley, editor of the Monroe Journal, and associate editor of the State Journal, and the indications are that the run will be fairly close. Friends of Page say he will carry Randolph overwhelmingly, while the other side—the friends of Mr. Beasley—and they are breaking out pretty thick—say the race will be about even.

The old machine force of the county is for Beasley, while the newer, or more progressive democrats are Page men, and this primary will tend to show the strength of the new organization. The machinery of the party is now practically out of the hands of the old "ring" machine crowd and if they try to capture it there is likely to be lively scrap.

We are glad to see these new men get hold of the machinery for generally they do stand for the platform and in every instance when a show down came they showed the courage of their convictions, which the other crowd has failed to do, as long as they have been in power in this county—unless their convictions were very much in their own interest.

WOOSLEY RE-ELECTED

Lexington School Closes Good Year.

Lexington, May 9.—The Lexington graded school closed with class exercises and the annual literary address last night. The school has had the largest enrollment of its history, 765 children, having entered and increase of about 60 over last year. O. V. Woosley, superintendent, has finished his second year here. All the teachers have been re-elected and nearly all of them will be here again next year.

A Town-Grown Snake.

A big snake of the coon-whatever you may choose to call it, was killed last Monday in Mr. J. B. Cobles yard, on Main street. The reptile was six feet long.—Monroe Enquirer.

NEW TRIAL FOR FRANK IS DENIED

Noted Case Will Again Go to the Supreme Court for Hearing.

Atlanta, Ga., May 6.—Judge Ben H. Hill of the Fulton County Superior court today denied the extraordinary motion for a new trial for Leo M. Frank, the young factory superintendent, under the sentence of death here for the murder of Mary Phagan, a factory girl. In denying the motion Judge Hill announced that he would sign a bill of exceptions, thus allowing the ruling to be appealed to the State Supreme Court.

Haiti Borrows \$62,000 and Avoids Trouble.

Port Au Prince, Haiti, May 6.—The National Bank tonight advanced to the Haitian Government \$62,000, the amount of indemnity claimed by Mr. Peters, a British subject, whose sawmill had been destroyed during the Leconte rebellion.

The payment had been demanded today in an ultimatum from the British diplomatic representative. The incident is regarded as closed.

Consternation had been caused in the Capital by the British ultimatum whose time limit expired at 6 o'clock this evening and which was supported by the presence of the British cruiser Suffolk.

The Home Man.

Don't send your dollars North or west on a vacation. When it goes it quits work for you. Save its energy. Keep it in the South. Fight shy of the mail order man.

Postmaster at Spero.

Frances E. Bulla was last week appointed postmaster at Spero, Randolph county.

Ninth grade—Banks Richardson, Ethel Brkhead, Kate Brittain, Nancy White. Tenth grade—Rilla Spoon, Mabel Spoon, Bessie Auman.