

HIGH POINT'S OLDEST CITIZEN

Mrs. Jarrell tells Interesting Story of Early History of Town.

Mrs. Paulina Elmyra Jarrell, High Point's oldest citizen, is 87 years of age and has a vivid recollection of the town when it was a village of 300 people. Mrs. Jarrell was a Miss Brookshire, of Randolph county, before her marriage.

In a recent interview with a High Point reporter, Mrs. Jarrell gave some interesting facts about the early history of High Point. She attended the old Jonesville academy near Elkin for two years and was married just before the war between the States.

In 1862, Mrs. Jarrell's husband bought the inn which later became the famous Jarrell House, a combination of resort and commercial hotel. It stood just across from the present station where the Wright store is now and extended below where the Allen department store now stands. The station which stood farther west in the old days than it does now was burned by the Yankees about the end of the war.

The following is from the High Point Enterprise:

"The hotel in those days almost made up the business section of the town, for under the same roof were the hotel, the postoffice and the one large store, which was also operated by Mr. Jarrell. Mr. Jarrell shortly after buying the inn remodeled and greatly enlarged it, so that it was one of the largest hotels in this section of the state, and certainly no other hotel of that day had more interesting visitors.

"Governor Worth, Governor Vance, many United States and state senators and other notables in North Carolina were frequent visitors to the Jarrell house, making it convenient to stop over there on their travels through the state. Mrs. Jarrell has photographs of the Siamese twins, who were visitors at the hotel, accompanied each by a son. She has pictures too of Tom Thumb and his wife, the famous midgets of that time, who also were guests at the Jarrell house, and who traveled about the state in exhibitions.

"At that time High Point and the surrounding section were the foremost educational center of the state, having as institutions of learning Guilford College, Trinity College, Salem academy, Jamestown academy and High Point academy. Many people do not know that there was a college for women located in High Point on the site of the M. J. Wrenn residence on Broad street. It was a well known institution in those days and many young women received their education within its walls. It was burned later.

"High Point's first factory was the gun factory, built to manufacture arms for the Confederate soldiers. The factory was operated by her father and several other citizens, and was an important industry. With keen humor Mrs. Jarrell described how at the time the Yankees came through several cars of guns at the factory somehow caught fire and burned without any explanation ever being given.

"In the old days High Point was noted as both a summer and winter resort.

Among the earlier families that Mrs. Jarrell remembers best are those of Dr. Lindsay, Nathan Hunt, (High Point's first mayor), Jim Campbell, Seburn Perry, H. Alexander, D. L. Clark, Sewell Farlowe, William Barbee, and Rev. Pleasant Hunter Dalton, first pastor of the Presbyterian church."

RADIO EDUCATES THE PEOPLE

The educational value of the radio to families in their homes and on the farm is becoming more fully appreciated. From one Western broadcasting station people in 114 cities and towns, and thousands of farm homes in the country enjoyed daily entertainment.

Lectures from great educational centers scattered over thirty-one states are heard from one super-station.

A family in Ferndale, California hears concerts from Portland, Oregon, and farmers at Livingston, Montana enjoy concerts from Des Moines, Iowa.

The pleasure that a whole family gets from nation-wide music and lectures is intensified by the fact that they have been deprived of these things until the discovery of the radio.

Failures Disprove "Prosperity" from Tariff.

Statistics of commercial failures and bankruptcies do not support President Coolidge's statement in his recent message that the Republican profilers' tariff has "been productive of an abounding prosperity." While the number of these failures for eleven months of 1922 was not so large as that reported for the corresponding period of 1922, the liabilities of the concerns involved averaged more than \$3,000 each in excess of those a year ago.

The failures in 1923 totaled 16,877, and the liabilities aggregated \$487,772,076. The figures for the eleven months of 1922 were 21,862 for failures and \$566,237,230 for the liabilities. Liabilities in 1922 averaged \$26,881, and those for 1923 \$28,901. There were 1,704 failures in November, this year. With the exception of last January this was the largest total recorded in any month for a year.

Then New York Times, commenting on these statistics, says: "The number of failures in November with an indebtedness of over \$50,000,000 ought to be a good evidence that there is still a long way to go to reach somewhat normal conditions."

FRANKLIN GURNEY FRAZIER

The subject of this sketch died at his home near Elmore, N. C. church, South, on October 15, 1922, in the 52nd year of his age. The deceased was the son of the late Isaac Frazier. He died at the old home-

place of his father, the same having been in the family for generations.

A brief funeral service was held at the house the next day conducted by Clara Cox, of High Point, pastor of Springfield Friends church. There was further service in connection with the interment at Deep River Friends church, the same day, by the same minister.

The deceased was a humble, consistent member of the Friends church at Springfield for the last sixty years of his life. His ancestors for generations were Friends. He was always opposed to war. During the war between the States, he with many other Friends was allowed to do work for the Confederacy in lieu of military service part of the time; later, he paid the \$500 exemption fee as did many others. He believed war to be absolutely wrong according to the teachings of Jesus Christ and the government and spirit of the kingdom of God, which he regarded as of higher authority than any human government. He was a pacifist of the highest type.

Franklin Frazier was the youngest

and the last to depart this life of the children of Isaac and Mary Thompson Frazier. There were ten of the children, seven sons and three daughters.

There was a coincidence in the family of Franklin Frazier's sister Eunice Frazier Blair and her husband, Enos H. Blair, and that of her parents. In each family there were seven sons and three daughters, the four oldest children being sons and the other children following the same order in both families.

In 1880, Franklin Frazier married Melvina Armfield, daughter of the late Joseph Armfield, of Jamestown, who survives him.

PROGRESS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Editor of the Daily News:

I have not seen in your excellent paper figures which I am going to give, which will make the heart of every patriotic North Carolinian swell with pride, so I am going to ask you to print this.

In company with my colleagues on

the corporation commission, I recently attended the annual convention of railway and utility commissioners in Miami, Fla. The morning we reached that city we were faced with an editorial in the Miami Herald headed "Progress in North Carolina." In this editorial the following facts concerning North Carolina were stated as having been obtained from the United States census of 1920:

In 1900 capital invested in manufacturing enterprises was \$65,283,000. In 1920 this had increased to \$69,144,000.

In 1900 the value of manufactured products was \$85,274,000 and in 1920 it was \$948,808,000.

In 1900 the combined resources of state and national banks were \$32,362,000, and in 1920 they were \$477,122,000.

In 1900 the assessed valuation of property was \$306,579,000 and in 1920 it was \$3,189,706,000.

In 1900 the expenditures for schools amounted to less than \$1,000,000. This year the total expenditures will reach \$28,000,000.

In 1900 the expenditures for new school buildings were \$41,000. Last year they were more than \$6,000,000.

In 22 years the value of school property increased from \$1,000,000 to \$35,000,000.

In 1900 the average salary of teachers was less than \$25 per month. Last year it was \$102.

In 1900 the average length of school term was 75 days. Last year it was 141 days.

High School enrollment increased in 22 years from 2,000 to 48,000.

In 1900 there were no rural public libraries in the state. In 1923 there were more than 4,800.

The lesson these figures teach is that education and material progress are definitely related and illiterate people do not make a great progressive growing state. The higher the educational standards are the greater is likely to be the development in material ways. It costs money to maintain good schools but the money returns many fold.

GEORGE P. PELL.

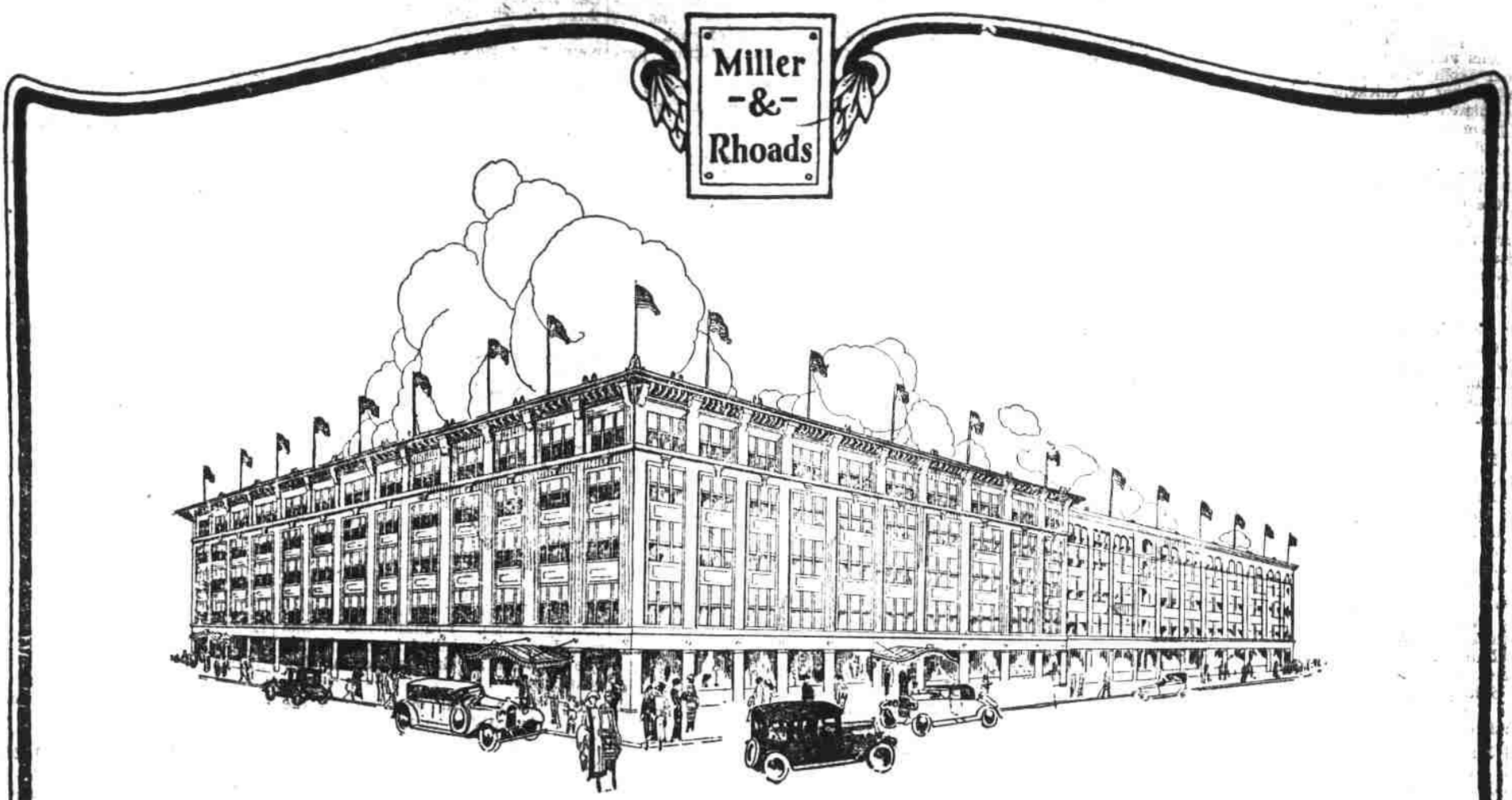
Raleigh, Dec. 11, 1923.—From the Daily News.

MORE MASSACHUSETTS CITIES ELECT DEMOCRATIC MAYORS

In addition to Northampton, the home of President Coolidge, four other lesser cities of Massachusetts were carried by the Democrats in the municipal elections the first week of December. At the same time, Democratic representation in the council of Fall River, Springfield, and Westfield was materially increased.

There are now Democratic Mayors-elect in Taunton, Holyoke, Chicopee, and Marlboro. These are important towns and some of them have been Republican heretofore. Their populations are, Taunton, 37,500; Holyoke, 60,000; Chicopee, 36,000, and Marlboro, 15,000.

In Fall River many Republicans voted with Democrats for the election of three Democratic Aldermen-at-Large. Professor E. J. Woodhouse, new Mayor of Northampton, is a Virginia Democrat. One of his predecessors in this office was President Coolidge.



The first big event in our new store!

WHAT a busy month of good things January will be at Miller & Rhoads! Four big sales events, including the first Store-Wide Sale since the opening of our new building!

With the delightful memory of the big Store-Wide Expansion Sale of last summer still fresh in mind, we are opening wide the entire store for the second sale of this kind. It is store-wide in extent, and will last throughout the month of January.

We are trying hard to make this second Store-Wide Sale in every respect greater than the first. Miller & Rhoads buying representatives went to New York to buy new merchandise especially for this sale. They bought at the lowest prices they could get without sacrifice of quality. Their only object was to buy goods that could be sold at unusually low prices.

Our entire resources were employed to bring to this sale the greatest array of merchandise ever gathered together in our store. For weeks it has been arriving, and our stock-rooms are literally overflowing with useful and fascinating things, and still they continue to pour in, and will continue to arrive until the close of the sale.

New offerings will be brought forward at low prices every day. Every article in this sale is of first quality and upholds the Miller & Rhoads traditions of character. Quality for quality, you will find the prices very low.

Simultaneously with the Store-Wide Sale, we are holding our regular January White Goods Sale, and our Ready-to-Wear Clearance Sale, and the annual February Furniture Sale has been moved ahead to January.

All these four big sales will be going on at once. Every floor, every department, every nook and corner of this big store will have its daily sales specials. Counters and shelves will be stocked with fresh merchandise as fast as depleted.

If you have never visited our new enlarged store, this is a splendid opportunity. You will find it a comfortable, convenient and pleasant place to shop. You will enjoy the tea-rooms on the fifth floor. You have the choice of lunching in the exquisitely dainty Colonial Room, the big, comfortable English Room or the exotic atmosphere of the Italian Room.

There is a luxuriously furnished and restful lounge just before you enter the Colonial Room. Meet your friends there, or pause a moment to refresh yourself before lunching.

- Four Big Shopping Events During January!**
- Second Semi-Annual Store-Wide Sale
 - Annual January White Goods Sale
 - Ready-to-Wear Clearance Sale
 - Annual Mid-Winter Furniture Sale

When in Richmond you are welcome to make Miller & Rhoads Store your headquarters, make use of our many free personal services and shop as you please. Whether you wish to buy or not, come in and see this beautiful new store of ours. Remember, if you can't get what you want in your own locality, try Miller & Rhoads.

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