

## COUNTY INSTITUTE

### Interesting Sessions—Improvement in all Lines --- Statistics---Impressions of Teachers of Institute

The general opinion of all who have been in attendance is that the Randolph County Teachers' Institute now in session is the best ever held in Asheboro. The old methods were to have public speakers hold the floor most of the time while the teachers themselves sat and listened; or, at best, they were only taught how to solve problems, answer history questions, etc., with little regard as to how the subjects were to be presented to children. These methods have been dispensed with, and the teachers are now actually taught "how to teach."

The instructors in the Institute have proven themselves fully equal to their tasks. Mr. O. V. Woosley, who is well known in Asheboro, having been principal of the graded schools the past four years has proven that he knows as well how to help teachers as to instruct children; and as for Miss Cross, the teachers never tire of sounding her praises. She is not only an splendid educator, but a refined and attractive lady as well.

#### Some Special Features of Institute

Mr. Martin, of the Thompson Publishing Company, Raleigh, visited the Institute and gave the teachers some excellent suggestions with regard to teaching history, explaining the new history, "Our Republic," on Thursday of last week. In like manner, Mr. Tyler, for the Dodge's Geography Company, was present on Friday and gave some valuable pointers on geography. Mr. Tyle told a Courier representative he had never attended an institute before where the teachers responded with so much enthusiasm as at Asheboro. He said he had attended fifteen or twenty institutes this year, and that Randolph and Rowan stood at the head of the list in his opinion.

A delightful surprise was a visit on last Thursday morning from Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of the State University, who talked to the teachers in his usual breezy manner for a short time.

#### Health Talks

Dr. H. B. Hiatt, of Asheboro, talked to the teachers on tuberculosis, adenoids, and other kindred subjects on last Thursday evening. The teachers asked questions and a round table discussion was engaged in. Dr. Jones, of Greensboro, was to have been present with magic lantern to illustrate a talk on tuberculosis, but a broken-down automobile prevented his appearance until Friday morning, when the address was made.

#### "Exhibition" Friday Afternoon

Friday afternoon a number of visitors were delighted with an old-time exhibition, when several teachers "spoke pieces" as in school days. Following was the program:

1. The Old North State, Institute.
2. A story, Miss Indiana Young.
3. Male Quartette, Messrs. Leonard, Pearce, Baldwin, and Marley.
4. Recitation, "Speak up" Ike, Miss Annie Spencer.
5. Piano Selection, Mrs. Norman and Miss Parkin.
6. Supernatural in Literature, Clarence Macoon.
7. A very short speech, Herbert Cranford.
8. Old Black Joe Institute.

#### Statistics

For the benefit of those who have not attended the Institute, some statistics in regard to teachers in attendance have been gathered. 127 teachers have enrolled. So far as could be ascertained, the average age of teachers in attendance is a little more than twenty-four years. The oldest is fifty-nine years of age, and the youngest sixteen. As bonded by those who have experienced the pleasure of attending teachers either forgot or declined to give their ages, and of course they were not. The combined ages of more than 3,000. High Point, N.C.

The heaviest teacher weighs two hundred and thirty-five; the lightest ninety-three; and the combined weight of all would be eleven thousand, nine hundred and thirty-one pounds. The tallest is six feet six inches; the shortest about five feet.

Among those who have attended college, twelve come from Guilford College; seven from the State Normal; three from Elon, three from Liberty Normal; two from Meredith; two from Greensboro Female College; and one each from Wake Forest, Blackstone, Mars Hill, Durham Conservatory of Music, Peabody Normal, Westown, Davenport, Lenoir, and Oak Ridge. Fifty or more have attended high school, but have not been to college; while a number have had no opportunity for education beyond the rural schools of the county.

A majority of those enrolled declare their intention of making teaching their permanent profession but a sufficient number declare otherwise to make the Courier reporter suspect that some have matrimonial intentions.

Last but not least is the fact acknowledged by all of the great improvement for the past few years in the personnel of the Randolph county teachers.

#### Impressions of the Institute

Miss Cross who has served most faithfully in the Institute, as one of the instructors pays a high tribute to the teachers who have been in attendance in rhyme:

The Randolph county teachers  
With their hearty, wholesome air,  
Have made this present meeting  
Of all others, the most rare.

No days too warm or unpleasant,  
No lesson too great or small,  
No task but becomes pleasure,  
To the Randolph teachers, all.

With their loyal cooperation,  
And their words of goodly praise,  
They've encouraged their conductors  
In untold numerous ways.

By their endless endeavor,  
Their keen willingness to learn,  
How to study and to teach how  
Midnight oil they've had to burn.

And those phonic, mercy on us,  
Haunting their dreams at night,  
But they've stood the onslaught  
Bravely,  
Not deserting in the fight.

So here's to you, fellow teachers,  
You're a faithful, loyal band,  
And the youth of Randolph county  
Will be safe within your hand.

The teachers are enthusiastic,  
Thorough work is being done, and  
It is by far the best Institute  
I have ever attended.

Mrs. Kate Norment.  
Mr. J. C. Pearce says: "I think Miss Cross is the finest instructor that we have ever had at any of the Institutes in Randolph county."

The importance of study on the part of teachers has impressed me more than any one feature of the Institute.  
E. R. Baldwin.

I think the Randolph County Institute that is being conducted at Asheboro is a great success. The instructors, the great factors of the Institute, have made every day interesting for us. The teachers of the county are taking great interest in this work, as is shown by the good attendance.  
Annie B. Benbow.

The interest manifested at the Randolph Institute in behalf of each teacher can only be compared to the pleasure of attending teachers either forgot or declined to give their ages, and of course they were not. The combined ages of more than 3,000. High Point, N.C.

## GEN. LEINSTER DEAD

Following a stroke of paralysis last Friday, Adjutant General Roy L. Leinster died last Wednesday morning in Wilmington, where he had gone on his way from Raleigh to Fort Caswell to visit the companies of the Coast Artillery in encampment.

General Leinster was nearly 36 years of age. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Lucy Hall, of Goldsboro, three small children, his mother, four brothers and two sisters. He was born and reared in Statesville, and the body was taken there for burial Friday after lying in state several hours in Raleigh.

General Leinster had a long record of service in the state guard. He joined Company A, Fourth regiment, Statesville, April 2, 1892, and was drummer. He was corporal sergeant of his company, was regimental quartermaster sergeant First North Carolina volunteers Infantry, April 27, 1893, he was promoted to sergeant major of the First North Carolina Infantry; July 1, 1898, he was second lieutenant of Company I, First regiment; December 1, 1898, elected first lieutenant Company E, First regiment; July 6, 1899, captain of Company E. He was steadily promoted, being made lieutenant-colonel and assistant and adjutant general February 24, 1905, and was detailed for duty in the adjutant-general's office November 25, 1908. General Leinster was made brigadier-general and adjutant-general November 1, 1910.

#### Montgomery Democratic Ticket.

For Representative—Berra Allen.  
For sheriff—J. R. McKenzie.  
For register of deeds—O. B. Denton.  
For coroner—Hiram Freeman.  
For surveyor—M. A. Bennett.

I consider this the best Institute we have had in Randolph county. There is being a better attendance and the new methods of teaching are being better understood.  
M. U. Canoy.

Everyone attending the Teachers' Institute this year is sure to be struck by the enthusiasm shown by the teachers in their work. This is due to the fact that this work is presented to them in such an interesting way that they almost forget they are going to school, that the lessons are hard, and the hours long. If the teachers only succeed in carrying into their school rooms the same spirit shown by the conductors of this Institute, there are many good things in store for the school children of Randolph county.  
India Young.

The Teachers' Institute has been a complete success. Never before has there been so much interest manifested among all the teachers. After having received the very best instruction from Miss Cross and Prof. Woosley, for they have left no stone unturned, each teacher may go to his or her respective school knowing that their knowledge of teaching has been raised to a higher plane, and feeling that greater results may be obtained.  
Mrs. Walter Hardin.

The rapid work which the teachers are doing in the Institute is due to the pleasant, attractive suggestions to the teachers.  
Melita Parkin.

I have been more impressed with Institute work this year than ever before, especially with the work in phonics and drawing. I am sure the Institute work has been well worth the time spent of every teacher in attendance.  
Birdie Royals.

This being the first Teachers' Institute I have attended, it has made a lasting impression on me, and has far exceeded my expectations. The information and drill that we have received on phonics and drawing has no superior. I want to say that I feel that my time has been well spent.  
Mary J. Mendenhall.

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## E. B. KEARNS DEAD

Was a Long and Patient Sufferer—Prominent Citizen of Randolph County.

Mr. E. B. Kearns died at his home in Asheboro last Monday night and was laid to rest in the cemetery of the M. E. church yesterday morning. The funeral service was conducted at the residence by his pastor, Rev. S. T. Barber, who spoke from the fifth chapter of Corinthians. Mr. Barber made a most comforting talk to the bereaved family, showing that death is really a blessing as it is only a passing from one life to another. He dwelt at length on the admirable qualities of Mr. Kearns.

The deceased was the son of the late Josiah and Jane King Hannah Kearns. He was born in Concord township, October 7, 1836, being nearly 76 years of age at the time of his death. His only brother, Mr. McKendrick Kearns, who it will be remembered visited in Asheboro last fall, died a few months ago.

The bereaved wife, who was Miss



E. B. Kearns.

Julia Kearns before marriage, one son, one daughter and 8 grandchildren survive. The son and daughter are Mr. N. F. Kearns, of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. F. L. Doughart, of Danville. Mrs. Doughart was present at the funeral.

Mr. Kearns was one of the most prominent citizens of South-Western Randolph during the active years of his life. He represented this county in the General Assembly in 1861; served in the State Militia for four years, holding a lieutenant's commission; volunteered as a soldier in the Confederate army in the latter part of the Civil War and served faithfully to its close. He was always liberal to the church, serving for many years as superintendent of the Sunday school of Salem church. Since boyhood he had been a faithful member of the M. E. church. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and was buried with Masonic honors.

Mr. Kearns moved to Asheboro about twenty years ago and until his health failed was associated with Mr. O. R. Fox in the undertaking and furniture business.

He had been an invalid for about eight years, and during this time was a rare example of patience and fortitude in suffering.

#### Gas Explosion in Salisbury.

Register of Deeds E. M. Miller, of Salisbury, happened to a very severe accident last Friday, when he entered the big vault in the sheriff's office to get some records. He struck a match to light the gas and the vault was filled at the top with escaped gas. There followed a big explosion and Mr. Miller was badly burned in the face and on his arms and hands. His hair, mustache and eyebrows were nearly all burned off. Frank Tolbert, deputy sheriff, who was sitting in the office, was blown off his chair and rendered unconscious.

The books and papers in the vault were badly damaged. Mr. Miller would have been burned a great deal more had he not dropped to the floor of the vault, the fire being at the top.

It is not yet known what was the reason for the gas being in the vault, whether it was a bad lot or not.

General E. M. Hayes, U. S. A., retired, died at his home in Morganton last Thursday, at 78.

## ALL IS NOT PEACE IN ROOSEVELT CAMP

### Harmony Chorus in Greensboro Strikes a Discordant Note---Convention Called to Meet in Greensboro September 3

The state executive committee of the Roosevelt Progressive party met in Greensboro last Saturday and called a state convention to meet in Greensboro Tuesday, September 3, to organize the new party, select electors, and state officers and transact such other business as might be deemed necessary to perfect the organization and complete the ticket. James N. Williamson, of Burlington, presided as state chairman and W. S. Pearson, of Charlotte, as state secretary.

Iredell Meares, of New Hanover; W. S. Bailey, of Nash; and R. J. Petree, of Stokes, were appointed to draft a platform and plan of organization to be submitted to the Greensboro convention for the new party.

#### Convention Called

W. S. Pearson, of Mecklenburg, and W. A. Guthrie, of Durham were delegated as a committee to issue a call for a state mass meeting to be held in Greensboro September 3, with a request that all counties send delegates pledged to support Roosevelt and Johnson and the platform of the Progressive party and all parties attending the convention from any county, whether delegated or not, who would support same should have a voice in the meeting. Proceeding the action of the committee there was a long discussion open to the public, as to whether the convention should be called before or after the Republican convention in Charlotte, September 4.

#### A Divided House

Many favored the Richmond Pearson-Butler plan of sending Roosevelt delegates from all the counties to Charlotte and capturing the Republican convention and nominating Roosevelt electors, committeemen, etc. Chairman Williamson, Secretary Pearson, Guthrie, Meares, Eby, of Craven; John A. Smith, of Gastonia; Cliff Newell, of Mecklenburg, and the large Alamance delegation plead strongly for following the Roosevelt and Dixon advice of organizing a new party and cutting loose entirely from the Republican party. Delegates from Stokes, Guilford, Moore, and one or two other counties spoke heatedly against renouncing the Republican party.

#### Committee Named

After the discussion was over, Chairman Williamson called an executive session of his committee, and after half an hour's secret conference, the announcement made above was given out as the decision of the committee. The state executive committee as announced is composed of the following subject to ratification of the state convention: J. N. Williamson, Alamance, chairman; W. S. Pearson, Mecklenburg, secretary and general manager; W. A. Guthrie, Durham; Iredell Meares, New Hanover; J. F. Newell, Mecklenburg; J. B. Sumner, Buncombe.

Congressional districts, first, W. G. Burgess, Pasquotank; second, not named; third, Clyde Eby, Craven; fourth, W. S. Bailey, Nash; fifth, R. J. Petree, Stokes; sixth, D. H. Senter, Harnett; seventh, W. R. Tharpe, Moore; eighth, W. R. Thorpe, Iredell; ninth, J. L. Hyatt, Yancey; tenth, Robert Greenwood, Buncombe.

#### Small Attendance

Outside of the members of the committee there was a very small attendance, and it was only after repeated pleas from Chairman Williamson, Secretary Pearson, Major Guthrie, Iredell Meares, Cliff Newell and John A. Smith, that the decision to cut loose from the Republican party was arrived at. Several delegates present from Republican counties, after objecting to this course, and after strongly advising and advocating sending Roosevelt delegates to the Republican state conven-

#### Hon. Locke Craig in Asheboro

Hon. Locke Craig, candidate for governor, will be present at the meeting of the Randolph county Democratic convention, which is called for Saturday, the 7th day of September, when he will address the citizens of the county.

The convention will meet to nominate candidates for the several county offices, and members of the Legislature, a Senator and a member of the House. Mr. Craig will address the convention, and the public is invited to hear him. The hour for his address will be mentioned later. It is hoped and expected that the people of the county will come out to hear this eloquent man, irrespective of party, as all will be welcomed.

#### Express Robber Caught

E. F. Carr, express messenger, was jailed at Asheville last Saturday night, on the charge of being the "masked robber" who held up and robbed the express car of a Southern train near Billmore one night last week. He was suspected of having robbed his own train almost immediately after telling the thrilling story of the masked bandit.

at Charlotte and capturing it, stated after the meeting was over, that they would not join the new party, but would follow the plan suggested by the Butler-Pearson committee and fight the Taft-Morehead combination at the regular Republican state and county conventions in sending delegates to Charlotte.

On the other hand, the Republican chairman of Lincoln county stated that his county had already selected its county ticket, but when he returned home, he would resign the chairmanship and call a meeting of the Progressive Republican party. He said out of 1,200 Republican votes in Lincoln, all except two would vote for Roosevelt for President.

The formal call for the Progressive mass convention in Greensboro was issued, the document bearing the signature of James N. Williamson, chairman; and W. S. Pearson, secretary. The call reads: To the People of North Carolina:

The provisional executive committee of the Progressive party of this state, in the authority of a conference of a number of representative citizens and the approval of the national committee of the party calls a mass convention of all qualified electors, regardless of past political affiliations, to be held at Greensboro on Tuesday, September 3, at 8 p. m.

All qualified voters attending, who wish to identify themselves with the progressive movement, are urged to come and will be deemed delegates from the respective counties.

The convention will be expected to endorse the platform of the national Progressive party, nominate an electoral ticket in support of Roosevelt and Johnson, adopt a state platform, nominate a state ticket, if deemed by the convention advisable, and to provide for the permanent organization of the party.

The friends of the progressive movement and supporters of Roosevelt and Johnson, in each county of the state, are urged to immediately take the initiative in arranging to have each county well represented at the convention and to sink all past party differences in the splendid movement now sweeping the country to restore this government, state and national, to the substantial rule of the people, relieve of machine domination, and to effect progressive legislation, in state and nation for the betterment of the people. "We stand at Armageddon and we battle for the Lo."