

### COUNTY GOOD ROADS MEETING.

**Enthusiastic Meeting Held in Asheboro December 13—Officers and Committees Elected, and a Permanent Organization Effected.**

A county good roads meeting was held in the court room at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, for the purpose of organizing a County Good Roads Association. Owing to the fact that the meeting was poorly advertised, and the sharpness of the weather, the county was not very well represented. However, those there went sharply to work and after a few talks on the subject of good roads a permanent organization was effected.

The speakers of the occasion were Mr. Leonard Tufts, of Pinehurst, and Mr. W. L. Spoon, of the State Department of Good Roads. Mr. Tufts was first called upon to tell the meeting of the work in Moore county, with which he has been intimately connected. In response to the invitation Mr. Tufts gave a business-like talk on roads.

He said in substance that good roads could be built comparatively cheap in Randolph, and that it was not so hard to find means. Moore county, said Mr. Tufts, is at work building good roads now, while four years ago a bond issue was defeated. The first work in Moore was done by private subscription, and served to show the surrounding territory the value of good roads. Quite a few townships have now voted bonds, and a bond issue is advocated for the county.

Mr. Tufts advocates a sand clay or sand-gravel road, thinking this better for country traffic than Macadam on account of its comparative cheapness in building and repairs, as well as for its springiness which makes it easier on horses. We get the clay, says Mr. Tufts, and can have the sand from Moore, the A. & A. agreeing to haul it at cost, and this cost will not exceed twenty cents per yard. This offer applies to the highway between here and Biscoe. Mr. Tufts thinks that the cost of good sand-clay roads in the county need not exceed \$500 or \$600 per mile.

Mr. Spoon next addressed the meeting. Like Mr. Tufts he also thinks that sand-clay, or gravel-clay, some natural road—better than Macadam. He said that Randolph had a varied soil, and that some of the roads were good. These were of the right material—clay-gravel—and that there was enough of this material in our own county to make our own roads. This was to be done by finding out what each section needed to make its roads good and in giving the needed material to it.

Mr. Spoon spoke convincingly of the need of good roads. He made the point of the cost of bad ones, and of the fairness of the proposition to build good ones. He drew this pointed conclusion, no money goes out of this county building sand-clay roads, the county people are paid for making the roads, and the roads are a good investment. Isn't this, asks Mr. Spoon; a one-sided proposition, all to gain, nothing to lose?

He stated that the state stood ready in every way possible, and that the county should organize, get busy, study the situation carefully and act openly. Only in a spirit of fairness, he insisted, and with clear heads, can this work be done.

Mr. H. B. Varner, editor of the Davidson Dispatch, was called upon and told of the work in Davidson, which succeeded to the work in Randolph, and offered free subscription to his magazine, "Southern Good Roads," to all who became members of the state and county associations.

D. B. McCrary was then called upon to act as chairman of the meeting and to bring up the questions of membership and executive committee. It was decided to receive members, to elect officers and to get to work immediately. The following enrolled as members.

S. T. Lassiter, J. O. Redding, E. H. Morris, W. P. Wood, O. E. Cox, D. B. McCrary, S. A. Henley, H. H. Kennedy, W. J. League, J. E. McCuan, Col. A. C. McAlister, A. Ross, N. M. Lowe, Levi Lowe, H. C. Moffitt, A. J. Macon, W. C. Hammer, F. A. Henley, P. H. Morris, and H. M. Worth.

cers and members of the executive committee:

President—J. E. Williamson  
1st Vice President—Wiley Ward  
2d Vice President—E. H. Morris  
Sec. and Treas.—S. W. Laughlin  
Executive Committee—D. B. McCrary, C. L. Holton, Wiley Ward, W. J. Miller, W. F. Redding, W. J. Scarborough, H. M. Worth, P. H. Morris.

Two other vice-presidents to be selected from each township. The report of the nominating committee was accepted. The other vice-presidents are to be selected by the next meeting, which will be held here the first Monday in January, 1911.

### Jim Staley to Atlanta.

Jim Staley, a son of Joseph Staley, of Liberty township, Randolph county was convicted in the Federal court at Raleigh at the recent term, for being a member of an ambush party of blockaders in Moore county, that waylaid revenue raiders, several years ago in Moore county and dangerously wounded Deputy United States Marshal, H. C. Reese, who lives at Siler City and is a United States Commissioner at the present time, his injuries having incapacitated him from field service for the government.

Staley was not arrested for the first time until this fall when he was arrested near Jackson Hill where he was living under the assumed name of Will Welborn.

Staley had until about this trouble arose borne a good reputation.

### Ordination of Rev. McIlwaine.

The ordination of Rev. Wm. B. McIlwaine, Jr. and his installation as pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, will take place this (Thursday) evening at 7 p. m. The Commission of the Orange Presbytery chosen for the work are Rev. Melter Clark, of Greensboro, to preside and to deliver the charge to the pastor, Rev. W. T. Thompson, Jr., of Lexington, to charge the people, Rev. Neal L. Anderson, D. D. of Winston-Salem, to preach the sermon. Dr. Jos. Bird, of Thomasville, is the ruling elder.

Those who know these gentlemen personally or by reputation, recognize a strong commission, and doubtless the service will be most interesting, instructive, and profitable. The public is cordially invited to be present.

### MISS MOFFITT ENTERTAINS

**A Linen Shower Given in Honor of Miss Annie Blair Whose Wedding is Set For Next Week.**

Miss Clara Moffitt entertained a large number of friends at her home on Sunset Ave., last Saturday afternoon in honor of her friend Miss Annie Blair. The occasion was a linen shower.

The guests were met in the reception hall by Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, and conducted upstairs, where they were received by Mrs. H. E. Moffitt, Mesdames John T. and Elijah Moffitt received in the parlor, and Mesdames W. A. Underwood and E. H. Morris in the sitting room.

After the arrival of the guests, Miss Gertrude Wilson read an original article on "Love", which was followed by an humorous essay, by Miss Agnes Moring on "Man". The guests were then invited into the dining room, where Miss Blair, guest of honor, stood at one end of the room surrounded by her friends. Meanwhile a small wagon draped in white tissue-paper was pulled in by Master Holt Moffitt and Edwin Morris, dressed in white suits.

Little Miss Katherine Moffitt, dressed in white and wearing wings, sat in the wagon and held the lines, which were of green ribbon conforming to the green and white color scheme of the evening. In the wagon were all kinds of linen articles wrapped in white paper and tied in green ribbon. The bride-elect untied the parcels and passed the different articles around the room, in order that all might share her pleasure.

The dining room was artistically decorated in green and white. On the table were white chrysanthemums, and fern. Cupids were suspended from the chandeliers, and while wedding slippers held the mints. Green and white cream was served, with delicious cake. The whole entertainment was artistically conceived, charmingly carried out, and sustains the admirable reputation of Miss Moffitt as a hostess.

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### MOST REMARABLE OFFER

To All Paid in Advance Subscribers

### NATIONAL MONTHLY

A Large, High Class Magazine, same size pages as Collier's and Saturday Evening Post, beautifully illustrated and with handsome colored cover, will be mailed free each month to every paid in advance subscriber to The Asheboro Courier.

We now take pleasure in stating that through special clubbing arrangement with Mr. Norman E. Mack, Chairman of The Democratic National Committee and publisher of The National Monthly, we are going to mail a copy of this fine magazine to every paid in advance subscriber of The Asheboro Courier.

This is the most extraordinary and by far the most liberal offer ever made by a newspaper in the United States, as we are actually giving you the two publications for the regular price of The Asheboro Courier only and not asking you to pay one cent either for the National Monthly magazine or the postage on same.

As you probably know the National Monthly is one of the highest class magazines published in the United States, beautifully illustrated and printed on fine paper and with handsome multi-colored covers.

It is without question the most talked of magazine in the country today. Every month the leading newspapers throughout the country devote columns of space in reviewing the articles which appear in its columns.

It is the first real monthly magazine that ever took up the cause of the Democratic party. It contains every month leading political articles written by the greatest Democrats in the United States.

In addition to these political articles every issue contains a mass of general magazines and finely illustrated stories by the greatest living magazine authors which makes it the equal of any ten or fifteen cent magazine, and a welcome visitor each month to every member of the family. The regular subscription price of National Monthly is one dollar per annum, so you can see what a great offer we are making you.

Remember—every paid in advance subscriber will receive a copy of National Monthly mailed, postage paid, to them every month.

If you are not already a paid in advance subscriber of The Asheboro Courier you should become one at once.

Take advantage of this remarkable opportunity now, before it is too late. Address all subscriptions to The Asheboro Courier.

### Notice to Pensioners

The pensions for Randolph veterans have been received by Clerk of Court. These are being mailed to last year's addresses today. In case pensions are not received, notify the Clerk of change of address. In case of the death of a pensioner since Sept. 1 of this year, the pension can be collected by the heirs, but arrangements must be made through the Clerk. In case the pensioner died before Sept. 1, the pension cannot be collected, and should be returned to the authorities.

### Old Railroad Made Highway.

The old road bed of the A. & A. between Troy and Biscoe is declared by the County commissioners of Montgomery a public highway. The A. & A. has agreed to donate the trestle and bridge work to the county on this condition.

This road, connecting at Biscoe with the Pinehurst and Winston-Salem Highway, puts Troy in easy reach of both the inter-state highways. The road, though only 8 miles in length, means much to Montgomery.

### A Card of Thanks.

Mrs. J. O. Arnold and Tom Arnold wishes to express their thanks to the good people of Worthville, and Farmers for their kindness to them during the sickness and death of husband and father. May the good Lord bless each one.

Mrs. J. O. Arnold,  
Tom Arnold.

The Siler City Grit is authority for the statement that 3,450 rabbits and 850 partridges were shipped from that town week before last.

### NEWS BRIEFS.

The banking resources of North Carolina, as brought out by banking reports, are \$113,794,889.

New York City has 64,000 marriages already this year. What a time for New Year's resolutions.

At The Hague, May 30, 1911, will be held an international conference for the purpose of suppressing the opium traffic.

W. F. Johnson, father of Register of Deeds, John W. Johnson, of Chatham county, died last week.

As the result of a quarrel over the opening of a window, Mrs. Hubert Mason Clapp, of Philadelphia, is said to have shot her husband, December 12.

The case against Napier and Quaster, the showmen charged with slave traffic, has resulted in the defendants' acquittal. The case, Judge Boyd ruled, is for the lower courts.

The coal carrying railroads which were indicted at the instance of E. R. in 1907, have been declared not guilty of conspiracy with intent to restrain commerce and to monopolize the trade.

The hotel, pavilion, bathhouses, and a dwelling at Carolina Beach were destroyed by fire of supposed incendiary origin December 8th. Estimated loss was \$15,000, with a total insurance of \$4,000.

During the 12 months ending December 1st, 163 marriage licenses were issued in Chatham county as against 204 marriage licenses for the preceding year.

Mr. H. G. Dorsett who was defeated for re-election as Register of Deeds in Chatham county will take a law course at Chapel Hill and will afterwards locate at Spencer.

The retail stores in Asheboro have put on their holiday regalia, and the windows depict the coming of Kris Kringle. There are plenty of things on every hand for Christmas stockings and for Christmas cheer.

Chairman Morehead has been to Washington and has asked for the withdrawal of Briggs as postmaster at Raleigh. His followers seem to think that he got what he asked for.

The fortune left by the late, Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, head and founder of the Christian Scientists, is estimated at one and a half million and is left to the church which she established.

Mr. Leon T. Lane, the only son of the late Col. John R. Lane of the Brush Creek section, was, at the recent election, elected along with the others on the Democratic ticket, Sheriff of Chatham county. Mr. Lane's friends in Randolph as well as in Chatham, predict for him a useful career as a popular public official.

Two items of interest brought out by the new law requiring publicity of campaign fund expenditures are those of \$1,000 paid to State Chairman Morehead for campaign expenses, and \$20 paid to ex-congressman George H. Whit—last the negro congressman from North Carolina—for God alone knows what.

Associate Justice White, of the U. S. Supreme Court, has been made Chief Justice. No one is surprised or disappointed except a few partisans, who wanted a Republican. The same disappointed persons have the appointment of Judge Lamar, a Georgia Democrat, as Associate Justice to think over.

In the recent election just past the Republican Congressional Committee had nearly three times the money the Democratic committee. The largest individual contribution to the Republican fund was \$5,000, the largest to the Democratic fund \$1,000.

The United States now has a population of 101,100,000, including the Philippines, and all possessions. In the U. S., exclusive even of Alaska, there are 91,973,266. This is a 21 per cent increase. North Carolina is sixteenth, and has passed Tennessee.

One of the problems which the census has brought forth is the question of the basis of representation. If the present basis is kept there is a question as to whether Congress will not be unwieldy. If it is kept North Carolina will get another Congress man. Even if it is not kept the increase in some districts with the decrease in others will necessitate a re-districting of North Carolina.

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF PRESIDENT.

**Taft's Recommendations to Congress Take the Form of Restriction, Fortification, and Subsidies.**

The principal recommendations of the President in his message to Congress were:

The parcels post on rural routes; Restriction of franking privilege, of leasing of coal lands, of pension legislation, of immigration, local river and harbor legislation; Fortification of the Panama canal at cost of \$19,000,000, and the subordination of the mail and merchant marine.

The only recommendation for an increase in salary was that of the federal judges.

### Live Stock and Corn Growing.

A one week special course is to be given by the Agricultural and Mechanical College from January 4 to January 10, 1911. This course is for those interested in live stock and corn growing. It will consist of lectures and judging work.

The aim of the college is to create and foster an interest in live stock, and it is hoped that those interested will attend. Regular classes will be held, and those attending will be expected to do their work as other students.

For further particulars, write Prof. O. L. Newman, West Raleigh, N. C.

### Birthday Dinner.

At the residence of Mr. O. E. Macon, in Coleridge township, on the 22nd of November 1910, there was quite a gathering of relatives and friends and neighbors to fittingly celebrate the 80th anniversary of the birth of our beloved friend, Aunt Leah Macon. I fear that I shall fail to do justice to the occasion in my attempt to give a brief account of what occurred to add to the pleasure of the occasion. First, I would say, by actual count, there were one hundred and twenty persons present.

At the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m. they began coming from all directions, to the great surprise of Aunt Leah. She knew nothing of what had been planned and every vehicle was loaded with something good for the physician and at or near twelve o'clock M there was a spread in front of the mansion under a beautiful grove. A table forty feet long was loaded with all good things imaginable. After returning thanks to a gracious Providence for its blessings from the least to the greatest, each and every one ate to their full satisfaction, and yet enough was left to feed nearly as many more. There was a photograph taken including table and all. After dinner was over a little time was spent socially.

Then service was held by Mr. E. F. Eagle assisted by Rev. Levi Cox. The day was beautiful and all seemed to enjoy themselves to the greatest extent possible. The most lovely sight of the occasion was to see Aunt Leah and her only living brothers, Joseph and John Stout, in pleasant conversation. It made my heart ache, but with joy, to see them so happy together. Aunt Leah is a widow and second wife of the late Ed Macon. The pretty and useful presents showed that Aunt Leah friends numbered many. After bidding Aunt Leah good-by, with a few tears of joy, we all left for our homes wishing Aunt Leah many more happy birthdays.

One who was there.

### Scale Contest.

The larger girls of the St. Cecilia Music Club had a Scale Contest on Thursday afternoon. Miss Buila was the judge and had her back to a seat, but were told to wait. Woodrow Wilson, passing as a "National Voice," was told that what was wanted was a "National Silence". Kern was disqualified as having nothing but whiskers; Folk, endorsed by Bryan, was hit over the head with a stuffed club, while Bryan himself was not allowed to ride on the back step.

### Good Opinion Appraisal

The man who has a good opinion of himself may be a gold brick, but the man who has a poor opinion of himself surely is the little girl's doll that is stuffed with sawdust.—From the New York Press.

Fine fruits and candies at J. O. Hanner's, rear of postoffice.

### University Letter.

The fortunes of the University in athletics have for the past few years been far below the ambitions of old alumni who recall the 1903 baseball team and the 1902 and 1905 football teams, but the long continued success in intercollegiate debates fulfills the highest desires that the most loyal son might entertain for alma mater. Her collection of victory trophies received a fine addition on Saturday December 3rd, in Philadelphia, when Carolina's representatives, Messrs. W. F. Taylor and C. L. Williams won from the University of Pennsylvania in a unanimous decision. Carolina supported the affirmative of the question, of the Federal Government establishing a Central bank.

This was the third debate out of a series of five that Carolina has won from the University of Pennsylvania. Out of the twenty-nine debates in which Carolina varsity men have engaged they have won twenty-two and never lost a series. Among our rivals have been: Johns Hopkins, George Washington, Tulane, Vanderbilt, Washington and Lee, and the Universities of Georgia, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

The interclass and intersociety debates which are arranged every year between the members of the literary societies develop the raw material for the varsity teams. The latest contest of this kind was the freshman debate in the Dialectic society, which was won by Mr. J. T. Pritchett. In the preliminary contest for this debate nearly twenty men were entered.

Mr. Edgar W. Turlington of the senior class has won the Rhodes Scholarship which provides for three years of study at Oxford University and travel in Europe. He was the only one of the three applicants who passed the examination. Turlington is president of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, a title which goes to the highest scholar in each class. He is president of the Y. M. C. A., a position which is given always to the best rounded men morally and mentally in each class. He has won the Bingham medal in debate, a distinction which is awarded the man who excels in the intersociety debate held annually at commencement.

Dr. L. R. Wilson and Dr. Edwin Mims delivered addresses at the sixth annual meeting of the North Carolina Library Association held in Winston-Salem last week. Dr. Wilson is president of the Association. G. B. P.

### High Jinks in Washington.

The Gridiron Club, the newspaper men's organization, held its annual banquet Saturday night in Washington. The President and members of his cabinet attended, and the prominent members of congress. A good natured grilling was given the prominent politicians. The means used was a burlesque of the "Mikado", the title role being given to an impersonator of Taft.

The plot of the play was getting rid of hindrances and letting Democracy have its way. Uncle Joe was sentenced to be executed, but his sentence was commuted to staying in Congress as a minority, being chained to his seat during debates on rules.

Champ Clark then rode down Pennsylvania, Ave., on the stage, behind a pair of Missouri mules, and was made Speaker. He sentenced Cannon to membership on the committee, "on disposition of useless paper", and consigned to it the Payne-Aldrich bill.

Miss Democracy then took a joy ride in the band wagon, with prospective presidents hanging on it. Harmon endorsed by the masses, and Dix by Murphy, attempted to climb to a seat, but were told to wait. Woodrow Wilson, passing as a "National Voice," was told that what was wanted was a "National Silence". Kern was disqualified as having nothing but whiskers; Folk, endorsed by Bryan, was hit over the head with a stuffed club, while Bryan himself was not allowed to ride on the back step.

It was a gay and hilarious time. The recipients of the grilling taking the jests in the best of humor. The Gridiron Club's banquet is always the scene of much mirth, but the opportunity was such that it outdid itself this time.

J. O. Hanner has an extra fine line of Candies and fruits. Rear of postoffice.