



COUNTY HISTORY BY MR. J. J. ALLEN

Interesting Tales About Some of Warren County's Wonders As Told By Mr. Allen.

Some facts in letter written by Mr. Joseph John Allen, "Spelling Joe-John" as he is known throughout the State, are very interesting to Warren people.

Old North Carolina—the grand old State that holds her head as far above other states as the tall cypress holds itself over the dwarf shrubbery. What I have said of her applies to the whole state, with some exceptional merits accorded to dear old Warren county, the first of which is the crossing of Roanoke by Abigail Sugan and settling in what is now Warren county and raising a posterity that have made themselves honored the world over, and whose ramifications extend into almost every family on the northern borders of North Carolina.

As to her statesmen, Nathaniel Macon is considered the wisest and profoundest ever produced in the United States. She has produced three of our ablest governors, the generalissimo of the Southern Confederacy, and two brigadier generals.

For wealth and culture prior to the War Between the States, Warren stood foremost—making more wheat and tobacco than any other County.

Frank Thornton was the largest grower of tobacco in the world. The largest stalk of cotton ever produced grew in Warren and was twenty one feet tall and contained over a thousand bolls of cotton. The largest hog ever produced on earth was by the late O. P. Shell, said hog weighing over 1600 lbs on foot. The largest cymbal ever produced was by Warren Duty and weighed 102 lbs. The largest gourd ever grown was grown by Ransom Harris and held two and a half bushels. The designer of the Confederate flag was the late Orren Randolph Smith, of Warren county.

The man who received the greatest number of wounds received by any one on either side during our civil conflict was Major Robert Alston, of the famous 12th N. C. Regiment, having received sixteen wounds and knocked down five times by shells and three horses killed under him. The most punctual man on earth is living today near Manson and in all his life has never owed anyone a copper, nor has ever bought that much on a credit, nor has he ever been recreant to a promise or trust no matter how trivial. Said man goes by the name of Oliver Smith.

Warren county under efficient management can be made to produce wonders in almost all agricultural products. The late Mr. William Duke Jones, when owner of the farm at White Sulphur Springs, made a single crop of wheat of 5,000 bushels and that same land is there to repeat what it has done in bygone days.

You ask me to help out Dr. Taylor some in regard to the Allen family. Well, all I know is that they are a mighty stubborn set and, when once offended, never forgive. There is one thing in their favor, however, that I can say and that is that there has never been a traitor in the blood of the entire family, as their motto has ever been "Resistance to Tyranny is Obedience to God." Major Charles Allen was one of the emigrants from Virginia to North Carolina during the days of religious persecution in that state and settled in Bute county, now Warren. He married Nancy Vincent and of them were born William, Charles, Vincent, George, James, Rebecca, Nancy, and Mary. Major Allen was a Revolutionary soldier from beginning to end, volunteering the second time after having been discharged at fifty years of age. His son Vincent married Mary Bowden and of them were born John, Edmond, Joseph, Turner, Tabitha, Susan, Agnes and Nancy. Of this family of children John, Tabitha, and Nancy emigrated to Tennessee where they brought up large families of children. Vincent Allen accumulated a large estate in lands and slaves and was the founder of Brown's church of which he was a consistent member. He was, during the Revolutionary War, one of Washington's commissaries and had charge of the stores of the army during the raid of Cornwallis from Wilmington to Petersburg, and to avoid

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TAR RIVER ASSOCIATION CONVENES

At Gardner's Church Four Miles North of Macon On October 10th and 11th, 1917.

The next session the Tar River Association will be held with the Church at Gardner's about four miles north of Macon in Warren county, October 10 and 11th, 1917. Rev. Wallace Hartwell will preach the introductory sermon at 11 o'clock Wednesday, the first day.

I am writing this requesting each Church to send a full delegation and that the delegates will please be present on the morning of the first day as we have only two days, and come prepared to stay the two days thru.

Those who have been appointed to write reports on the different subjects are urged to be present if possible with their reports prepared and if they cannot be present in person please write to me at once, at Mapleville, N. C.

As I am writing the report on Associated Missions, and cannot do so intelligently without reports from the fields, I earnestly request each Missionary to send me his report not later than the first day of the session.

Now Brethren, we are living, I think, in the most critical period in the world's history. Great things have taken place and are now taking place. What the future holds, none of us can tell. It looks as if the map of the world will be changed. Never before, has the world needed the plain simple Gospel of Jesus as now. The Church of the Christ must be up and doing. The needs are great, the calls are many. Therefore let us, as a great Association come to this Session with praying hearts believing that our God reigns Supreme and that we must, relying upon His grace attempt great things for Him as never before.

We have Associated Mission pretty well in hand, but we must stress State, Home and Foreign Mission. Our soldier boys are all about us, in France and on the seas. They are crying to us for the word of the Lord.

May the Lord give us a great session and may God's blessing rest upon you all. G. M. DUKE, Moderator.

THE JUNIOR RED CROSS POPULAR

President Wilson In Letter to President of Vassar Endorses Junior Red Cross.

Organization of the Junior Red Cross among public school children throughout the United States has been warmly approved by President Wilson in a letter to Dr. H. N. MacCracken, the President of Vassar College, in charge of the organization of the new Junior Membership Bureau.

"My dear Dr. MacCracken, "I am very much interested to learn that you have taken up the work of organizing a junior membership of the Red Cross for work among the school children, and I write to express my very deep interest in the movement.

"If you have an opportunity will you not bid the young people, whom you are assembling in this organization, a very warm welcome from me and give them a message of the heartiest good cheer as they enroll themselves among the servants of the nation and of the people everywhere who need help and comfort and encouragement?"

"I think they will all look back upon this work they are undertaking as a happy circumstance of their school days.

Very sincerely yours,
WOODROW WILSON."

Effective plans are now under way in co-operation with the boards of education of various states for launching junior membership campaigns. Schools are to be recruited as units with membership fees of 25c. for each pupil. In addition, to stimulate and educate children in the Red Cross, plans are being made to utilize the youthful members in the making of the simpler articles and supplies needed in the hospitals abroad.

COMPANY H. AT GREENVILLE, S. C.

Warren People Visit Boys in Camp; Pay Day Still One Day Ahead; Other News.

Mrs. W. A. Graham arrived in Greenville Saturday afternoon to be with her husband Major W. A. Graham of the 120th Infantry. She was accompanied by Mr. William S. Price who visited his brother Captain E. C. Price, Jr. They made the trip thru the country in Major Graham's car.

Miss Mattie Harris, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. B. Harris and Mr. Raymond Harris, of Macon, and Miss Bessie M. Satterwhite, of Henderson, were visitors to Camp Sevier Sunday and Monday, the guests of Corporal Macey D. Harris. The party were on their way to Asheville and other places of interest in Western North Carolina.

Uncle Sam believes that man can live by bread alone, the Bible notwithstanding. That long looked for pay day has been hanging just one day in front of us for ten days, but as yet we have been unable to catch it. Tomorrow it is promised!

Lieutenants Limer and McCullen, Sergeant Horne, and Corporal Allison made a pleasure trip to Hendersonville and Asheville Sunday by auto from Camp Sevier.

Rumor has it that Company H. will be filled to war strength within the next few days from the drafted men of Warren and Halifax counties.

FOODSTUFFS ARE NOT TO BE SEIZED

Rumor That The National Government Is To Seize Individual Food Supplies False.

Raleigh, September 24th—Denying a rumor circulating generally that it is the purpose of the National Government to seize food supplies belonging to individual families, Director B. W. Kilgore, of the Agricultural Extension Service, calls emphatic attention to a recent statement received by him from Washington that the Government does not intend to seize any home food supplies. Many variations of this rumor have been deliberately circulated and many families have been prevented from conserving foods thereby. Mr. Kilgore states that this rumor has probably been circulated by our enemies for the purpose of preventing our people from canning, drying and otherwise conserving their food products.

The Extension Service of the College of Agriculture and Department of Agriculture has through its various divisions and field workers emphasized the importance of saving all food possible in order that households themselves may have a cheap and plentiful supply of food. There has never been any intention of the Federal Government to seize any of this. Rather, it would be more likely to further encourage the conservation of still more food in order that the output of staple food products from the chief producing regions be available for use by the armies of this country and of our allies.

Some families state that they heard that all canned materials over 100 qts. will be seized. Others state that all canned food will be taken and sent to England. All of this is absurd. The State and National Agricultural Agencies wish to do all in their power to aid in the helping to combat the high cost of living and for this reason have furnished men and women to instruct the people how to can, preserve and dry perishable food products properly.

Director Kilgore appeals to all loyal citizens to aid in dispelling any mistaken idea that may exist in regard to food seizure and to further encourage the efforts of producers to save all available food materials possible.

Large Stalk of Corn.
Mr. W. O. Hester, of Warrenton, brought to our office Saturday a stalk of corn fourteen feet in height and holding two large, well developed ears of corn. He says he has more just like it.

THE BOY SCOUTS CAMP AT POWELL'S

Week End Camping Party at Powell's Mill Enjoyed By Boy Scouts and Others.

The Boy Scouts of the Cotton Mill enjoyed a camping party at Powell's Mill from Saturday until Monday.

Mr. Peck through an acquaintance with Mr. Weaver, Scout Executive of Richmond, secured Mr. C. B. Poole, Scoutmaster of Troop No. 4 of that city, who accompanied the Warrenton troop on their outing. Mr. Poole, who is connected with the American Audit Company of New York City and who gives all his spare time to the scout movement, was instructor in Camp, and popular with the boys. He was accompanied by Scout Frank Thacker a Life and Eagle Scout of Richmond, who gave the boys an excellent idea of what a scout should be, and who added materially to the pleasure of all by his presence in camp.

Mr. T. D. Peck was "one of the boys" on the camping party, remaining out the entire time with Mr. Poole, Scout Thacker and the Mill Troop.

Each boy contributed as far as he was able, and some very liberally, to the camp's food supply. The rest of the provisions were supplied by the friends of the troop.

The Boy Scout program is one conducive to right life, proper conduct and christian development, and the behavior of the troop was in line with these principles. A helpful, enjoyable time was had by every member of the party.

Good, Warren County Among the First

Thirty Four Counties Will Have Medical School Inspection—Warren County Included.

Thirty four counties are to have medical inspection of schools during the year 1917 under the new State law that provides for the physical examination of the school children of the State at regular intervals.

The physicians of the counties are to be the inspectors and the teachers are to be "forerunners" of the inspectors as they make preliminary examinations as a guide to the physician. Work in the counties contracting for medical school inspection will begin the first week in November.

The counties that have accepted this work this year, and the physicians who have been appointed as medical inspectors for their respective counties, are: Alamance, inspector to be named; Buncombe, Dr. D. E. Sevier; Camden, Dr. W. L. Stevens; Currituck, Dr. W. T. Griggs; Caldwell, Dr. L. H. Coffey; Catawba, Dr. Geo. W. Shipp; Davie, Dr. J. W. Rodwell; Davidson, Dr. E. F. Long; Edgecombe, Dr. K. E. Miller; Franklin, Dr. J. E. Malone; Forsyth, Dr. A. C. Bulla; Guilford, Dr. Wm. M. Jones; Gaston, Dr. L. N. Glenn; Haywood, Dr. J. R. McCracken; Hertford, Dr. R. H. Gary; Johnston, Drs. Thel Hook and George D. Vick; Lenoir, Dr. J. S. Mitchener; Martin, Dr. W. E. Warren; Macon, Dr. H. T. Horsley; Montgomery, Dr. Charles Daligny; Madison, Dr. J. N. Moore; Mecklenburg, Dr. C. S. McLaughlin; Nash, Dr. J. A. Speight; Northampton, Dr. F. M. Register; Polk, Dr. Earle Grady; Pitt, Dr. M. T. Edgerton; Pasquotank, Dr. Zenas Fearing; Swain, Dr. J. L. Reeves; Transylvania, to be named; Wake, Dr. Z. M. Caviness and Miss Nora Pratt; Warren, Dr. Chas. H. Peete; Watauga, Dr. J. W. Jones; Wilson, Dr. J. C. Braswell, Jr.; Yancey, Dr. J. B. Gibbs.

The inspectors of the different counties and towns will meet in Raleigh, October 11th, to attend a conference of medical school inspectors. Dr. Talliaferro Clark, of Washington, D. C., will preside at the meeting. Drs. John E. Wright of Raleigh and J. G. Murphy of Wilmington will instruct the inspectors on the subject of the eyes, ears, nose and throat. Dr. R. M. Squires, of Wake Forest, President of the State Dental Society, will address the conference on oral hygiene.

The school teachers of these counties are requested to have their examinations made and their reports ready for the inspectors the first week in November.

CHURCH TO RAISE \$250,000.00 FUND

Rev. Frances M. Osborne Outlines the Needs of St. Mary's At Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Frances M. Osborne was in Warrenton on Sunday the 23rd and preached on the needs of St. Mary's School, Raleigh.

A committee was appointed to take care of Warrenton's share of the fund. Their names are: Messrs: W. G. Rogers, chairman, J. J. Tarwater, C. E. Jackson, Mrs. Del Peoples, Mrs. Howard F. Jones and Miss Mary Polk.

The following clipping taken from the Winston-Salem Journal shows the popularity of the movement and the appreciation of St. Mary's School as a medium for accomplishing God's work:

St. Mary's, A State Asset.

The general interest of the people of Winston-Salem in the canvass now being conducted here in the interest of the \$250,000 fund for St. Mary's School indicates that our people regard this institution as an asset of the State and not as the private possession of the Episcopalians. It is true the Episcopalians own the property and administer the policy of the school, but for seventy-five years the entire State and this section of the country has been the beneficiary of the educational advantages of this school. Like Salem College this school has been a pioneer in the Christian education of women, and thousands of homes have been blessed by the gracious influence of women who have come from these doors trained in mind and character. When you properly educate a woman, you can not limit the advantage of her life and presence to the denomination which owns her Alma Mater. Far in advance of private endowment and the appropriation of public funds by the State, these Christian schools have been open to women from all communions, and today we are told more than fifty girls of non-Episcopal families are in attendance at St. Mary's.

The people of Winston-Salem are keenly alive to everything that concerns our local progress and in the eyes of the State we are not unnoticed. Patriotism of a State-wide variety and a broad-minded interest in all that concerns our State and section should also distinguish the people of our city. The present campaign offers an opportunity. We are interested in every institution that enriches and elevates the intellectual life and the character of our women and tangible evidence of interest may be expected in the subscriptions of our people.

LITERARY CLUB OFFICERS ELECTED

Macon Literary Club Re-Organized for Coming Season at Mrs. P. A. Agelasto's.

Mrs. Peter Agelasto, of Norfolk, entertained the Maids and Matrons on Wednesday from four until six at her summer home, "The Bungalow."

Mrs. J. M. Coleman was elected president, Miss Lucy Byers, vice-president and Miss Annie Gregory, secretary.

A most interesting programme was followed by refreshments. Those in attendance were: Mesdames J. M. Coleman, John S. Nowell, M. P. Perry, Edwin Russell, Marvin Drake, Arthur Nicholson, Herbert Scholz, and Mrs. Cora Phelps; Misses Florence Perry, Lucy Byers, Annie Gregory, Miss Brown and Miss Southerland.

Doll Hat Sale Success

The Doll Hat sale conducted Friday and Saturday by Misses Olivia Burwell and Dorothy Walters proved a large success. Many hats were sold and about \$11.00 was cleared for the Red Cross by these young ladies, who have worked so faithfully and earnestly to do their part for the chapter here.

Entertainment To Be Held at Oakville.

"Mrs. Briggs of the Poultry Yard", a play of many laughs, will be presented at Oakville School building at 7:30 o'clock Friday September 28th, for benefit of Hebron church.

THE CHILDREN TO BE EXAMINED

Inspection As to Health of the County's School Children To Be Held During the Fall.

The following from the Health Bulletin is timely. Dr. Charles H. Peete has been selected to pass upon the defects of the school children, and we hope to have these defects remedied, as far as and as soon as possible so that the body may be a comfortable dwelling place for the mind.

I hope to have the teachers here some time during the middle of October in order that Dr. Peete and a representative of the Board of Health may instruct the teachers as to the best plan for making an inspection of the children of their respective schools. These physicians will explain the law and the plan under which they will work, and then the inspection will be made and cards sent in to me and be turned over by me to Dr. Peete. He will then select the children for treatment. But more of the plan will be given to the parents of the children later.

The Teacher's Part in Medical Inspection of Schools.

Sometime ago when a physician was explaining the few simple but important items which relate to the teacher's part in the medical inspection of schools under the law enacted by the General Assembly of 1917, a teacher was overheard to remark in a loud whisper, "Who is going to pay the teacher for this?" That teacher has been teaching for twenty-two years, and has never taught more than five months in any one year, and her highest salary at any time has been forty dollars per month. She has probably been paid entirely too much for the service rendered, if that spirit has been her guiding star. It is good for North Carolina that she is in a tiny minority. The great majority of teachers are overworked and underpaid; but one seldom ever hears a complaint. It is the third time this particular physician has ever heard such an expression from a teacher in regard to doing anything for the correction of physical defects found in the little ones under her care, many of them from homes of poverty and neglect. On the other hand, in many years experience, he has nearly always found the teachers ready and even anxious to help or make any sacrifice necessary to remove any handicap against the progress of their pupils. One big-hearted teacher in 1916 took five dollars of his own money and had a boy's eyes treated. The happiness of the child and the rapid advance made in his class, that teacher said, amply repaid the cost.

"There are numbers of instances where children have been punished at home and at school for lack of progress or for apparent disobedience, when the discovery has been made later that the sole trouble was due to inability to see with distinctness or to hear sufficiently to understand what was desired of them.

"The teachers in the public schools of North Carolina have now an opportunity, never presented before, to get every seriously defective child treated. The State and county will provide a fund to help the parents get the special medical or dental treatment needed for every child whose parents are not well able to do this.

"It need not take one minute more of the teacher's time to do the little the law requires for each individual child. "And it may mean the difference between success or failure in life for the child. It is suggested that the hour set aside each day for teaching hygiene, which the school law has long required, be set aside for the examination of a certain number of children. Take the last hour in each afternoon and send all the children home but those to be examined. Notify the mothers of each of the children to be examined two or three days ahead, so they can be present. Examine, at the same time, all the children of a family in the school so that only a very few mothers will be present and no outsiders. Examine each child in private with no one present except the child's mother. In this manner every child under the average teacher's care may be examined in four or five days; no extra time will be required, and little time will be lost from actual and regular school duties. The responsibility

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