

MAIN BUILDINGS BURN AT OAK RIDGE

Together With M. P. Church
On Adjoining Lot.

Name of Prof. Allen Holt, close by saved; Recitation Rooms, Offices and Society Halls Consumed; Loss Estimated at \$35,000.00.

Fire at an early hour last Saturday morning destroyed the two main buildings at Oak Ridge Institute, in which were all the recitation rooms, offices and society halls of the institution, together with the Methodist Protestant church on an adjoining lot, entailing a loss of approximately \$35,000, only partially covered by insurance.

Probable Origin of the Fire

The fire was discovered about 4 o'clock in the building in which the society halls are located. It is believed that the fire originated in the Philomathean society hall. The society held its regular weekly meeting last night and a fire was kept in the stove during the meeting.

All efforts to keep the fire from spreading to the other buildings and church were futile. However, the home of Prof. Allen Holt, which is close by was saved, as was the large dormitory just across the street.

Old Preparatory School

Oak Ridge Institute is one of the oldest preparatory schools in the State. For several decades it has been conducted by Prof. Martin H. and J. Allen Holt, both of them prominent in educational and political circles. Prof. M. H. Holt has represented Guilford county in the legislature and been director of several State institutions. Prof. Allen Holt was a few years ago State Senator and candidate for Congress and is a member of the board of trustees of the State University. Prof. T. H. Whitaker, who is also connected with the institution, likewise has been prominent in education and politics.

Molt Brothers Both Ill

The burning of the institution at this time is rendered more of a calamity by reason of the fact that both the Messrs. Holt are ill. Prof. Martin Holt has been seriously ill for several weeks, Prof. Allen Holt has been confined to his room for several days.

Students from Every County

The school has long been prominent among the institutions of learning in North Carolina. It has drawn students from every county in North Carolina, from every Southern State, as well as from other sections of the country and even from Cuba.

Many prominent men in the State had nation were prepared for college there. Wherever these are scattered—and they are scattered far and wide—there will be interest in the misfortune that has befallen the school and sympathy for the two men who have given their lives to its uplifting.

Old Soldier Passes Away

Harris Sanders was born in New Hope township, Randolph county, on September 10, 1843, and departed this life January 3, 1914.

He was the father of twelve children; one preceded him some years ago.

He was a soldier in the Civil War for four years in Company H, 38th Regiment. He was a good citizen and neighbor and was always ready to do anything for the building up of his community. He was sick only a few days but he told his friends and loved ones that he never would get well. He called his loving companion to his bedside and told her he had done all he could and the Lord said come, and he had come. Blessed are they that die in the faith. He was laid to rest amid a large concourse of friends and relatives at New Hope M. E. church to await the resurrection morning. The funeral was conducted by Rev. John Hullin. A Friend, W. F. L.

Pneumonia

There are several cases of pneumonia and "grippe" around here. Mr. Lester Lucas filled his apartment at West Bend Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Seley have a new boarder; a fine baby boy. Messrs. Walter and Grady Garner and Miss Martha Slack visited at S. A. Cox's Sunday evening.

Dr. Gordon Discussed New Law

Met With Medical Society and Local Regs. and Explained New Vital Statistics Law

At a meeting of the County Medical Society, held on Saturday in the court house, Dr. Gordon, who has represented Guilford county in the legislature several times, addressed the doctors on the importance of securing every birth and death in their practice. In the afternoon he also met with all the local registrars of the county and explained the same thing to them, and also explained in detail exactly what their part is in regard to this new law.

These were very important meetings. Many physicians appreciate that the vital statistics law is a good law and should be complied with absolutely, but Dr. Gordon brought home the vital importance of this measure not only to the State, the public and the physician himself, but he so explained the law in all its details that every doctor will literally be a traveling missionary who will see the importance of reporting every birth and death that comes under his observation to the local registrar in his territory.

At the meeting of the local registrars, Dr. Gordon explained all the why and wherefore of the new law, as well as the duty of the local registrars in every case. An opportunity was given in each meeting for questions, and Dr. Gordon answered them in rapid fire order.

The official recording of all birth and deaths is a very important matter. It has not mattered so much in the past, but it will not be many years before official records of birth will frequently be required in order to enter school, to work in factories, to vote, to marry, to hold office, to establish identity, legitimacy, right to hold property, and so on. The lack of such records frequently causes serious legal complications, personal embarrassment and inconvenience, and for this reason, and for the further reason that such records are very important in health work, it is most essential that they all be registered from this time on. Many people who appreciate the value of this new law are having their own births and those of their children recorded, although they may have occurred years ago. Governor Craig was the very first to file his birth certificate under that provision of the law, and such birth certificates have been pouring into the office of the State Board of Health ever since.

Franklinville News.

Rev. O. P. Ader preached two able sermons in his pulpit at the M. E. church Sunday morning and at night.

We are all proud of the excellent public school that we have at this place. The enrollment is large and the pupils are doing fine work reflecting much credit to themselves. Prof. Weatherly and his corps of assistants.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Russell took an auto spin to Siler City Sunday evening.

John C. Burrow has moved from Franklinville bridge to a residence on the corner of Church and Academy St.

A. R. Millikan spent one day at Worthville last week.

W. C. Burrow is erecting a store building on Alfred street near his residence.

The entertainment given at the M. E. church Saturday night by Miss Beulah McNemor was very much enjoyed by every one present.

Everybody seems to be well pleased with the good road built through this place, and about the only complaint we hear is that we haven't enough of good roads. Let the good work go on until all our public roads are put in good condition.

Mrs. W. A. Underwood Hostess to Randolph Club

The Randolph Book Club met with Mrs. W. A. Underwood on last Friday at 3 p. m. at her home on Elm Street.

Several visitors were present and enjoyed the program which consisted of readings by Messdames W. C. Hammond and J. V. Hunter and music by Misses Marion Moring and Ina Auman and Mrs. W. H. Moring.

Walter Saunders, Neill Klase and Charlie Cranford lost their lives at the Coggin mine in Montgomery county on last Thursday afternoon, January 15.

The three men were riding the skip and when within about 100 ft. of the surface, this turned over, the men falling 200 ft. to the bottom of the 300 foot shaft.

Sunday School Meeting February 3

There is to be held in Asheboro on Tuesday, February 3—a most important Sunday School gathering of all denominations. A number of towns and cities in the State for some time have been inviting the North Carolina Sunday School Association, which has its headquarters in Greensboro, to assist in a series of meetings looking to the organization of compact City and Town Associations, with a view to later establishing County, Township and City Training Schools.

The State Association has been waiting to secure the services of one of the International Field Superintendents, who is a master in all lines of modern Sunday School work, to aid in presenting the important lines of activities that are to be undertaken, and to assist in setting up the necessary machinery.

The State Association has been very fortunate in securing Mr. W. A. Brown of Chicago, one of the Superintendents of the International Sunday School Association, for this important work, and Asheboro is more than fortunate in being included in this special itinerary of ten towns and cities to be visited by Mr. Brown. This is due to the fact that Asheboro through the Randolph County Sunday School Association had an invitation before the State Association for some time for one of these meetings and to the fact that our cooperation in previous Sunday School meetings has convinced the State Association that it would be profitable for the Sunday School cause to include Asheboro although these meetings were first designed for the larger towns.

Asheboro must do herself proud in an effort to make this occasion a great success, not only for Asheboro but for the surrounding country as well. The people of this entire section of the country are invited to come to Asheboro and hear this distinguished speaker of world reputation on the Modern Sunday School Movement as we have it today.

Mr. Brown made one of the greatest speeches at the World's Sunday School Convention held in Zurich, Switzerland, last summer. It will be worth while for the leaders in every line to hear Mr. Brown whether connected with the Sunday School or not. All are invited to do so as the whole county is indebted to the world-wide cause which he comes to represent.

The very definite work to follow these meetings must in the very nature of things appeal to our entire citizenship.

Rev. O. P. Ader preached two able sermons in his pulpit at the M. E. church Sunday morning and at night.

We are all proud of the excellent public school that we have at this place. The enrollment is large and the pupils are doing fine work reflecting much credit to themselves. Prof. Weatherly and his corps of assistants.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Russell took an auto spin to Siler City Sunday evening.

John C. Burrow has moved from Franklinville bridge to a residence on the corner of Church and Academy St.

A. R. Millikan spent one day at Worthville last week.

W. C. Burrow is erecting a store building on Alfred street near his residence.

The entertainment given at the M. E. church Saturday night by Miss Beulah McNemor was very much enjoyed by every one present.

Everybody seems to be well pleased with the good road built through this place, and about the only complaint we hear is that we haven't enough of good roads. Let the good work go on until all our public roads are put in good condition.

Mrs. W. A. Underwood Hostess to Randolph Club

The Randolph Book Club met with Mrs. W. A. Underwood on last Friday at 3 p. m. at her home on Elm Street.

Several visitors were present and enjoyed the program which consisted of readings by Messdames W. C. Hammond and J. V. Hunter and music by Misses Marion Moring and Ina Auman and Mrs. W. H. Moring.

Walter Saunders, Neill Klase and Charlie Cranford lost their lives at the Coggin mine in Montgomery county on last Thursday afternoon, January 15.

FIRE IN ASHEBORO.

Home of Dr. S. A. Henley Burned— Heroic Effort of Local Firemen

On last Monday night the home of Dr. S. A. Henley on Fayetteville Street was badly damaged by fire. The fire had gained considerable headway before it was discovered. The family were enjoying the quiet of the evening and were looking when friends knocked the door open by persistent effort of the local fire department and friends, the fire was abated, but not until the garret, upper story and most of the kitchen had been badly burned, everything soaked in water and almost totally ruined. The loss was approximately \$2,500 with \$1,500 insurance.

It was very noticeable to the observer that some things were badly needed to aid the fire department sufficient equipment and plenty of water.

Trinity News.

On Saturday afternoon at her attractive home Mrs. George Wood entertained the Book Club in honor of Miss Milla Parkin, who is to be married on next Wednesday evening to Mr. Edward C. Pepper of Thomasville. Mrs. Wood was the hostess in welcoming the guests by Mrs. J. C. Pepper. Soon after all arrived an interesting contest, The Bride's Trousers, was much enjoyed. Delicious refreshments were served in two courses by Misses Josephine Wood and Idelle Johnson. Then came the exchange of books. Following the bride-to-be into the sitting room was a lovely table with imported tablecover of Hattenburg, loaded with packages tied with pink, white and blue ribbons and among them were dainty little bundles of rice with heart attached, reading "Keep this with greatest care to shower on the happy pair." Miss Parkin seated at the table proceeded to open the packages, displaying a great variety of dainty linen, much to the delight of all. The out of town guests attending this happy occasion were Messdames Peacock and Farris and Miss Jackson of High Point.

Mrs. J. W. Ballance and Mrs. Carpenter are visiting relatives in Greensboro this week.

Mr. Garvey of North Wilkesboro spent Sunday here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Craven returned from Lexington last Friday.

Mr. H. H. Hayes spent last Sunday here with his family.

Mrs. J. W. Hill is spending some time with Mr. Hill out at the camp in the Fleece farm.

Mr. Lewis Payne and family are here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Johnson and Miss Della were the guests of Mrs. A. S. Raper last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. C. M. Pepper's many friends are delighted to know she is able to be up again.

Mrs. F. H. Wood is confined to the house with grippe.

J. D. Brame's new house on Main street is nearly completed under the direction of Mr. T. M. Davis.

The Junior Order gave a splendid oyster supper Saturday night in the school building. The ladies attending added much to the pleasure of the evening.

Weston Randolph News.

Miss Lula Lambeth of Charlotte visited her father, B. S. Lambeth, last week.

Mr. J. P. Black has accepted a position with the Southern Railway Company.

Rev. P. E. Parker preached a fine sermon last Sunday at Prospect.

Mr. P. Frazier has completed his residence. He has one of the finest residences in this section now.

Mr. C. C. Frazier visited in High Point last Sunday.

JAIL DELIVERY.

Messrs. Johnson and Dennis
Seek Warmer Climate.

Ben Johnson and Shurfer Dennis escaped from the county jail here Tuesday about 11 o'clock and have not been apprehended. The latter was placed in jail about a week ago charged with being an accomplice in breaking the town calaboose at Randleman, and he is evidently a professional at his trade. Johnson is charged with robbing a man from Liberty and has been in jail since last court.

The escape was effected by breaking the bars and locks off a trap door that led to the garret overhead and planks were then removed from the outside wall and descent made on a rope made from the prisoners' blankets.

U. D. C.'s Meet.

The Randolph Chapter of the United Daughters of Confederacy met in their regular session Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in their club room in the Law building. The program consisted of the sketch of the life of Robert E. Lee, whose birthday was commemorated at the school auditorium Tuesday afternoon. Program was as follows:

Sketch of Life of Robt. E. Lee. Mrs. E. Moffitt.

Arlington, Its Past and Present. Mrs. Hammond.

After the regular business session of the chapter Mrs. Annie Robins and Mrs. J. O. Redding, hostesses, served delicious refreshments, consisting of sandwiches and grape juice.

Liberty News.

Mrs. Walter Albright, who has been indisposed for several days, is able to be out again.

S. J. Buckner spent last Thursday in High Point on business.

Misses Julia and Lizzie Fogleman of Burlington spent several days in town last week, the guests of Mrs. Irene Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bun Fowler are erecting a very handsome bungalow in South Liberty.

C. P. Smith, Sr., spent Saturday of last week in Greensboro on business.

J. M. Reese has purchased the nice home in North Liberty known as the Coltrane place next door to J. Rom Smith. Mr. Reese will move his family in their new home this week.

Miss Flora York of Siler City spent Sunday and Monday in town with friends.

Miss Maude McPherson was a business visitor in Greensboro last Friday.

Wade Siler of Siler City was a business visitor in town Monday.

In a pleasing and hospitable manner Miss Etta Trogon entertained the faculty of the Liberty graded school on Friday evening of last week from 8 to 10:30 o'clock. The game of the evening was progressive rook, and after an enjoyable hour at this, a delicious course of refreshments was served.

W. H. Griffin of Goldstein spent Sunday and Monday in town.

Mrs. A. A. Wagler and H. L. daughter, Fannie, left for Thomasville Monday to spend several days with relatives.

Randleman It. 2 Items.

Misses Maude and Lacie Ferree and Eunice Wrenn of Cedar Falls spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. E. L. York's.

Miss Mary Plummer returned home last Thursday after a few days' visit at High Point with friends.

Miss Florence York spent a part of last week in Asheboro with her sister, Mrs. H. G. Pugh.

Miss Virginia Winningham of Asheboro spent last Thursday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Winningham.

MR. ARCHIBALD JOHNSON,

Editor of Charity and Children,
Addresses Citizenship of Asheboro on Lee and Jackson Monday.

On Monday at 2:30 p. m. Mr. Archibald Johnson of Thomasville spoke at the Auditorium of the school building on the lives of Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson. Mr. Johnson came to Asheboro on the invitation of the Randolph Chapter U. D. C. which organization has for a number of years celebrated the anniversaries of these Southern heroes. The school children and a large number of town people were present to hear Mr. Johnson, who spoke first of Lee as a man. He said that his war record was known and read of all men and that now not only the South but the whole country had come to realize that he was the greatest figure that this country had ever known.

He was temperate, clean, pure, honorable and upright. He led a life of sunshine, was faithful and true and best of all he was a devout and humble child of God. Mr. Johnson went on speaking of Lee's gentle manner of his stopping on the way to battle to care for a wounded soldier in a railroad car when no one else noticed that he needed help. He compared Lee to George Washington and said Lee was undoubtedly greater, and that while Washington's mother had always been lauded that Lee's mother was just as great and good a woman. In speaking of Lee's magnanimity of spirit he told of how he was fighting the battle he prayed for her people each night as well as for the protection of his own loved ones. This Mr. Johnson said, reminded him of Jesus when he was hanging on the cross praying for his enemies. He told graphically of Lee's coming home from the war, broken in fortune, his home, plantation, which he had gotten through his wife taken and of his teaching school for a living, and of some New York citizens approaching him for the use of his name in an insurance company at a price of \$50,000. He told them that all he had left was a name and that was not for sale. Here Mr. Johnson exhorted the boys present to strive to make for themselves a character and name as Robert E. Lee. Mr. Johnson had little time to devote to the life of Jackson but said he was a greater warrior than Lee not so highly bred but was a sturdy, rugged character, honest and great. His faith in God made him great and finally Mr. Johnson said, "God had to take him for the North to win. In speaking of the war Mr. Johnson said it was a providence and that great blessings had come from it. That our blood was not shed in vain. The purpose has been accomplished as the South has emerged as she would not have had she not drank the bitter cup. He rejoiced that we are living under one flag and for the spirit of union which now exists.

In closing Mr. Johnson urged the children to revere the men who were the gray and to honor the heroes of history who should be enthroned in our hearts. He said that the whole South had come to be thankful over the great administration and that North Carolina had been particularly honored. Mr. Johnson in an excellent speaker, a high-toned Christian gentleman and one of the best editors in the State.

Senator Simmons Says North Carolina Was Never More Prosperous

Being in the State some three weeks Senator Simmons returned to Washington last week and he was so impressed with the prosperity throughout the entire State that he said in a recent interview as follows:

"The only trouble in the State," said the Senator, "is the scarcity of labor. I believe I am conservative when I say North Carolina farmers and business men could employ 10,000 more men if they could get them. These 20,000 men could be put to work within 48 hours after reaching the State. I found farmer from one end of the State to the other complaining that they were unable to get sufficient labor. If the unemployed who desire to work would go to my State they could be given good jobs at living wages."

William Lawson Murdered by Sons Near Mt. Airy.

The body of William Lawson was unearthed by a party of citizens on last Saturday, 300 yards from his home eight miles from Mt. Airy. Lawson was a prominent citizen and was murdered December 23 and the body buried. As a result of the finding of the body Lawson's two sons Charles and Sam, aged 18 and 20, and Hillary Jessup, a prominent farmer of that section, were arrested, held for the crime. Lawson was 45 years old and married into a good family. His boys, who are said to have confessed the crime, had been in the State because he attacked their mother, and nearly the son was murdered in the rear and plowed the field to prevent discovery of the grave.

Marble vs. Flint Hill.

Marble and Flint Hill crowded hats Friday evening on the latter's diamond, the game being 5-0 to the favor of Flint Hill.