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VISIT TO REIDSVILLE.

[Editorial Correspondence.]

I had the pleasure last week of visiting Reidsville, the metropolis of Rockingham. This was my first trip there, and I can assure you I was agreeably surprised to find such a hustling, such a bustling, withal such a pleasant and hospitable town. Reidsville is on the main line of the Southern railway and has somewhere in the neighborhood of 6,000 people. Reidsville's industries are varied, but the town is I believe the third or fourth biggest tobacco market in the State. Reidsville is not a boom town, and has never suffered an abnormal growth, but the town's progress has been steady, level-headed and sane, and the hardest blow she has ever suffered was when the American Tobacco Company put nearly all of her factories out of commission. Consequently Reidsville is a strong anti-trust town, and most of her business men are inclined to take Justice Harlan's view of the Sherman act. But Reidsville did not wilt when her factories were stabbed. She went on doggedly, and has grown and flourished, and I daresay there is not a better town for investment in this section of the State.

But Reidsville great pride is her citizenry. Her sons are every one a natural born politician, and scrappers—that is, people with strong convictions, and the courage to stand behind their guns. It was a great pleasure to meet many of these people, and form some acquaintances which on my part are bound to be lasting.

A trip to Wentworth was one of the pleasant incidents of the visit to Rockingham. We went over in Mr. Ira Humphrey's automobile, and gliding over that splendid road, was by way of comparison with some other roads which I have seen, remindful of going to a certain bourne which I have read of. Rockingham has about 16 miles of macadam now, and is preparing to vote on a bond issue of \$400,000 with which to build modern roads in all sections of the country. Many of the leading citizens told me that the bond issue would carry. The people are very much enthused over the idea. They say it is the best investment their county can make.

I have often heard from our Stokes county anti-good road people that Rockingham has been spending a good deal of money working her roads by taxation, and that the money was simply thrown away, the statement being made that their roads are worse than ours after all their expenditures. I was pleased but not surprised to find this statement completely untrue. The route from Reidsville to Wentworth lies in two directions—one by way of macadam, and the other by way of the dirt road. We went over the dirt road, and returned over the macadam. The dirt road is almost as good as the macadam, and many people prefer traveling over it. The dirt road is graded, and thrown up in the middle. It is without any holes, roots, rocks, or ruts, and is firm, the grade not being more than five per cent. I don't think anywhere. In every drain, there is a blind ditch, or drain pipe. This road in Stokes county would be called magnificent. The only trouble with it is in the winter, when it freezes with snow and rain and ice, etc., and the split-log drag cannot be used on it. The people of Rockingham take pride in their roads. They look after them, and when bad, they repair them. These roads are a great credit to the county. They make their people happier, their farms more valuable, and their farmers better satisfied.

The Rockingham authorities are now talking sand clay roads a good deal, and it is very probable that the bond issue if carried will be used largely to build sand clay roads instead of macadam, as the sand clay is greatly less expensive, cheaper to keep up, and will outlive the macadam. I saw a short stretch of sand clay road in the town of Reidsville, and it was hard, compact, smooth, and the people who lived on it told me that before it was built, this was one of the worst pieces of road in the county, that during tobacco seasons at the warehouses the warehousemen kept a heavy team of mules to hitch to the lead of farmers' teams and help them in town with tobacco, the mud being as deep as 12 inches often. Now this road has never been muddy, is smooth and firm and pulling over it is a pleasure to man and beast. This is slightly in refutation of the theory that sand clay roads are "hot and hard pulling for stock" which was stated by a correspondent in the Reporter some weeks ago. The Rockingham people say it is not necessary to use river or creek sand in building sand-clay roads, that the light, gray soil found in the Piedmont belt most anywhere will if placed on and mixed with the red clay, make a splendid road.

The short stop at Wentworth showed us the handsome new court house and jail, and I had the satisfaction of shaking the cordial hands of Clerk of the Court Smith, Register of Deed McMichael, Mr. Shade Martin, the County Superintendent of Schools and other pleasant citizens of the county seat. The new court house is equipped with water, sewerage, steam heat, etc., and is quite modern.

During my stay in Reidsville I received some distinguished courtesies at the hands of several friends, especially Mr. and Mrs. John T. Oliver and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Humphreys. Messrs. Oliver Bros., R. P. Richardson, Editor of Webster's Weekly Catur, and others. Mr. Humphreys is well known in Danbury where he formerly practiced law. Now he is married to a nice wife and has a beautiful child. He is installed in a comfortable office, enjoys a good practice, and is doing well.

John T. Oliver is one of the editors of the Reidsville Review, and is the live wire of Rockingham county. He is the friend and champion of every movement that is for the uplift of his people,

and for the good of the county. He is a great good roads advocate and is in the head and front of the movement for the building of modern turnpikes in every township of Rockingham county. Mr. Oliver is a hustler for the Review, and his latest scheme for boosting the circulation of his paper is to send about twenty young ladies of Reidsville and other sections of the county, and from some of the adjoining counties, on a two-weeks' pleasure tour to Piedmont Springs. Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver these girls are dated to arrive in automobiles via Madison, Gideon and Danbury at the springs next Monday for dinner. I saw some of these girls in Reidsville, and they are of the right kind. Their coming to Piedmont will be an honor to the place, and a pleasure to the friends and acquaintances which they will make while in this section. A large crowd of friends of the young ladies are billed to come along too, while from Winston, Madison, Walnut Cove and other places prospective beaux are expecting to meet them at Piedmont.

Rockingham is warming up for another political battle, in the Senatorial contest between the friends of Kitchin, Simmons, Aycock and Clark. Sentiment is a good deal divided. I was told by the friends of either leading side that the contest will be close. The brunt will be between Aycock and Kitchin in Rockingham.

EXCELLENT PROGRAM

RENDERED AT WALNUT COVE

The Close of Miss Elizabeth Crist's Private School—Enjoyable Afternoon at the Embroidery Club—Other Interesting News of "The Cove."

Walnut Cove, May 30.—The private school taught by Miss Elizabeth Crist, one of the faculty of Walnut Cove High School closed last Friday with the following program:

Duet—"Midnight Fire Alarm" Paul, Miss Sallie and Jacob Fulton.

Chorus—"The Song of the Wind."

Duet—"Oberan," Weber: Misses Rierson and Woodruff.

Play—"Peggy's Presence of Mind."

Trio—"Valse Brillante - - Wrielenhaupt." Misses Crist, Rierson and Fulton.

Chorus—"Daisies."

Piano Solo—"School Boys," Dietz, John Buston.

Duet—"Spring Song, Mendelssohn," Mr. Robert Murphy and Miss Lucy Burton.

Vocal Solo, Miss Verna Davis.

Duet—"Mamma's Waltz, Rosewig," Miss Bernice Woodruff and Mr. John Burton.

Vocal Duet by two little girls, Misses Louise Murphy and Gladys Wheeler.

Piano Solo—"De Apple Tree Swing, Spencer," Miss Sillie Joyce.

Song Drill—"Topsy Turvey."

Play—"Mademoiselle's Mistake."

Vocal Duet—"Over There."

Duet—"Purple Praises, Fearis, Misses Sillie Joyce and Louise Murphy.

Chorus—"Ho! Ho!"

Duet—"A Full Tilt, Roofe," Misses Vaughn.

This was indeed an enjoyable concert and did credit to both teacher and pupils. Miss Crist is a young lady of high intellectual qualities and has proven herself to be a teacher of more than ordinary ability, and Walnut Cove may well be proud to have her as one of the faculty of the splendid school here.

Mr. Strayhon is again in our attractive little town looking after the Singing Department here, and other important business. Ask some of the FAIR ones what this is.

Miss Julia Adams, who has been visiting Miss Sallie Fulton, returned to her home in Winston Saturday.

Miss Marie Crist, of Winston, spent several days with Miss Bettie Woodruff last week.

Miss Gertie Brown, who has been visiting Miss Lillian Braner at Hotel Lackey, returned home Monday.

Misses Harriett and Martha Ross, of Locust Hill Farm, visited their aunt, Mrs. Murphy, Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Tuttle and little son returned home Monday

after visiting Mrs. Tuttle's mother at East Bend.

Miss Annie Kate Jones visited relatives in Winston last week. Mrs. Frank Martin and sister Miss Katie Sheppard, of Winston, are visiting at the home of Mrs. J. N. Martin's.

Miss Flossie Lasley was hostess to the Embroidery Club last Thursday afternoon. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent in doing dainty bits of embroidery, after which delicious refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. J. W. Lasley.

Mr. E. C. Byerly was a very welcome visitor in our city last week.

Mr. John Bolt and son, J. Irving, left yesterday for New York city, where they will spend the summer.

Mrs. William McAdoo and little daughter, of Greensboro, came last week to spend a few weeks with her father, Mr. J. C. Bailey.

Miss Bessie Hunter, of Pinnacle, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. N. Davis.

Miss Mable McKinzie, of Germantown, visited her aunt, Mrs. S. C. Rierson a few days last week.

Misses Linda Gibson and niece, Mary Matthews, passed through Walnut Cove Saturday on their way to Stoneville to visit friends.

Mr. W. P. Sands was a visitor here from Meadows Tuesday.

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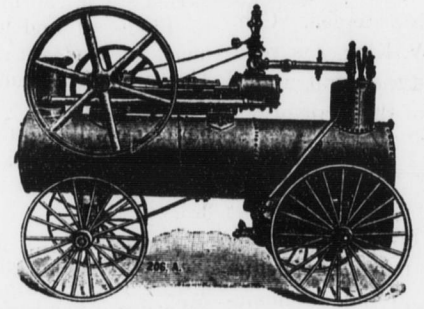
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Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Tuttle and little son returned home Monday

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Joyce will be pained to learn of their continued feebleness. Both have been confined to their beds for some time recently.

Mr. A. J. Holt, of the Brown Mountain country, called on the Reporter yesterday. Mr. Holt speaks quite "discouraging" over crop prospects in his neighborhood.

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