

Twenty Nine Years Ago

(From The Cleveland Star Of June 18, 1896.)

Cotton Blooms in 1896.

"Mr. Wm. Ellis of No. 3 township was the first to have a cotton bloom this season. He sent us one last Thursday. It opened Wednesday June 10th. This is remarkably early. June 29th was the date of the earliest blossom last year. There are several farmers over the county who have blooms now, but Mr. Ellis was the first and to him belongs that credit and distinction. "The second cotton bloom was brought yesterday morning by Mr. Sam Roberts."

Night School Closes.

"Mr. R. M. Gidney's night school at the factory closed Monday night. Mr. Gidney is a most excellent teacher and the children were all learning fast."

Endorse Webb for Congress.

"Saturday, June 6th, the Cleveland county Democratic convention assembled and enthusiastically endorsed Solicitor James L. Webb for congress from this, the eighth congressional district.

"Saturday, June 13th, the Gaston county Democratic convention assembled at Dallas and instructed its delegates to the congressional convention unanimously to vote for 'Hon J. L. Webb, of Cleveland, for congress'.

"There are eleven counties in this district. Only two have acted in reference to the candidate for congress and both have endorsed Solicitor Webb."

Industrious Guinea.

"Mr. J. J. Blanton of Fallston, has a very industrious guinea. She laid two eggs in one day last week. The first egg was the regular size and the second one was about the size of a cat-bird's egg."

1896 Personals.

"Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reynolds of Ayr, Rutherford county, spent a few days here last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Martin. Squire Reynolds is a true blue Democrat and Shelby is always glad to welcome him.

"Rev. P. D. Gold, wife and two daughters of Wilson were here last week visiting Mr. Gold's sister, Mrs. D. B. F. Suttle.

"Mr. T. A. Stamey of Fallston was in town Friday.

"Mr. D. M. Baker, a prominent hardware merchant of Shelby, was here Monday buying lumber.—Rutherford Democrat.

"Misses Susie and Jessie Brevard,

the charming daughters of Mr. John D. Brevard, arrived home last week from school.

"Mr. W. Y. Weathers was among the Stars most welcome callers Saturday. He left two dollars with us to pay his subscription until July 4, 1897. Such men as Mr. Weathers are the 'salt of the earth,' anyway.

"Mrs. J. F. Whisnant of Henrietta is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Whisnant this week.

"R. L. Ryburn, Esq., went to Rutherfordton Tuesday on professional business.

"Misses Blanche and Zodie Hamrick and Messrs. Jonah Green and Jim McSwain of Boiling Springs went to Cherry Mountain last Thursday. They failed to get any cherries as the western moonshiner, Amos Owens, was not in a very amiable frame of mind.

"Dr. O. P. Gardner and Miss Addie Gardner left Tuesday for Piedmont Mineral springs in South Carolina. Dr. Gardner has suffered very greatly with rheumatism and has been in feeble health for some time and he is going to the springs with the hope that the water will benefit him.

"J. A. Anthony, Esq., left Tuesday for Piedmont Mineral springs. He is not going that his health may improve however, but merely to visit his family who are spending a few weeks there.

"Mr. E. J. Magness and Miss Belle McFarland, of Duncan, Rutherford county, were here last week visiting Mr. W. B. Palmer.

"Mrs. H. B. Ellis has been quite sick several days but is much improved we are glad to note.

"Messrs. Robert and Hugh Miller returned last week from the D. and D. school at Morganton to spend the vacation.

"Mr. R. S. Eskridge arrived home Tuesday from Davidson college. Mr. Eskridge is one of Cleveland county's bright young men.

"Miss Hattie Kendrick, the accomplished art teacher in Limestone Female college, came home Tuesday to spend her vacation.

K. of P. Officers.

"The Shelby Lodge Knights of Pythias met and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: R. L. Ryburn, C. C.; H. D. Wilson, V. C.; C. H. Shull, prelate; L. A. Blanton, M. of W.; Joe L. Suttle, M. of F.; C. M. Webb, M. of E.; D. W. Washburn, M. of A.; W. L. Carroll, K. of R. and S.; Grand Master of Arms H. T. Hud-

son and Mr. H. D. Wilson, are attending the meeting of the Grand lodge K. of P. in Asheville this week."

Encamp at Charlotte.

"The Fourth regiment of the State guards are going to have an encampment at Charlotte this summer. The companies composing the Fourth Regiment are to meet at Statesville and march through the country to Charlotte, a distance of 44 miles, in regular army style. They are to experience a few days of real war life, with the exception of the fighting part of it. The Cleveland Guards belong to the Fourth regiment and they are much interested in the proposed march."

"Little Twinklers" Then.

"Master Jap Suttle ran against the fence on his bicycle Saturday and slightly disfigured his wheel.

"Messrs. Wray and Blanton have moved a part of their lively stable to Cleveland Springs and will be prepared to accommodate all guests wishing to obtain vehicles, horses, etc.

"Chief Jones will start on a tour over the town Saturday to see if all the hog pens are the regulation size, and if the premises are properly cleaned up. You had better clean up and be prepared for the inspection.

New School Teachers.

"The board of school commissioners of the Shelby graded school met Monday and elected teachers for the ensuing year. All of the old teachers were unanimously re-elected. This is as it should be. The following are the teachers: Prof. F. H. Curtiss, superintendent, Misses Adelaide Gardner, Fannie Wood, Lonie Hendrick, Jessie Eskridge, Allie Uooie and Lillie Wray. "This is the sixth time Prof. Curtiss has been unanimously elected to the superintendency of the Shelby graded schools."

Badly Burned.

"Last Saturday morning about 9 o'clock little Mamie, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. H. E. Scates was fearfully burned. She went out to make a fire around the wash pot and carried with her the kerosene oil can, and used oil in making the fire. She struck the match and the oil caught and flashed up and set her clothing on fire. She ran through the house and out into the road, screaming as loud as she could, and her clothing in flames. A man nearby ran to her and threw his coat around her and succeeded in putting out the blaze. Mrs. Scates attempted to pull the burning sleeve from the child's arm and the skin stuck to her clothing leaving the arm raw. Dr. Morrison was summoned and the child was in intense agony. Dr. Morrison dressed the burns as best he could and has been treating her ever since."

"Pound the Preacher."

"The people of Shelby, irrespective of denominations gave Rev. J. A. Hart sell, who is so sorely afflicted with sciatica, a bountiful and magnificent 'pounding' Tuesday night. The large dining room table fairly groaned beneath the weight of the many pounds, resting so heavily upon it. The afflicted minister and family greatly appreciate the token of love and esteem coming from the people of the town, where he in past years, has labored so faithfully."

Clarence Darrow



Hero of many a court battle, Clarence Darrow, Chicago criminal lawyer, will match his intelligence against that of William Jennings Bryan at the Dayton (Tenn.) evolution trial.

A handkerchief is something that is very useful on days that you forget to get one before starting to work.

BOLT KILLS WOMAN AS SHE SITS ON HER PORCH

East Gastonia, July 6.—Mrs. Anna Warren Fort, 32, was killed here this afternoon when a bolt of lightning struck her while she was sitting on her house porch. She was the wife of Sidney Fort, a salesman.

Kansas Denies Klan Charter.

Topeka, Kas., July 1.—The Kansas charter board today refused a charter to the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, a Georgia corporation. Concurring in an opinion prepared by Attorney General C. B. Griffith, the board declared that the Klan was not doing charitable, benevolent work, as stated in its petition for admission to the state as a corporation.

CLEVELAND COUNTY VETERANS

(Corn Cracker in Charlotte Observer.)

As you have favorably mentioned the crops, other industries, and citizenship of Cleveland county, N. C., permit me to suggest that she still has within her borders many veterans of the Southern Confederacy who are blessed with prosperity, intelligence, and seem endowed with immortality.

The first respond to roll call is Capt. Ed Dixon, of Fallston. He rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race at 92, has been a member of the legislature, is a fine farmer and a Christian gentleman. In the last charge at gory Gettysburg he was wounded while leading his men. He has a remarkable fund of information but is very modest and reserved.

Next to answer "here" is Uncle Anderson Nolan. He has passed the age of 90 and is cheerful, genial and coltish. He is a man in prosperous circumstances and looks like he might pass the century mark. He is grandfather of Lee B. Weathers, editor of the Cleveland Star. He yearns to be again entangled in the web of matrimony and sorrows not as those who have no hope.

The next to creak his heroic heels together and respond to military salute is Capt. Devaney Parker. He is 88 years young and left an arm on the battlefield while leading his men into the veritable mouth of hell. He breathes the true spirit of democracy and fearlessly gives reason for faith within him. Despite the loss of his arm he has never whined, but shows the heroic martial spirit that he bore when wearing the uniform of the gallant gray.

The next heroic character that stands at attention with his face to the morning is W. R., or "Min" Gold. He has his faculties alert, is a man of substance and intelligence, and is father of a very able lawyer and a skilled doctor. His age is 88.

Uncle Tom Wilse Harmon has corded up about 92 mileposts and has the appearance of being likely to pass the century mark. He doesn't like to plow all day, especially on long days; but can if necessary.

Uncle Harrison Eskridge has passed 86 and is a veteran of Confederacy and of the Spanish-American war. He left an arm on a battlefield in the Civil war; but has prospered financially, educated all his children, and two of them are able and well-equipped ministers of the Gospel. So, you can pay your money and take your choice as to the unsearchable riches. His daughter is the popular and efficient treasurer of Cleveland county.

He says that the Civil war was the genuine article, while the Spanish-American struggle was merely a picnic. He served several terms as regent of deeds of Cleveland county.

Uncle Jim Hord, though diminutive of stature, can click his heels and respond to military salute like a man of 40, albeit he is 86. He has prospered, was a valiant member of constabulary force, and can still wrestle with the stubborn glebe, although he calls it plowing.

Uncle Dock Suttle is 86, is an orthodox church communicant, a true exponent of Democracy, a successful farmer and swings round the circle like a younger man.

Uncle Billy Covington has passed station 83 on the journey of life, was a gallant soldier but sustained his worst wounds about ten years ago. He was held up on the highway and robbed by a desperado and mauled into insensibility with a heavy club. But he shows an optimism beyond his years, and apparently many seasons will pass over his head ere "taps" will be sounded as a feature of his requiem.

Uncle and Major O. D. Price can still respond to "assembly" at the tender age of 84, or play the calls either. He fought with both rifle and fife. He is a gifted vocal and instrumental musician, has been a successful farmer and merchant, and, in the language of George Ade, "has achieved the side meat." As a leader in the "old time singings" he can draw a crowd like the political speeches of the inimitable Zeb Vance.

Uncle A. M. Lattimore, is a spry, cheerful veteran of 80 and was a festive cavalryman in the titanic struggle of the sixties. He and six of his brothers trod the firing line, but all the others have "crossed over the river and rest under the shade of the trees" with the peerless Lee and Jackson. He has prospered in goods of this world and has furnished some very substantial captains of industry, one of his sons paying about the largest income tax of any man in Cleveland county. Uncle Audley rivals Uncle Oliver Price as a song bird, but can't equal him in "warbling" on a fife, drum or cornet.

Next man to stand at attention and respond to roll call is the towering figure of James C. Elliott, aged 80. He is noted for historical knowledge, wrote quite an interesting history of the Civil war from his viewpoint, and is a contributor to Charlotte Obser-

ver. He has figured as a teacher, a merchant and a farmer, and has reared an intelligent, well-educated family. His only living son is a World war veteran, so "Uncle Jim" has perpetuated his martial spirit.

Of course we have others who figured as junior reserves, among whom may be mentioned Uncle John M. Morris, who was in the battle of Bentonville, and Albert Whisnant, who was also present. Both of these men are aged 79. Of course there are others, but I am writing this at home and am not able to recall some who, doubtless, are as worthy as those mentioned. I recall Thomas E. Elliott of Shelby, who fought with the youthful contingent and is still fighting.

Some of those old heroes were wild by anxious to fight for the cause of democracy against the ruthless Hun, but their grandsons filled the ranks in their places. Five men in this region with farms joining furnished six soldiers for the World war. So, you can see that neither faith nor patriotism has perished from the earth so far as Cleveland county is concerned. The spirit of Cleveland and Shelby still survives; and, when the throbbing war drum is heard, the sons and grandsons of Kings Mountain heroes and Civil war veterans will spring to arms as though they heard the war cry of Highland Lochiel. But we deplore war, except to defend home and hearthstone.

Rutherford Girl Is Doctor At 22 Years

One of the most interesting graduates of the University of Michigan this year is Sara Jane Long, of Bostic. She received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the age of 22. No one can receive this degree in Michigan with less than seven years of college preparation and eight years is required of one takes in addition a bachelor's degree. In as much as she has done all of this when just out of her teens, Miss Long's accomplishment is noteworthy.

Sara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Long, of Bostic, began her schooling in the Westminster preparatory at the age of eight. That same year she was enrolled as a ninth grader—the equivalent of a high school freshman. The reason for this she laughingly states is not in the least extraordinary—simply because she had brothers and sisters reciting lessons at home. It was her mother's interest in the school affairs of her children that started them all on the right track, and young Sara insisted upon "listening in" on the lessons and being interested too.

Easy, brethren! A little persecution will make evolution a Cause instead of a theory!—San Francisco Chronicle.



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