

SCHOOL RALLY IS ANNOUNCED

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE OF THE DETAILS OF THE COUNTY SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT TO BE HELD AURIL 7th:

By J. Y. Irvin:
Cleveland county will hold its annual Commencement April 7th in Shelby. The teachers have adopted the following rules for the different contests:

Parade
The line of parade will form between the Baptist church and the S. A. L. Ry. and march to college Inn, thence back N. Washington to N. side of court house. Three marshalls will be appointed from each township. Each school is requested to march four abreast. A set of maps will be given to the school making the best showing in parade. This contest is open to all schools except Shelby. Shelby being on the ground makes it unfair for it to contest against the county schools; but a suitable prize will be given to the room in the Shelby schools that makes the best showing in the parade.

Spelling Match, High Schools
Each public high school in the county will be allowed three contestants in the spelling match. The contest will be written and the pupil making the highest grade will be given a medal.

Spelling Match, 7th Grade
Each public school in the county will be allowed one contestant from the 7th grade. The contest will be written and the pupil making the highest grade will be given a medal.

High School Declamation and Recitation
Any public high school in the county may enter one boy and one girl in the declamation and recitation contests. No declamation or recitation can be over five minutes long. If it should run over five minutes the pupil will be counted out of the contests. No pupil will be allowed to enter either of the above contests who has paid for lessons in elocution.

7th Grade Declamation and Recitation
These contests will be open to any boy and girl in the public schools of Cleveland county who has attended 30 per cent of the school term and who has not paid for lessons in elocution, provided they are not above the 7th grade. One boy and one girl will represent each township. There must be a preliminary contest in each township March 17th. The committee has designated the following places and appointed the following teachers to hold the contest: Holly Spgs., H. S. Bailey; Boiling Springs, J. W. P. Hill; Earl, Lawton Blanton; Grover, Miss Livingston; Waco, J. T. Allen; Shelby, I. C. Griffin; Lattimore, E. S. Teague; Union, W. E. White; Fallston, M. A. Honeycutt; Mulls, Carr Mull; Casar, Miss Laura Falls.

Commencement Exercises
At the court house an address will be delivered to the 7th grade graduates, medals will be given for the best work in English, medal will be given by the Daughters for the best essay on the Reconstruction of the Southern States, and diplomas will be given to all pupils completing the 7th grade, provided they make an average of 80 per cent. or more.

Rules for Essay Medal
Any boy or girl in the public schools of the county below the 8th grade is eligible to the contest. The contest will be held in Shelby school building on Saturday March 18th. Pupils will be asked to come without paper or notes of any kind. The "Reconstruction of the Southern States" will be the subject.

Athletics
For boys under 14 years of age: 1 mile race, 1-4 mile race, 100 yd. and relay race. For boys over 14 years of age: 1 mile race, 1-4 mile race, 100 yd. race and relay race.
Base ball game will be played between the two best public school teams in the county. All teams wishing to enter will notify J. Y. Irvin by March first so that times and places can be designated for these. Preliminary contests to determine the two best teams in the public schools of the county. All teams wishing to enter for basket ball will notify J. Y. Irvin by March first so that times and places can be arranged for preliminary games to determine the two best teams.

Exhibits
Maps will be given for the following school exhibits: 1, by a one teacher school; 2, by a two teacher school; 3, by a three teacher school; 4, by a four to seven teacher school; 5, by a room of Kings Mtn. school; 6, by a room of the Shelby school. There will be other exhibits offered for exhibits by the club members.

THE COURT HOUSE QUESTION
Lively Fight is Expected in Rutherford if The Question of Removing Court House to Forest City Comes To a Vote.
With Forest City people claiming 2,300 signatures to the petition asking for a vote on the question of moving the Rutherford county court house from Rutherford to Forest City, the Rutherford advocates tell their side of the case in the following dispatch to The Observer:
"One of the cleverest of surprises ever put over on Rutherford was the recent coup by the agitators for removal of the court house to Forest City. Sol Gallert, attorney of Rutherford, and one time candidate for Congress, was retained as legal counsel by the Forest City clan. Petitions were prepared and enough workers employed to cover the eastern part of the county in 48 hours. Before any opposition could even hear of the move more than 2,000 names had been secured and the attorney was lobbying in Raleigh.
"As soon as the facts were ascertained in Rutherford letters and telegrams began to flow to Raleigh. Petitions against removal were circulated in every township in the county and a large number, who signed the removal petitions signed a protest against further agitations of the matter. Twice before Forest City sought an election, once in fusion days, when the bill disappeared from the House rather mysteriously and again in 1907 when the county court house was in ashes. Sufficient interest could not then be aroused to justify an election. Now after 10 years of peace the disturbers, lead by Gallert and backed by the citizens generally of Forest City, a town of 1,592 inhabitants as per the last census, a determined effort is made for an election. Indications are, it is claimed, that the election will not be granted by the Legislature."

SOCIETY NEWS

A Delightful Musical
The music pupils of the 10th grade under the able direction of their teacher, Miss Helen Dover will give a recital this afternoon at the school auditorium at 3:15 o'clock. An unusually interesting program has been arranged and it is hoped that a large and appreciative audience will greet these youthful stars and help in a most worthy cause.
A free will offering will be taken at door, the proceeds to be used in the purchase of a Victrola for the graded school.

Miss Bostic's Music Class Give Recital
A very delightful musical program was rendered on last Friday evening at the College Inn, when the pupils of Miss Bertha Bostic gave a recital to a large and interested audience.
These young music pupils acquitted themselves with much credit and by their splendid rendition of many difficult numbers shown the splendid training they are receiving from Miss Bostic.

Cecelia Mule Club
Miss Kendall was again hostess on Saturday afternoon when the Cecelia Music club convened with her at 3:30 o'clock. A most delightful musical program has been arranged for the meeting and was rendered as follows:
Sketch of John Philip Sousa—Miss Stella Scroggs.
Piano—Selected—Miss Kendall.
Piano Duet—Selected—Mrs. Watkins, Miss Dover.
Tomorrow in American Music—Sousa—Mrs. P. L. Hennessa.
A tempting collation was then served, in which the hostess was graciously assisted by Miss Helen Dover.

Mrs. Blanton Entertaining at a Series of Rook Parties
Mrs. George Blanton is entertaining at a series of parties at her attractive home on West Marion street, rook being the chosen game.
On last Thursday evening, Mrs. Blanton was hostess to twelve of her married friends and at the close of the game, tempting refreshments were served, Miss Margaret McMurry graciously presiding over the chafing dish.
Again the following evening Mrs. Blanton was at home to the same number of friends. A collation of two courses, consisting of a salad course and an ice course was served by the hostess and her daughter, Miss Millicent Blanton.

Twenty Century Club Meeting With Mrs. Bateman
On last Friday afternoon at her lovely home on South Washington St., Mrs. T. D. Bateman was the gracious hostess to the members of the 20th Century club at their regular semi-monthly meeting. It was an afternoon with Barrie a the inspiring study subject and the following interesting program was given:
The Legend of Leonora—Review and Criticism—Mrs. J. L. Ross.
Pantaloons and Half an Hour Studies in Realism—Miss Annie Miller, Barrie—Mrs. T. E. McBrayer.
At delightful social hour followed during which the hostess, assisted by her sister, Mrs. B. J. Hammet, served a delectable salad course. Miss Stella Murchison and Mrs. Hammet were pleasant additional guests of the club.

FIRM DISSOLVES

McMurry-Hull Company Dissolves — Hulls Will Open New Business While McMurry's Will Continue at Present Stand.
A business change of considerable interest is announced in the dissolution of McMurry-Hull Company, a prosperous and prominent firm which has been operating in the C. C. Blanton building for many years. Messrs. Colin and J. H. Hull have rented the Eskridge building opposite the First Baptist church and will open the last of this week a general line of merchandise, catering especially to ladies fine dress goods and ladies and gents ready-to-wear. Miss Barron has accepted a position with the Hull Brothers. The McMurry-Hull stand will be retained by Messrs. P. B. and J. J. McMurry who will continue to handle the same line of merchandise. Both the McMurry and Hull families have been long identified as Shelby merchants and have a wide acquaintance that will be interested in the announcement of the change.
The new Hull store has been freshened with the paint brush, while new shelving and counters have been added. Success is predicted for each of the new firms because the managers are favorably known to the public.

Cotton Ginned to January 16
Cotton ginned prior to January 16 amounted to 11,147,113 running bales, exclusive of linters, including 189,004 round bales and 115,463 bales of sea island, the census bureau announces. To January 1 last year, ginning aggregated 10,751,990 bales, including 106,968 round bales and 90,671 bales of sea island. That was 97.1 per cent. of the entire crop.
There was ginned in North Carolina 659,419 bales.

Married
On Sunday, Jan. 14th, in Lincoln county, Mr. Lector Ledford and Miss Minnie Weathers were happily married. Mr. Ledford is the son of John C. Ledford of Cleveland county.

Box Supper
There will be a box supper at Ross Grove school house Friday night, Feb. 2nd.

MEDICINE LAWS ARE CONSIDERED

LEGISLATURE LIKELY TO KILL OPEN FORMULA LAW, BUT PROHIBITS ADVERTISING FAKE CURES — ABSENTEES CAN VOTE.
Raleigh Dispatch, Jan. 27th:
The Bennett senate bill, prohibiting the sale or the advertisement of medicines claiming to cure diseases which medical authority recognize as incurable or without discovered cure, went through the senate today as did the second Bennett bill prohibiting the mis-branding or of adulteration of medicines.
This bill was presented by Senator Bennett, druggist of Bryson city, and by Representative Grantham, Harnett county, both druggists. They are the measures which the retail druggists have accepted as representing their wishes in drug legislation and in passing them the pharmacists believe that they are more in accord with Governor Bickett's recommendations than are those who introduced the bills desired by the state board of health.
The measures went through without objection. Their companions, the Scales-Page acts, will have no such luck, of course. It is accepted here as settled that the house will beat these badly. The committee that reported them unfavorably stood 7 to 5 and when Representative Wright of Guilford gets back for the vote, it will be 8 to 5. There isn't the slightest chance for the more drastic bills, according to those who count assembly noses as a sort of side-line to regular business.
The druggists have understood all the while that the governor did not ask for public exposure of all the formulae in the medicines under dispute, but that they be "filed" thus giving to state authority the right to inquire into their contents. Governor Bickett would have made certain of these breaches, advertisement and sale of "cures" for cancer, diabetes, etc., felonious. The bills punish the offenders as misdemeanants with \$100 as the maximum fine for each offense.

Absentees Can Vote
The house today passed the absentee voters' act. It had a hard fight over preciously little and then went through 62 to 19, Republicans with two exceptions voting solidly against it.
The Democrats did a smart trick today. They found the Republicans much displeased with phases of the act which permits soldiers, drummers colleagues and others forced from the boundaries of the state, to vote by mail. There had been two bills of this character introduced by Doughton of Alleghany and Kittrell of Vance. The committee worked out a substitute and the house passed it.
Bills passed final reading as follows: Incorporate Kings Mountain Battleground association; establish the weight of a bushel of onions; amend the revisal as to the appointment of guardians; exempt Henderson county from the state primary; strike out Hoke and put McDowell in libligue: opineserd
The State Bar association bill to provide three examiners to examine applicants for law licenses and leaving the issuance of the license with the Supreme court after the board has held the examinations and graded the examination papers, was laid before the house but went over to another day. The bill provides for the president of the State Bar association to appoint the board of three examiners.
The following bills passed final reading in Senate:
Prohibit the misbranding and adulteration of drugs; regulate civil terms of court; prohibit the sale or advertising of remedies purporting to cure incurable diseases.
Senator Brenner of Mecklenburg, offered a resolution empowering the committee on constitutional amendments to draft immediately legislation on the part of the senate for counties, cities and towns. The resolution was, after discussion withdrawn with the understanding that there will be an expediting of this work and further consideration and action Monday.

Box Supper at Waco
At Waco auditorium on Friday night, Feb. 2. A short program will be rendered. Everybody invited.

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BATTLE PICTURES

To Be Made Around Kings Mountain. Re-Staging the Famous Battle of Kings Mountain — The Proposed Road to the Mountain.
A special to The Observer from Kings Mountain under date of Friday says:
The announcement to the effect that the Dixie Film and Producing Company would stage and re-fight the battle of Kings Mountain this Spring, and that film of the battle would be made by the company, has met the most hearty approval of leading citizens of the town. Much warm and favorable discussion of the matter has been extant on the streets ever since the arrival of the announcement.
The news of the proposed action of the film people has provoked a discussion relative to the road leading from the town of Kings Mountain to the historic battlefield. At present the road is bad, but before the arrival of the 350 persons to produce the film, a new road will have been completed, which will make travel to and from the battlefield easy. The road is being built jointly by the people of Kings Mountain, of York county, and citizens who will be mostly benefited by the new highway.
A subscription list has been in the hands of a soliciting committee for some time and those willing to help on the North Carolina end of the road, are asked to contribute. The committee consists of Messrs. G. F. Hambrick, L. A. McGill, and G. W. Kendrick. The people of York county are deeply interested in having the road completed and are at work on their end of it. Besides building nearly two miles of the road, they are erecting a bridge across Kings Creek, at considerable cost.
While no definite steps have been taken toward the celebration of the one hundred and thirty-seventh anniversary of the famous battle of Kings Mountain, which will be held here October 7, it is generally understood that an effort will be made to make this the biggest event of the kind ever had here. It is freely talked that the people of East Tennessee, whose forefathers fought in the battle, will be asked to take a hand. Oliver Taylor of Bristol, Tenn., was here sometime ago and in speaking with this correspondent on the subject, said that he was sure a large delegation from his section would gladly take part in the celebration. Mr. Taylor is the author of a history of the battle.

Fallston Defeats Waco in Basket Ball
Special to The Star:
The Fallston Basket Ball Team defeated the Waco team on the Waco grounds, by a score of 27 to 10 Friday evening. It was the first game of the season for both schools and was therefore interesting to the large crowd that attended. In the first half the Fallston boys took the lead and kept it throughout the game. At the end of the first half the score stood ten to four in favor of Fallston. At the beginning of the second half Waco with two new men, came back strong but was not able to get the lead on their opponents whose victory was almost assured. In the second half the score was 17 for Fallston, and 6 for Waco, thus making a total of 27 for Fallston and 10 for Waco.
The Star for Waco was Floyd Parker who threw all the goals for that team. For Fallston, Tommie Cline threw six field goals, Love Jones six and Amos Bumgardner one field goal and one foul ball. The guarding of Austin Lackey and Clarence L. Hoyle was exceptionally good.
The line up was as follows:
Fallston—Tommie Cline, right forward; Love Jones, left forward; Amos Bumgardner, center; Austin Lackey, right guard; Clarence L. Hoyle, guard.
Waco—Bunyan Rhyne, right forward; Floyd Parker, left forward; Reid Sullers, center; Roy Dalton, right guard; Luther Harmon, left guard.
Referees—Allen, first half; Honeycutt, second half.

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LIVE ITEMS OF NORTH CAROLINA

ITEMS FROM ALL OVER THE OLD NORTH STATE BOILED DOWN FROM THE DAILY PAPERS.
The body of a female infant was found on the banks of the French Broad River, Asheville.
Attorney General Manning rules that the act of the Legislature raising the Governor's salary is constitutional.
Charlie Thompson colored, bellboy at the Guilford Hotel, Greensboro, fell down the elevator shaft Tuesday and was killed.
Prof. D. C. Suggs of Greensboro has been called to the presidency of Livingstone College, Salisbury, to succeed Dr. W. K. Goler, resigned.
Senator Stephens, who has been right much indisposed for several days, is at his home at New Berne to rest for ten days or two weeks.
Robert Berry, a Salisbury negro, just stopped dancing Monday night in a dance hall at Asheville when he dropped dead. He was cheering the musicians when he fell.
In two weeks and three days of Buncombe Superior Court, criminal term, Judge Shaw pronounced 47 separate sentences and a total of 71 years in prison or county home.
Homer M. Clark was Wednesday sentenced by Judge Shaw in Buncombe Superior Court to serve 30 years in the penitentiary for killing Robt. M. Davidson last month.
Capt. Caleb D. Bradham, for 17 years commander of the North Carolina naval militia, has been retired at his own request and the rank of rear admiral has been conferred on him.
The executive committee of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly met in Raleigh and decided to hold the next annual meeting in Charlotte during Thanksgiving week.
Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, nine years with State Mission Board of Baptist State convention in Western North Carolina has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Hickory.
S. E. Burgess, division passenger agent for the Southern at Philadelphia, Pa., will succeed Mr. R. H. DeButts as division passenger agent at Charlotte. Mr. DeButts goes to the same position in Washington, D. C.
The two-year-old and only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Wren of the Aspin mill village, Fayetteville, was striking matches and his dress caught fire, burning him so badly before help arrived that he died later.
Rev. Chas. Smith, a Baptist minister, 38 years old, accidentally shot and killed himself Monday while out hunting in Guilford county. He was crossing a fence, the rail broke and the gun was discharged severing the jugular vein.
Mr. Philip Sowers, aged 93 years, one of the largest land owners in Rowan and Davidson counties, died Monday afternoon at his home near Spencer. He was a native of Davidson county and is survived by a daughter and two sons.
Gordon Luther of Candler, Buncombe county, former soldier in the armies of Francisco Madero of Mexico, died Tuesday in a hospital in Asheville, death resulting from injuries received when he fell under a train engine a few days ago.
W. C. Suggs, chief of police of Norwood, was killed this week by Kirk Furr, one of several brothers whom, it is alleged, had it in for the officer. The shooting took place in front of the postoffice, where the officer had gone to stop a row. Furr escaped.

Lawson Gonge, a 13-year-old white boy, is under \$500 bond for burning a school house and church at Street, Mitchell county. The loss was \$800 to \$900, with no insurance. The boy is reported to have admitted burning the building because he did not want to go to school.
Two resident physicians of a Maryland sanatorium came to Raleigh after an escaped insane patient. They got on the track of him and caught him near Sanford. En route to Raleigh the patient jumped from the machine and escaped. The patient is represented to be heir to large property.

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