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PROF. CARLYLE IS DEAD

THE END CAME MONDAY AT WAKE FOREST.

One of the State's Leading Men and Educators. For More Than Twenty Years a Professor in Wake Forest College. Served as President of the Baptist State Convention. Health Gave Way Last Fall, But Kept at Work Until April.

Raleigh, July 10.—Dr. John B. Carlyle, one of the best known college professors of this state, died about 2:30 o'clock this morning at his home in Wake Forest after an illness of some months. He was for 23 years professor of Latin at Wake Forest college and for several years was president of the state Baptist convention. Surviving are a widow, formerly Miss Dunn, of Tennessee, and two sons, Irving, aged 15, and Jack, aged 11. Dr. Carlyle was one of the moving spirits of Wake Forest college, an institution that he loved dearly. He was active until a collapse came last spring and he was taken to Black Mountain but it was too late for the mountain air to throw off the grip of the deadly disease, which had fastened itself upon him. Dr. Carlyle was one of the chief movers in raising an endowment of over \$100,000 for Wake Forest, besides more than \$16,000 for the Alumni building and \$9,000 for another.

One of State's Leading Citizens. Besides being prominent in college work he was a great Sunday school worker a devoted Christian and one of the state's leading citizens. He was prominent in Masonic circles. The funeral will be held tomorrow at Wake Forest.

John Bethune Carlyle was born in 1858, near the town of Lumberton, in Robeson county, North Carolina. The county of Robeson has been peculiarly rich in her output of able and useful men and has retained a singular hold upon their affections even when they have left her hands. Professor Carlyle was no exception to this devotion to his native heath. Next to his mother college he loved and honored his motherer county.

His ancestors on both sides were of the Scottish extraction, exhibiting in their lives for many generations the characteristics which he inherited in such rich measure; sturdy fidelity, unimpeachable honesty and rare independence of thought and action.

Was Brilliant Student.

After careful preparation, acquiring mainly by his inflexible determination to secure the best education possible, he entered Wake Forest college in 1883. His career as a student was brilliant and successful. From the very beginning of his student life he acquired an acknowledged ascendancy over his fellows by his sparkling wit, and his superior mental qualifications, united with his indefatigable energy, and his scholarly conscientiousness caused all college honors to fall thick and fast upon him. His unrivaled talents as an orator were recognized throughout the whole of his college life, and there was no honor reward of his society that was not readily granted to him. To the end of his life he was always the generous helper and valued councillor of Philomathean society.

After leaving college with the highest degree granted by his Alma Mater, John B. Carlyle devoted his life at once to the chosen work of education and gave the first fruits of his genius to the service of his country. He taught for some time at Lumber Bridge and was active and energetic in his efforts for the improvement of the educational facilities of Robeson being at one time the superintendent of education of this county.

His college, however, could not suffer this student of rare gifts to leave her and after the course of a year or two called him to fill the position of instructor of Latin and Greek. Promotion was rapid, for on the resignation of Rev. George W. Green, Professor Carlyle was at

once chosen to assume the duties of the full professorship of Latin in the institution, a position which he filled with ability and enthusiasm up to the close of his life.

GOOD ROADS MARCHING ON.

Special Taxes to Be Voted for Road Improvement.—Barbecues and Picnics for Holt's Mill and Beulah.—Good Speakers to Be at Each.—Meeting at Stewart's School House Next Monday.

The Good Roads Movement means much for North Carolina. At this day of progress and material advancement along all lines, we are at a loss to understand why any man should oppose the building of better roads. For, with good roads, our farmers and lumbermen, and in fact, all classes can in half the time and with much less wear and tear on their teams and vehicles, transport to market their products. Instead of taking three hours to travel ten miles through deep sand and heavy mud, with a good road you can travel ten miles in 90 minutes. And at this age of material development time counts much. You can have your business attended to and ready to return home when your brother in heavy mud and deep sand reaches the market.

We are indeed proud that our people are waking up to their interest along this line. Wilson's Mills township has recently voted special taxes to improve her roads. Wilders will hold an election August 1st, and Beulah, O'Neals and Ingrams townships, we understand, will soon hold an election for the purpose of voting special road tax.

A Good Roads Meeting will be held at Stewart's new School House near Tom Rhodes' residence, next Monday at 3 o'clock P. M. Mr. W. S. Morton, the Civil Engineer, who is here surveying the Central Highway across the County, under the direction of Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist, and others will make speeches.

A big barbecue and picnic, in the interest of good roads, has been arranged at Holt's Mill, near Princeton, on Wednesday, July 26th; another at old Beulah, in Beulah township, on Friday, July 28th. Speakers of State wide reputation upon this great subject will be secured to make addresses at the above places, and announced in the next issue of this paper.

RALEIGH DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

In Session at Zebulon, With the Zebulon Methodist Church—Business Transacted.

Zebulon, N. C., July 12.—The Raleigh District Conference convened with Zebulon Methodist church on Monday evening, July 10th, at 8:30 o'clock. Rev. A. S. Barnes, of Smithfield, N. C., preached the opening sermon.

The regular business session of the Conference convened on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. Jno. H. Hall, Presiding Elder, presiding.

After devotional services conducted by the Presiding Elder, the roll was called and a large number of delegates and pastors answered to their names. W. A. Edgerton, of Selma, N. C., was elected secretary. The Conference is well attended, both from the various charges and the town.

The various charges of the district reported on the spiritual condition of the churches. Great progress was reported as to the development of the district.

At 11 o'clock Rev. G. W. Fisher, of Cary, preached to the audience an excellent sermon on the Life and Character of Elijah.

Evening session of the Conference was devoted to the various reports and at 8:30 Rev. H. M. North, of Edenton Street, Raleigh, delighted the audience with his usually good sermon.

Wednesday's session of Conference was one full of life. Various matter of interest to the church was taken up. The Orphanage, Sunday-schools, Missions, and Education were the main topics of discussion.

Rev. A. D. Wilcox, of Raleigh, furnished the audience with a strong sermon at the usual morning hour of service.

BANK CASHIER MISSING

SHORTAGE SMALL AND BANK OF KENLY KEEPS UP BUSINESS.

R. H. Alford Has Made a Successful Get-away—His Family Make Good The \$3,350 of His Defalcation, the Amount Apparent at Present and Bank's Patrons Will Lose Nothing.

Kenly, N. C., July 10.—This town and community has been in a fever of excitement since Saturday night, when it became known that the cashier of the Bank of Kenly, Mr. R. H. Alford, had mysteriously disappeared.

All kinds of rumors have been put in circulation, but the facts briefly are these:

The cashier, it develops, is \$3,350 short in his cash account. The surplus and undivided profits are \$3,200, capital \$10,000, deposits about \$40,000. The bank is in good condition and opened its doors to-day and did a good day's business. The deposits amounting to over \$5,000. There has been no run on the bank and as soon as its true condition became known business moved on as smoothly as if nothing had happened.

The disappearance of Cashier Alford is still shrouded in mystery. He disappeared as completely as if the ground had opened and swallowed him up. Fears of his having committed suicide are abating since the woods around town have been scoured. A great majority tonight believe he has run away for a time.

Speaking of the shortage tonight, Mr. N. E. Edgerton, a director of the bank, said the auditing of the books of the Bank of Kenly is practically completed by Bank Examiner Brown. The shortage is about \$3,350 and Mr. Alford has ample property to cover the shortage. He does not anticipate that the bank or any one else will sustain any loss. Everybody is in sympathy with Mr. Alford and his family. Mr. Alford has had serious sickness in his family for over a year and could not leave home, the demands made upon him because of this undoubtedly caused the shortage. It has developed that he recently went to Raleigh, Wilson and Wilmington to negotiate a loan, no doubt for the purpose of reimbursing the bank and that he was partially promised a loan at Wilson. Had not the bank examiner come at the time he did the amount would have been returned and the bank found in first-class condition.

The people deeply sympathize with Mr. Alford and will do all they can to help him out of his trouble if he should return, and they believe that he will show up as soon as his sudden fright has passed away and he is capable of acting with his usual good judgment.

Wilson, N. C., July 10.—Mr. N. E. Edgerton, one of the directors of the Bank of Kenly, in Johnston county, says: "The defalcation of Cashier Alford, of the Bank of Kenly, amounting to \$3,350, has been made up by his people, and the bank will not be affected at all. The cashier is still missing, having left the bank Saturday morning after the bank examiner appeared, and, turning the books over to him, Alford stated he would return in a few moments. He has not been seen since."

E. L. TRAVIS IS APPOINTED.

Named by Governor to Succeed Corporation Commissioner Brown.

Raleigh, N. C. July 11.—E. L. Travis, of Halifax, received from Governor Kitchin this evening his commission as Corporation Commissioner to succeed the late Henry Clay Brown. Mr. Travis is one of Governor Kitchin's closest personal and political friends and has been a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee for 12 years and chairman of the Halifax county committee since 1898. He was for a number of years chairman of the board of directors of the State penitentiary and has served four terms as State Senator.

Clean up your town and city. The only way to prevent disease is to keep the town clean and preserve good water and good health conditions.—News and Observer.

JOHNSTON'S BIG PICNIC

COUNTY PROUD OF INCREASED VALUATION.

An Increase Since 1910 of \$3,002,901. Big Good Roads and Education Rally—2,500 Present—Land Values Up—Torrens System Advocated—Delightful Barbecue.

Smithfield, July 8.—The people of the town and of Johnston county gathered here twenty-five hundred strong today at a good roads picnic and barbecue. It was a great day. People came from all parts of the county, and the business men of Smithfield, who had sent out a cordial invitation to the people of the county, had the doors wide open. The celebration was under the direction of the County Good Roads Committee, of which body Mayor James A. Wellons is chairman.

The Farmers' Union of Johnston county came out in full force to take part in the big day and to welcome the president of the State Union, Dr. H. Q. Alexander, of Charlotte, who was one of the principal speakers.

By 11 o'clock the courthouse lawn, the place chosen for the celebration, was a lively scene. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wellons, who was appropriately selected to preside, being chairman of the local committee and a leading member of the North Carolina Good Roads Association. He was one of the committee selected to go from Murphy to Morehead City to fix the Central Highway route. Among the leaders in the Central Highway movement he has won high place.

A Johnston County Miracle. After an eloquent address of welcome, Mayor Wellons introduced Mr. F. H. Brooks, who read a letter from County Assessor R. H. Gower. This letter showed that the number of acres listed in Johnston county for taxation had grown since last year by 14,335.

Mr. Brooks said it had been observed by land dealers that people ought to invest in land because creation has been limited and there isn't going to be any land. But to this, said Mr. Brooks, Johnston county is a conspicuous exception. Either 14,335 acres have been created in Johnston county since 1910, or—is it possible that some owners forgot at a convenient season, about some of their real estate holdings?

Great Increase of Valuation. Mr. Gower's report further showed that the valuation of property listed in Johnston county was \$3,002,901 more than last year. Last year the assessment aggregated \$7,988,034. This year it aggregates \$10,990,935. That is to say, the valuation of Johnston county property has gone up nearly a third.

Land Values Up. The report showed further that whereas Johnston county land was listed in 1910 at \$6.92 1-8 per acre on the average, the average assessment per acre this year was \$9.48 1-8. And it must not be forgotten that somebody had created—or remembered—14,335 acres of good solid Johnston county earth.

Mr. Brooks said that the assessor, Mr. Gower, had been exceedingly diligent in attention to his work. The speaker added that the figures showed great progress for the past few years. Mr. Brooks's remarks were heartily applauded.

Mr. Josephus Daniels. Mr. Josephus Daniels, editor of The News and Observer, was introduced by Mr. Brooks as "the editor of the greatest newspaper in North Carolina."

Mr. Daniels congratulated his twenty-five hundred hearers upon the great progress they had made in education, agriculture and good roads. He said that this happy result was due to cooperation, every man being in harness; and Mr. Daniels expressed the belief that the progress so far made was only an earnest of future progress. He added that never before had he seen such crops as those he had seen in driving through the country this morning.

Col. F. A. Olds. Mr. W. M. Sanders then introduced Col. F. A. Olds, of Raleigh, Colonel Olds woke up his big audience with

an energetic appeal for good roads. He told of the roads he had seen in Europe, contrasting these with the roads which free-born Americans are content to worry along with. His address was interesting and inspiring.

Dr. H. Q. Alexander. Secretary Harper, of the Farmers' Union introduced Dr. H. Q. Alexander, of Charlotte, president of the Farmers' Unions in the State. Dr. Alexander made a very strong address. He urged the farmers to study the business of farming so as to keep up progress. He spoke also of the harmony which should prevail between the city and country—of which harmony he saw an example right before him.

Dr. Alexander spoke enthusiastically of the \$400,000 of good roads bond voted by Iredell county, and urged his hearers to follow the example of Iredell and Mecklenburg by voting good roads in. He spoke also in favor of Federal assistance in road-building.

The Torrens System. Concerning the Torrens land title system, Dr. Alexander paid his respects to those who defeated this in the 1911 General Assembly. The lawyers did it, he said; and he said that the people sent too many lawyers to represent them in legislature—for example, eight lawyers out of ten Congressmen from this State.

Dr. Alexander's address, which was interspersed with good jokes and anecdotes, was heartily enjoyed.

Judge A. C. Avery. Judge Avery, of Morganton, who had not visited Smithfield since he had been on the Superior Court bench, twenty years ago, was the next speaker. He made a delightful brief address. His hearers, including many old friends, were glad to see him and hear him.

Barbecue and Fixin's. After Judge Avery's brief address, the people present were invited to the long tables on the court house green. There was everything good on the tables that a hungry man could want. Everybody was there—not omitting the babies.

The big gathering broke up after a general good time, with plenty of good new ideas, too. The day was an important one to Smithfield and to the whole county of Johnston.—News and Observer.

Two Young Men Kill a Horse.

It is reported that a horse was driven to death last Sunday afternoon by two young men who were drinking. They drove him for several miles at a high rate of speed in the neighborhood of Wilson's Mills. It is said they stopped at a house about three miles west of there and proposed to trade the horse for a bicycle. He was then covered with sweat and lather all over and was panting and seemed inclined to stop as often as possible. Returning he fell in front of the Wilson's Mills postoffice where he died a little later. Such cruelty to animals is contrary to the State laws and we regret to hear of it. It is a shame for any human being to mistreat any dumb animal placed under his care.

Big Contrast in the Weather.

Mr. Thomas R. Crocker, who was in the hardware business here for several years, but now has a splendid position with the American Tobacco Company in Chicago writes a friend in Smithfield, July 7th as follows: "Am spending my vacation in Colorado. Mrs. Crocker and Stephen (his son) are with me. Weather has been delightfully cool. Ran into a snow storm on Pike's Peak last Wednesday."

Good Meeting at Pauline.

Mr. W. B. Joyner writes us that Rev. T. J. Hood has just closed a very successful meeting at Pauline Baptist church in Bentonsville township. The meeting closed Saturday night with eleven candidates for baptism. The baptizing took place Sunday morning and at the preaching service there was so much interest that Mr. Hood preached again that night and three others joined the church. On account of having to fill other engagements the preacher could not remain longer. Those who joined after the baptismal service will be baptized at the next regular appointment.

JOHNSTON FIRST AGAIN

COUNTY ASSESSOR GOWER TELLS HOW IT WAS DONE.

Mr. Gower Discovered 14,000 Acres of Untaxed Land, Put Up the Assessment Three Million Dollars, and the Board of Equalization Unanimously Approved the Increase and New Assessment.

Mr. R. H. Gower, the county assessor of taxes in Johnston county, was in Raleigh yesterday. He is in this city often and has many friends, and he was warmly congratulated on every hand of reason of the fact that his county was the first in the State in which the County Board of Equalization unanimously approved the assessment of property as reported to it, and in which there was an increase of more than three million dollars over its last assessment.

Mr. Gower said: "I put in full sixty days in the field. I went with the assessors to every township in Johnston county to see the land; I explained the law to those who did not fully understand it; I went with them over the lands; we discovered that there were 14,315 more acres in the county this year than was assessed last year; we made an earnest effort to try to make Johnston county assess its property in a fair way, without any discrimination and with justice to all. But for the new law, which provided a county assessor and secured the cooperative work between him and the township assessors, Johnston county property would not have increased its assessment as it has. Instead of complaints on every hand, I have received commendation for increasing the assessment, and the people of the county are well satisfied and proud of what has been done.—Wednesday's News and Observer."

Death's Doings.

On Tuesday, July 13, at the home of her brother, Mr. Charles D. Smith, in Ingrams township, Miss Cattie Smith died after only about a week's illness. She had been in poor health for some time. The body will be buried to-day at Oakland Presbyterian church. It is expected that Rev. T. H. Spence will conduct the funeral. She was a sister of Mr. J. H. Smith, of Elevation township, and a very estimable lady. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved.

Negro Forger Quits Jail.

Isalah Hodges, a young negro man, was tried here before Mayor Wellons a few days ago for forging two orders from Mr. C. Q. Stephenson for money to Austin-Stephenson Co. He had worked for Mr. Stephenson but had taken pay for all his work before the orders were issued. One of the orders was for about three dollars and the other for \$4.50. He was sent to jail to await court. Late yesterday evening about dark the jailer went into the jail and sent this negro out with a bucket of slops. He heard him empty the slops and just a little later heard him jump from the high wall enclosing the jail. Thus he made good his escape. It seems almost impossible for him to have passed over the wall.

Ware-Kramer Company Wins.

The Ware-Kramer Company was yesterday awarded \$20,000 damages in the suit against the American Tobacco Company, after a prolonged trial of five weeks in the Federal Court at Raleigh. According to the provisions of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law the amount is trebled, making it \$60,000. This is a victory against the trust.

Picnic at Rock Ridge Academy.

There will be a big basket picnic at Rock Ridge Academy in Wilson County on Friday, July 21. Governor Kitchin will deliver an address and it will be a big day for all that section. This will be the twenty-fifth annual picnic at this place. This is a fine custom and many sections might profit by having a big picnic once a year.