

THE BIRTH OF A NATION IS A STORY OF THE CAROLINAS

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When David W. Griffith started the outdoor staging of the civil war and reconstruction scenes in "The Birth of a Nation" he was confronted with seemingly insuperable difficulties.

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scenes of "The Birth of a Nation" producing locale were applied to. They finally consented to mark off an area of ten square miles for the use of the screenmen.

But the roads themselves did not look Southern. Mr. Griffith handled this difficulty with the authorities' permission by remarking such of the highways as would come within the camera's eye.

A BOX PARTY AT LEVEL CROSS

There will be a box party at Level Cross school house Saturday night, March 8th.

What is the Most Difficult Problem of the Schools of North Carolina?

(By J. E. Allen, Liberty, N. C.)

Today as I sit here at my desk "battering" off this article to our county paper there are thousands of teachers in North Carolina puzzling over what to them is the "Most Difficult Problem".

There is another faculty meeting being held in North Carolina for the purpose of deciding the best plan to handle the "Large" boy who knows better what he should do than any member of the faculty.

Still another faculty meeting is puzzling to know what to do with the large girl who is using her cosmetics and other artificial adornments to attract the attention of the masculine class-mate.

The fifth class of students that are giving schools concern and causing faculty meetings is as universal as any of the others mentioned, and it is to our everlasting disgrace and shame that this class has to be mentioned.

I have called attention to five great problems of our schools in North Carolina, and I could go on with problems—ad infinitum—along similar lines.

In my observation and experience these five problems together with the "ad infinitum" is a public expression of the private training, environment and conditions existing in too many of our North Carolina homes.

INTERESTING ARTICLE FROM "THE TIMES"

Our neighboring paper, The Times, of Thomasville carries the following interesting article in a recent edition of their paper:

Today William Howard Taft, Chief of the Supreme Court, is the only living ex-president of the United States. He will be 67 years old September 15th, next.

About eight months younger, he was president four years before Woodrow Wilson.

The only man who has served his country both as president and chief justice, Taft has given his life to public service.

An enormous man physically, the chief justice has so reduced excess flesh that today in his 67th year he appears in robust health.

Woodrow Wilson did not reach the average age at which 27 American presidents have died—63 1/2 years. He was only about a month over 67 years old when he died.

Our presidents lived longer before the Civil war than since.

John Adams lived longer than any other president, 90 years. Garfield was the youngest at death—49 years.

Three presidents died in the eighties—James Madison, 85, Thomas Jefferson, 84; John Quincy Adams, 80.

John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died the same day—July 4th, 1826—just 50 years from the day the Declaration of Independence was signed.

Eight other presidents lived above the age of 70—Van Buren, 79; Jackson, 78; Buchanan, 77; Fillmore, 74; Monroe, 73; Tyler, 71; Cleveland, 71; Hayes, 70.

Nine presidents died in their sixties—William Henry Harrison, 66; Benjamin Harrison, 69; George Washington, 67; Woodrow Wilson, 67; Andrew Johnson, 66; Zachary Taylor, 65; Pierce, 64; Grant, 63; Roosevelt, 61.

Five other presidents died above the age of 50—McKinley, 58; Harding, 58; Lincoln, 56; Arthur, 56; Polk, 53.

RAMSEUR NEWS

The Ramseur graded school closed last week for three days on account of the spread of measles in the community.

Misses Margaret White and Iola Thompson spent the week-end with their people at Hawfield and Whisett respectively.

The orchestra met with their director, Miss Smith, last Friday night, and enjoyed a splendid practice, after which Miss Smith served delicious limonade.

Miss Madge Moffitt, of Elon College, spent the week-end with parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Moffitt.

The Sewing Circle met last Tuesday evening with Misses White and Thompson at the home of Mrs. M. E. Johnson.

Miss Elizabeth Smith spent last Saturday in Greensboro, shopping and with friends, returning Sunday.

A number of our young people attended the musical program by the noted Sousa's Band at the National Theatre, Greensboro, Monday night.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Dollar, Miss Mary Lee Foster, Miss Jennie Gunter and Mr. Patty Flynn, of Elon College, and Messrs. Lloyd Bray and Bill Stoner, of Greensboro, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Moffitt.

Rev. W. A. Elam preached fine sermons at the Baptist church Sunday last.

The highway force are coming towards Ramseur and tearing things up "in general".

An explosion at the Nixon nitration works at New Brunswick, N. J., Saturday March 1st, caused the death of forty or more people and more than a hundred were injured.

TWO RECENT MARRIAGES

Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. J. A. Neighbors, Miss Hazel Williams and Mr. Giles Overman were married.

Monday afternoon Squire Neighbors again officiated at a marriage at his home.

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President Coolidge will be 52 next July 4th.

President Wilson lived only two years and 11 months after retiring from the White House.

Polk died three months after his term of office expired. Arthur lived only a year and 8 months. Washington survived two years.

John Adams survived the presidency 25 years; Madison survived 19 years; Monroe, 6 years; Quincy Adams, 19 years; Jackson, 8 years; Van Buren, 21 years; Tyler, 17 years; Fillmore, 21 years; Pierce, 12 years; Buchanan, 7 years; Johnson, 6 years; Grant, 8 years; Hayes, 12 years; Cleveland, 9 years; Benjamin Harrison, 8 years; Roosevelt, 10 years.

Six presidents died in office—William Henry Harrison, Taylor, Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley and Warren G. Harding.

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