

Growds of School Children

Albemarle streets were crowded from early morn until late at night, Saturday. The occasion was the Rural Commencement of the County Schools. Thousands of school children and parents and teachers and those who did not have school children were present.

The parade started down at Hearne's grove about ten o'clock.

The parade was over an hour passing a given point.

Each school was in a crowd by itself, accompanied by its teachers as Captains. Most of the girls in each school had a dress of distinctive color. Some very fine floats were in the parade. Floats were in from East Albemarle, Richfield, New London, Aquadale, Endy, Oakboro, Stanfield Clairmont and Millingsport.

After the parade the following program was carried out at the Court House.

10:45 A. M.—Debate—City School Auditorium—"Resolved, That the Inter-Alien War Debt Should be Cancelled."

Affirmative—New London: Christine Miller, Mary Ross Ritchie. Negative—Endy: Dolleta Bost, Nora Burleyson.

Preliminary Singing Contest, E. Albemarle. New London, Richfield and Clairmont.

10:45—Court House—Affirmative—Endy: Bertha Smith, Margaret Morton. Negative—New London: Clay Miller, Jennie Lee Blalock.

Preliminary Singing Contest—Millingsport, Stanfield, Oakboro, Endy and Aquadale.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM:

2:00 P. M.—City School Auditorium—Reading Contest.

Beulah Parker—E. Albemarle—"I'se Bad." Mildred Rogers—Richfield—"Under the Buggy Seat." Annice Huneycutt—Clairmont—"Naughty Zell." Annie Lou Sides—Millingsport—"Kentucky Belle." Nettie Temple—Locust—"How a Girl Saved the Lightning Express." Mary Alma Hinson—Oakboro—"Before the War." Bertie Hinson—Endy—"Mrs. Smart Learns to Skate." Merle Tausch—Aquadale—"Nothing to Do Till June." Eugenia Lanier—Norwood—"Entertaining the Missionary Lady."

2:00 P. M.—Court House—Declamation Contest.

Ramie Turner—E. Albemarle—"The Poker Scrape." Bennett Crooke—New London—"Mother, Home and Heaven." Alvin Rowland—Millingsport—"Paw's New Car." James Love—Stanfield—"My Trip to Chicago." Edgar Lambert—Endy—"The Unknown Speaker." Alfred Ledbetter—Hinson—"America, a World Power." G. G. Lampley—Norwood—"Bud's View." Awarding prizes at City School.

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Forced to Sell Out For Want of Proper Backing

During the past year several people have wanted to buy Selders' Weekly, Newspaper and Job Plant. The plant was not for sale then. However, it was not then nor has it ever been a paying investment, owing to several reasons which we might mention, but we abstain from particularizing.

We have been in hopes that matters would right themselves and that things would "look up," but not so. We have done our best to give the people their full money's worth, both in the newspaper and in job work. The latter has been good and we had to use what we made off from the job work to keep up the paper. It has been a great annoyance to us and also worry and that is worse now as my aid in that has given up the job.

Several years ago I hired an old colored woman to do my worrying at FIVE dollars a year. She did a good job and took all the worry off my shoulders but the unforeseen happened. She died, and since then I have had to do my own worrying and that adds an extra load to my duties.

The plant has been sold to the Stanly Republican. However, the local news will be looked after the same as usual. All advertising contracts and subscriptions will be taken care of by the new company.

I will devote the most of my time in special writing. The only part of the newspaper business I care about.

A new serial will be started in the first paper issued by the new company.

It will be of interest to a great many as it will take up Southern life with its many idiosyncrasies with a love story combined.

My stay in Rockingham has been very pleasant and I have made some warm friends as well as some who are not. Any man who has a bit of personality does that or else he does not amount to much.

I will have to oversee the dismantling and re-installing of the plant.

All claims against Selders' Weekly or A Selders will be paid by him and all accounts owing to the Newspaper should be paid to him as soon as possible, as we wish to have a clean slate as we go hence.

A. Selders.

An Epidemic of Lawlessness

Saturday night and Sunday were Red Letter Days in Rockingham for lawlessness. But if a person should take note, they will always find that right after a criminal term of court there is more law breaking than at any other time.

D. D. Yates was arrested Saturday night by Chief of Police for reckless driving. He gave bond. In less than forty minutes afterward the Sheriff arrested him for driving a car while drunk and carrying concealed weapons. He was jailed.

K. D. Grant, Jr. was arrested for operating a car while drunk and carrying a concealed weapon. Jailed.

W. J. Cain was arrested for being drunk and transporting whiskey. Jailed.

Dobb Singletary was arrested for being drunk. Jailed. These were arrested Sunday.

Saturday night the Chief arrested James Buckles for reckless driving.

Carrie Ingram, Mary Cook, Albert Skipper and Coy Stover, all colored arrested for F & D.

Deputies Reynolds and Darby Covington captured a fine copper still near Hoffman, Sunday morning.

Darby Covington went Monday to Salisbury to get John Ward, who is wanted for breaking into The Farmers' Union Store at Ellerbe, about a year ago.

Sheriff Baldwin recovered the car stolen from the Standard Oil Company about a week ago, about five miles from town in the woods. The car had been stripped of about everything

that could be removed.
This completes the list for a 24 hour stretch.

Col G. D. B. Reynolds, National Delegate

Col. G. D. B. Reynolds of Albemarle was elected a delegate from the Eighth Congressional District to Cleveland, last Friday at Statesville.

This is a well deserved honor that has come to Col. Reynolds. He is one of the Republican wheel horses in Stanly county. He is a very clever speaker and when the campaign is on, he is out nightly making addresses to the voters. He wields a big influence and almost the whole West Stanly will swear by him. He is one of those Republicans, who is a Republican the whole year around. He is not like some, only a Republican, when the offices are to doled out, in fact he never has been greedy for office. In our opinion no better choice could have been made.

M. L. Tucker and Att'y Boggan attended court at Wadesboro, Friday.

Mrs. M. L. Tucker and children took in the Commencement at Albemarle, Saturday.

Miss Pauline Williams and two chums spent Sunday out of town.

Bailey Makes "Issues" Clear

Speaking at Wake Forest College Josiah William Bailey, candidate for the democratic gubernatorial nomination, declared he recognized that the present administration of the state was against him and that he welcomed the issue and would fight it to the finish. He also declared that there was nothing of importance in control of the state convention, and that the primary rally would decide the issue. Mr. Bailey also outlined his stand on certain questions. He spoke in part as follows:

"I am standing for the following causes:

1. Political liberation, which means an honest election and primary law, a secret ballot, and the prevention of the use of money or other corrupting means in politics; the curbing of the power of public servants. This puts the professional politicians against me.

"2. Tax reform, which means the shifting of the burden of taxation from land to other sources. I propose to have the state to either take over more burdens of government, now resting land, or to turn back to the counties in order to relieve land.

"3. Sound economy in the expenditure of public money. A dollar's worth of service for the tax payer's dollar.

"4. I stand also for justice for the people in the matter of freight rates. I oppose the monstrous discrimination in favor of Virginia cities, and I advocate lower rates throughout the state.