

CELEBRATED HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY.

Birth Day Dinner—Record Breaking Crowd in Attendance—Ideal Weather For Occasion—Speakers Present—Special Correspondence.

One of the largest crowds ever gathered together for a like occasion gathered together about eight miles east of Liberty, in Alamance county on April 5th 1910, the occasion being the celebration of the one-hundredth birthday of John M. Stout. The immense throng numbering more than six hundred people that gathered together to do homage to Alamance's oldest citizen, was a representative group of North Carolina citizenship, being quiet, and orderly, and carrying themselves with that gentlemanly grace that not only reflects honor on all present, but on the occasion as well. Long before nine o'clock people began to pour in from all sides, and when dinner was served about half past twelve, the crowd numbered at least six hundred people, near five hundred having registered.

The weather was ideal, being one of those balmy spring days when youth is at the highest pitch; old age in its prime; and all mankind unite in one grand and glorious song of praise to Him who giveth all. The tables were spread under the giant arms of a spreading oak, which rivalled the age of whom all had gathered to honor.

It is not within the power of mortal man to describe the appetizing spread that was put before the gathering. Suffice it to say that there was enough for all, and to spare, and a better table we have never looked upon. Mrs. Reece was the first speaker, and she made a strong and impressive speech of ten minutes duration after which she introduced T. F. McVeagh who appeared in behalf of the Pleasant Hill Temperance Society, of which Mr. Stout has been a prominent member since September 1883, having held every prominent office in the gift of the Society. Mr. McVeagh made a strong and impassioned plea for the Society and for the cause for which they are enlisted.

He said that the rumor was current that the Pleasant Hill Temperance Society had outlived the days of its usefulness and stated that such was not the case. "We now have a statutory prohibition law in North Carolina," he said, "but the liquor question is not settled for all time, and till it is settled definitely for all time to come, we have a work to accomplish and it is our duty to do it."

He held Mr. Stout as a fitting example for one who had lived a strictly temperate life, not only in regard to whiskey, but in all the walks of daily life. In all the years of his connection with the society he has never been known to commit an act that would discredit the society, or himself. Mr. McVeagh talked impressively for fifteen minutes after which he presented a gold headed cane to Mr. Stout as a token of the high esteem with which he is held by the society to which he has been so loyal. The cane was engraved with his name, by whom given, and date of his birth which was April 5th 1810.

George W. Hinshaw, who lived near here when a boy, but who is now a business man of Winston-Salem, was the next speaker, and he made a speech appropriate to the occasion. He talked interestingly for ten minutes and then presented Mr. Stout with a handsome rocker, saying that he had a case to walk with while he was a young man, but that when he got to be an old man he had furnished the means whereby he could rest in comfort. He said that while he had been away that everybody had grown out of his knowledge, that the middle age had grown old, and the boys and girls were now men and women.

He said that Mr. Stout had seen great changes within his century of time and that the boys and girls now present would live to witness even greater changes. One hundred years ago he said the horse and wagon was the only means of conveyance, whereas we now have trains running throughout the United States, then mail was carried by the mile, now we have unlimited mailing facilities.

Rev. Miles Reece was the next speaker and after making a short, but interesting talk, he offered prayer, after which dinner was served. A table was set especially for the old people, there being three in

COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS.

Several Names on Honor Roll in Farmer High School.

The seventh month of the three public high schools in the county has just closed. With the exception of sickness among the teachers and a few pupils who have stopped from school in order to work, the month just passed has been the most satisfactory of the year. Nothing particularly brilliant has been accomplished, but there has been a determined effort to do fundamental work, and, after all, this is the work that means most.

Farmer High School.

In the Farmer School there was necessity for more distinction than can be secured from the honor roll and therefore a high honor roll has been instituted. The following names appear on the high honor roll of the Farmer School report:—Kate Dorsett, Hoye Mubberd, Mabel Stuart and Lula Spencer.

The regular honor roll shows the following names:

High School Department—Rosa Barnes, Walter Kenas, Alma Lassiter, George Dorsett, Adrain Birkhead, Conrad Horney and Chester Balla.

Grammar Grades—Edgar Kearns, Claude Birkhead, Dorothy Hubbard, Robert Hammond, Myrtle Barnes, Annie Cranford, Luna Kearns, Juanita Kearns, Claude Dorsett.

Primary Department—Ethel Kearns, Edith Spencer, Lucile Kearns, Lewis Kearns, John Plummer, Ramond Kearns, Alton Kearns, Othel Kearns, Sid Kearns, Carl Hammond, Neal Kearns and Madge Kearns.

Liberty School.

The Liberty High School will close Tuesday, May 3rd. Dr. E. K. Graham of the State University, will deliver the commencement address. This school will run an even eight months. Supt. Sharpe reports an honor roll as follows:

First Grade—Mary Amick, George Ellis, Chas. Frazier, Dore Overman, Laura Etta Smith, Myrtle York, Gertrude Cole, Virginia Cole, Hilary Routh, Margaret Smith.

Second Grade—Lou Bray, Willie Ellis, John Wesley Frazier, Worth Frazier, Ada Lowe, Bessie Rusb, Juanita Reece, Ida Lawson, Elvin Frazier.

Third Grade—Virtura Stuart, Lydia Pickett, Vallie Jones.

Fourth Grade—Clarence Frazier, Brower York.

Fifth Grade—Fleming Patterson, Peace Staley.

Sixth Grade—Bonnie Hatch, Eugenia Rush, Garnet Michaux.

Eighth Grade—Mabel Pickett, Violet Tesque, Ora Brower.

Trinity High School.

Elsewhere in the columns of this paper attention is called to the commencement exercises of Trinity High School. Next Tuesday, April 19th will be the commencement proper. Hon. J. C. Pritchard will deliver the address. No school anywhere is more fortunate in the selection of a speaker for this last month.

First Grade—Clemens Croker, Wade Leach, Claudie Ingram, Pell Payne, Jessie Bingham, Hazel York, Eddie Lowe.

Second Grade—John Bryant, Hazel Johnson, Herbert Johnson, Minnie Leach, Clyde Hill.

Third Grade—Homer Hall, Clarence Johnson, Mary Lohr, Charles Moore.

Fourth Grade—Virginia Johnson, Rosa Lowe, Bessie Wall.

Fifth Grade—Sadie Reddick, Loris Collett.

Sixth Grade—William Norment.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS' RE-UNION MAY 10th.

Meeting in Asheboro—Prominent Speaker to Be Present.

The Randolph Chapter of Daughters of the Confederacy will have the Reunion of Confederate veterans on May 10th when the Camp meets. A complete program will be published next week. Dinner will be served to all, veterans their wives, and daughters. Crosses of honor will be presented to veterans who have applied to Miss Lillian Bunch. It is the earnest wish of the members of the Randolph Chapter of Daughters of the Confederacy that the wives and daughters of the veterans come and join in this memorial celebration and help to make it the best in the history of the organization, and that they become members of the Chapter. All women over eighteen years of age are entitled to membership, who are widows, wives, mothers, sisters, nieces and lineal descendants of such men as served honorably in the Confederate army, navy or civil service, or of those persons who loyally gave material aid to the cause.

Program Trinity High School Commencement, April 17-19, 1910.

Sunday, April 17, 11 a. m.—Sermon before the High School by Rev. L. E. Seacer, of the Western North Carolina conference.

Monday, April 18, 8 p. m.—"Stun," a dramatic performance presented by the members of the Lvcargan Literary Society of Trinity High School.

Tuesday, April 19.—Address on "Good Citizenship," by Hon. J. C. Pritchard, United Circuit Judge for the fourth circuit.

Tuesday, 8 p. m.—Cantata, "The Moon Queen," presented by the members of the Public and High School.

A literary and dramatic presentation of Tenyson's "Gareth and Lynette," by members of the High School.

Music, social gathering at night. The public is cordially invited.

NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. A. W. McAlister, of Greensboro, has recovered from an operation for appendicitis.

Tom Tyson was seriously shot on Sunday night April 3, at Carthage by John Gilchrist.

The Laurinburg Exchange has been enlarged to an eight page six-column paper, full of good reading matter.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Robbins, formerly of Randolph county but recently living at Albemarle, have moved to Clenton Okla., where Mr. Robbins expects to enter the mercantile business.

Mrs. Hetty Crowell recently died in Stanly county aged 78 years. Another death in Stanly with in the last week was Mrs. Lena M. Smith, wife of John T. Smith, who died suddenly at Albemarle.

Sam Gorrell and DeWitt Johnson were buried alive by a cave-in in a sewer ditch on last Thursday in Greensboro. The ditch in which they were working was ten or twelve feet deep. Another negro working with them had a narrow escape.

Mrs. I. F. Caviness now living in Greensboro, but formerly of Randolph county was operated on for cancer successfully in Raleigh last week. She is reported to be doing well.

The Easter edition of the Scottish Chief, edited by Mr. W. B. Harker, was an excellent issue, containing many matters of local and general interest. There was a long and well written article by Miss Julia Thorns of Asheboro, entitled "The Isthmus of Panama." This article was illustrated by eight or ten illustrations prepared by Miss Thorns. The article was written from personal knowledge; in fact, gathered by Miss Thorns on her recent trip to Panama. The article has been read by a number of our citizens who complimented it on being not only well written but deserving literary merit.

W. M. Dupree, a penitentiary guard, who was tried last week in Wake county for causing the death of convict George Murphy, of Rowan county, when, as a guard in the penitentiary, he attempted to carry out an order to put Murphy in the dark cell for drunkenness, was acquitted by the jury.

PRIZES TO CLUB RAISERS

We are especially anxious to see April the biggest month of the contest. There will be only one month after April and you now have only forty-five days in which to work for the piano or one of the other grand prizes. The leaders have a good start which can only be overcome by hard work. Valuable prizes will be given all who get up clubs of from six to seventy subscriptions. We have published these lists several times and will be glad to mail a list of these special prizes to any one asking for it.

LIST OF CONTESTANTS.

Table listing names and amounts for prizes, including Mrs. A. B. Collins, Miss Mary White, Miss Lizzie Cameron, etc.

BIG TENT MEETING.

To Begin June 12th—Prof. Fisher who will With Sam Jones Will Aid in the Meeting.

On June 12th I will begin a two weeks meeting in Asheboro in which I will be assisted by Prof. Fisher who sang for the late Rev. Sam Jones for years. Prof. Fisher will charm all Asheboro with his superior and rich solos.

I have learned to love Asheboro and her people, even in my limited knowledge of them, and with their co-operation which any sane minister of the gospel could expect, I look forward to the series of services with large anticipation. God said to Joshua "Be strong and of good courage; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Well can God's people take this to themselves when churches unite in the great and eternal work of the Gospel.—The Salvation of Souls.

I desire the hearty co-operation of all christian people in this meeting and so far as it is in my power, I will make it a united effort on the part of all God's people to bring about a moral and spiritual change of life and to strengthen the church life and the hands of every pastor in Asheboro.

I want to plead with every christian to earnestly pray for this meeting and to give to it his or her best sympathy and service. It will not be a meeting in the interest of any one church, but one equally for all the churches. I will be the most greatly disappointed of all if the meeting fails to add materially to every church in Asheboro.

I know I can count on all good people to enlist in this effort. I promise them that they shall ever find me, first, a preacher of the gospel and seeker after souls, then, a friend to every church and preacher. Having been a pastor of churches for ten years, I feel capable of being useful to the church life of any community.

I want to ask all pastors, choirs, and all church organizations to give to the meeting, for the sake of the gospel and men and women, their unreserved co-operation. I appeal to all alike, both saint and sinner, to become a part of the occasion. I desire everyone, all alike to feel that the meeting is his. To one and all I say: "Come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

The tent will comfortably seat 1200 or more—and will be conveniently arranged. There will be a rectorium seating 100 for the choir, but we will have a fine congregational singing.

Remember, if you do not become a part of the meeting it will be your fault, it is to be YOUR MEETING. May God Lead Us.

I am, yours for the greatest revival in Asheboro ever had, G. E. EAVES.

Subscriptions Paid.

Mr. Lawrence, Laura, Vesta, E. T. Curtis, J. H. Alfred, J. C. Hill, D. J. Alfred, Mrs. Hattie Johnson, Joseph T. Hill, M. T. Frazier, Ambrose Curdson, Willie Leach, E. G. South, L. E. Brady, Jasper Foss, F. M. Brewer, Mrs. Ina Newsome, W. F. Triggan, John E. ...

COUNTY CONVENTION CALLED.

For State Officers July 2nd, For County Officers August 6th.

Pursuant to a call by County Chairman Miller of the Democratic Party a committee on last Saturday, called for the primaries and county convention for electing delegates, etc., to state and district conventions, will be held in accordance with the order of the State executive committee, the primaries on Saturday, June 25th, at 2 o'clock p. m. and the county convention at Asheboro on Saturday, July 2nd, at 11 o'clock a. m.

The primaries and county convention to nominate county officers and members of the general assembly were called for later dates. The primaries for this purpose, county officers and general assembly, are called to meet at the various voting precincts on Saturday, July 30th, at 2 o'clock p. m., and the county convention to nominate candidates for county officers and general assembly is called to meet in Asheboro on Saturday, August 6th, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Remember the dates and let all Democrats attend the primaries.

High Point Selected for Next Convention

The twenty-seventh annual convention of the North Carolina Sunday School convention was held in Wilson, N. C., last week. The next meeting place will be High Point.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year: President, R. M. Andrews, Henderson; vice presidents, S. M. Rankin, Greensboro, J. M. Mitchell, Goldsboro; R. T. Pickens, High Point; general secretary, J. Vancarter, Raleigh; office secretary, Miss Mand Reid, Raleigh; treasurer, E. B. Crow, Raleigh; executive committee, Elijah Moffit, Asheboro, G. F. Stradley, Asheville, W. B. Cooper, Wilmington, D. T. Perkins, Wilson, Hugh Parks, Jr., Franklinville, G. W. Goodson, Kinston, J. E. Pegram, Durham.

Department superintendents: Elementary, Mrs. E. R. Michaux, Greensboro; home, Mrs. C. Melver, Greensboro; teacher training, Dr. J. C. Caldwell, president Atlantic Christian College; organized adult class, T. B. Eldridge, Raleigh; visitation, Miss Dora Redding, Randleman, superintendent mission department, Lewis Collins, Asheville; statistician, Rev. L. F. Johnson, Raleigh.

Another Practical Home Course.

The Courier will give subscribers the benefit of a home course on poultry keeping, consisting of nine articles of two columns each. The thorough and practical nature of this seasonable course may be judged from the topics of the nine column articles into which it is divided, as follows:

- 1. What branch of the poultry business.
2. What breed of chickens to keep.
3. Poultry houses and furniture.
4. The modern plan of incubation.
5. The rearing of chickens.
6. The disease of chickens.
7. Egg production.
8. Marketing Poultry Products.
9. A season's review of the work.

Notice To Teachers.

I beg to call attention of teachers to the fact that North Carolina Education will be published regularly until June, and that if you want your address changed, you should give notice to that effect. Otherwise the paper will go to the old address. Any teachers who have not yet paid their subscription should do so at once, as it will be necessary for me to make complete settlement with the publishers at an early date. The regular subscription price to Randolph teachers is 50 cents a year.

Another matter of importance is the North Carolina Maps that were ordered some months ago. At last the full supply of over 130 maps has been received. I now have the maps in my office and any one who desires, may secure a map for the nominal price of 25 cents. People who have seen these maps, pronounce them as being good maps, and well worth the price.

No one is obligated to take a map, but any one may secure one, if it is desired. Very truly yours, E. J. COLTRANE, Co. Supt. of Schools.

Randolph, Guilford and Cleveland lead all other counties in the number of boys in the boys' corn contest. Let more join in Randolph and keep the good old county at the head of the list.

BIG WATERWAY ASSURED.

Senator's Great Victory.

Measure Appropriates \$500,000 For Free Canal From Chesapeake Bay To North Carolina Sounds.

The people of North Carolina are beginning to learn that Senator Simmons is a man who goes after things and gets them.

He recently secured the adoption by the Senate committee on commerce of an amendment to the rivers and harbor bill, authorizing the Secretary of war to purchase for the United States and to widen and deepen to twelve feet the Albemarle and Chesapeake, or the Dismal Swamp Canal, leading from the Albemarle Sound to Norfolk. It is believed that the Albemarle and Chesapeake property will be bought by the government at \$500,000.

The Simmons amendment means the appropriation of \$500,000 for a free canal connecting the sounds of North Carolina with the Chesapeake Bay.

The estimated cost of deepening and widening the canal is \$1,500,000. The tolls paid last year to these private canals was more than \$105,000, and not one third of the commerce passed through them that will pass through a free canal.

The purchase of this canal virtually means the completion of the inland waterway from Norfolk to Beaufort. Improved and added to the Beaufort inlet and Pamlico sound project, for which Senator Simmons secured \$550,000 in 1907, this waterway will give a free outlet to the ocean, both at Beaufort and Norfolk, to North Carolina's splendid sound system of navigable waters nearly 3,000 miles in length.

Measure Means Much.

The Simmons' amendment will do more. It will make it necessary to increase, in the near future, the depth of the new canal from Pamlico sound to Beaufort inlet from ten to twelve feet, so as to conform it to the depth of the canal which the government now proposes to purchase.

This has been the ambition of Representative Small's life. He has labored night and day to improve the inland waterways of his State. He helped Senator Simmons in his great achievement by appearing before the commerce committee and in his masterful way presenting the case as he saw it. Senator Martin of Virginia worked shoulder to shoulder with the North Carolinians for this measure.

To date Senator Simmons has added to the rivers and harbors bill \$1,370,000 which added to the House sum of \$390,000 makes the present bill carry \$1,760,000 for North Carolina rivers and harbors. This is an excellent showing.

Fought a Great Fight.

It is not necessary to say that Senator Simmons had to labor persistently and wisely to get such great results. This work has practically taken his entire time and attention for six weeks. He occupied the floor for nearly an hour today fighting like a Trojan but his labors have borne fruit. The eastern portion of the State should give him an ovation on his return home. This afternoon when the battle was over he said: "That was the most strenuous contest I ever had."

Wade Coble is Guilty—Twelve Years in the Pen.

After a two days' trial in Greensboro in the case of Wade Coble and his father and mother, Jacob Coble and Etta Coble, the Solicitor did not ask for a verdict against Etta Coble. The jury acquitted Jacob Coble and convicted Wade Coble, who was sentenced to twelve years in the penitentiary. The details of this murder of John Staley a month ago have been published.

King Guilty.

By agreement a special verdict was rendered in Guilford court last week, Judge W. J. Adams finding John L. King guilty of selling slog to the board of road commissioners while he was a member of the board. There is a statute providing that no public official can buy of himself. It is a good law and should more generally be enforced.

Virginia Won Both Games.

On last Friday the University of North Carolina played the University of Virginia at Greensboro and Saturday at Charlotte for the season's championship in baseball. The Virginians won both games.