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FOR WYATT STATUE

Selma Plans Another Big Holiday.

Veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy to Have Place of Honor—Educational Addresses to be a Prominent Feature.

Selma, N. C., Sept. 17.—September 25th, Wyatt Day at Selma, is to be a grand educational rally. A larger attendance is expected, if possible, than on the 24th of July, when the entire business of the town was suspended and the mill operatives were given a half holiday. Exercises are to commence promptly at noon and to last until midnight, in accordance with the first plan. Everybody is invited. All are asked to bring a well filled basket, except the old veterans; they will be provided for. We will have a good old-fashioned picnic. Every public school teacher will find this meeting one of pleasure and profit and should attend. Every graded school should take holiday that day or teach on Saturday to make up lost time; but there will be no last time to those who attend. All come and have a good time. Any meeting at this day and time of an educational nature should be largely attended, especially by teachers and parents. Refreshments will be sold. Proceeds for the Wyatt memorial fund.

At the first meeting, July 24th we had the Edgcombe Guards, and a portion of the Third Regiment Band from Raleigh.

This is Veterans Day and their parade and corn stalk drill and skirmish will be the field attraction of the day. They can play baseball, but no doubt will turn this over to the "younger boys."

Here is the program for the day:

Street parade. Veterans in front under command of Lieut. C. S. Powell and aides mounted. Daughters and Visiting Daughters and citizens to place of meeting.

Meeting called to order at 12 o'clock.

Prayer by Chaplain.

Address of welcome to Veterans, Daughters, teachers and citizens by County Superintendent J. P. Canaday.

Address by Prof. R. D. W. Connor.

Talk to the Veterans by the State U. D. C. Historian, Mrs. E. E. Moffitt.

Dinner.

Address by Supt. Zebulon Vance Judd.

Informal reception of the teachers of the county by the Daughters.

Organization of a Betterment Society for Selma by Mrs. E. E. Moffitt.

Talk by ex-County Superintendent, Ira T. Turlington.

Corn stalk drill and skirmish by Veterans under command of General C. S. Powell and lieutenants.

Ice cream festival and musical at night.

A day of enjoyment, recreation, pleasure and profit is promised to all and a large crowd is expected.

All the general officers of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, all the State officers and every chapter in the State have received printed matter of these meetings.

Every county superintendent in the State, every school and college will receive this printed matter before October School Wyatt Day, which is October 25th.

It is hoped and expected that all will take some interest in this matter and contribute liberally before December 1st.

JNO A. MITCHENER,
Secretary Wyatt Statue Committee.

At Meadville, Pa., last week, Henry Lehna who confessed to robbery and three assaults on 14-year old Anna Whitehead, was sentenced to 55 years in the penitentiary.

Kenly Items.

Mr. J. H. Kirby went to Wilson Monday morning.

Mr. N. R. Pike, of Bagly, was here Monday on business.

Mr. J. J. Edgerton went to Wilson Tuesday to sell tobacco.

Cotton is coming in very slowly, but the farmers say it is opening rapidly.

Mr. T. M. Allsbrook has moved into his new residence on Bailey Avenue.

Mr. M. M. Mumford, of Fremont, was here Wednesday on business.

Dr. H. F. Freeman went to Wilson Wednesday on professional business.

Mr. R. E. Townsend, of Wilson, spent Sunday night with Mr. J. H. Kirby.

Mr. H. P. Hoyle and wife, of New Bern, spent Monday here with friends.

Mr. M. M. Holland, of Route 1, left Tuesday for Jamestown Exposition.

Mr. H. F. Edgerton went to Wilson Wednesday to attend the tobacco sales.

Miss Mary Hollowell returned from a visit to friends at Smithfield Monday.

Chief of Police N. S. Lucas, of Lucama, was here Wednesday on official business.

Mr. Frank Bowen went to Smithfield Tuesday night, returning Wednesday morning.

Miss Lilla Winstead and Miss Carter, of Elm City, spent Sunday with Mrs. Linda Walston.

Mr. Floyd Crawford, of Goldsboro, arrived Monday and entered school at Kenly Academy.

Mr. Jas. R. Strickland, of Louisville, spent Monday here with his sister, Miss Annie Strickland.

Mr. C. B. Pennington, of Princeton, Route 2, was here Sunday. He came to place his son in school here.

Miss Crama Richardson, of Spring Hope, arrived Wednesday to visit her sister, Mrs. W. T. Bailey.

Rev. A. L. Ormond, pastor of the M. E. Church here, is at Buckhorn holding a protracted meeting this week.

Atty. W. J. Hooks and family left Tuesday morning for Kinston and Seven Springs to visit friends and relatives.

Sheriff W. E. Warren, of Snow Hill, Greene County, came over Wednesday after Echo Forbes, col. who was arrested here by Chief of Police, A. G. Hooks, on the charge of larceny.

Rev. N. H. Shepherd, of Fremont, passed through here Monday on his way to Nobles Chapel church, where he is assisting the pastor, Rev. R. W. Horrell, in a protracted meeting this week.

Mr. J. M. Beaty, of THE SMITHFIELD HERALD, was in town Saturday, to the delight of his many friends, also looking after their wants in job printing, and subscriptions and renewals for his paper.

Mrs. W. W. Hughes, who has been visiting her father, Mayor C. W. Edgerton, left Tuesday for her home at Norfolk, Va., accompanied by Misses Lillian and Rosa Edgerton and Master Paul Edgerton.

Mr. M. A. Pennington, of Princeton, R. F. D., No. 2, arrived Sunday and entered Kenly Academy Monday morning. He attended Falling Creek Academy while Prof. R. T. Teague had charge of that school.

The opening of Kenly Academy Monday was the best in several years, and the enrollment continues to increase every day. With Prof. R. T. Teague, principal and Miss Emma Matthews, Miss Rena Edgerton, and Miss Mary S. MacDonald, as assistants, we are sure that we will have the best school in the history of our progressive town. Several boarding pupils have entered, and others will follow soon.

The first bale of new cotton was sold here Saturday, by Bryant Nichols and graded strict middling, at 12 25 and was purchased by G. G. Edgerton & Son. This cotton was also the first bale ginned by the new gin of the Dunn Oil Mills, which has just been completed by Mr. J. A. Sossamon, Supt., and is one of the largest ginneries in Wilson or Johnston counties. This cotton was also the first to be weighed on a new pair of Fairbanks Improved Scales. Sept. 19. X. Y. Z.

S. R. Morgan's Residence Burned.

The large two story residence of Mr. S. R. Morgan on Second street was destroyed by fire at three o'clock Monday afternoon. The fire department was on the scene in a very short time after the alarm was given, but the flames had already gained such headway that nothing could be done to save the building. The fire is supposed to have been started from rats in the ceiling, as the flames were bursting through the roof when discovered. The furniture on the lower floor was saved, but all on second floor was destroyed. The loss on building and furniture aggregates about \$4,000 with about \$3,000 insurance.

Change in Picnic Date.

The Basket Picnic at Piney Grove school house, near Mr. N. B. Lynch's, will be Saturday, September 28th, instead of the 27th, as has been announced. Choirs from Piney Grove and Plainfield are expected to furnish the music.

Rev. J. H. Shore, of Smithfield, is expected to deliver an address. Everybody is invited to attend with a well-filled basket. E.

Wendell Winnowings.

Mr. E. B. Christmas was right badly bruised up last Saturday at his saw mill, but is doing well, and will soon be on his feet again.

We regret to have to report the illness and death of little Lucile Hales, and extend to Mr. and Mrs. Hales our sympathy. Their loss is little Lucile's gain.

Our Chief captured a horse thief last week, but while the chief slept and dreamed of his reward and how his pockets would jingle again, his captive departed and left the chief an empty house.

Our school opened up yesterday with large attendance. We hope to have, and the prospects are bright for, the largest and best school we have ever had. We are certainly well equipped for it, having a large and well arranged building.

Monday morning seems to have dawned for misfortune in this section as there were five different accidents. Mr. Ferney Baker was caught by a large driving belt at Messrs. Richardson & Morgan's saw mill, part of him passing between the driving wheel of engine throwing him to the top of shelter breaking one leg and one arm and otherwise bruising him up.

Mr. Baptist, of the firm of Moss & Baptist, got his arm badly torn up by one of the side heads of a planer and is suffering right much. Later in the day another man came in to get help from the physician as he had cut off two of his toes. At this writing the report comes that some one has mashed a finger off. The writer hears that all are doing well this morning.

BILL WAKE,
Wendell, N. C., July 16-'07.

Health in the Canal Zone.

The high wages paid make it mighty temptation to our young artisans to join the force of skilled workmen needed to construct the Panama Canal. Many are restrained however by the fear of fevers and malaria. It is the knowing ones—those who have used Electric Bitters, who go there without this fear, well knowing they are safe from malarious influence with Electric Bitters on hand. Cures blood poison too, biliousness, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney troubles Guaranteed by Hood Bros., druggists. 50c.

HARRISON SUICIDES.

Kidnaper Died Rather Than Serve His Sentence.

The Supreme Court Said He Must Serve Twenty Years For Kidnaping Little Kenneth Beasley.

Joshua Harrison, the convicted kidnaper of Kenneth Beasley, committed suicide in a Norfolk hotel Wednesday afternoon.

Tuesday the Supreme Court of North Carolina handed down a decision affirming the judgment of Pasquotank Superior Court which sentenced Harrison to twenty years in the penitentiary. Rather than serve twenty years in the penitentiary, Harrison killed himself by firing a pistol ball into his temple. In his room at the hotel was found a letter signed by him in which he declared he was innocent of the crime and that he knew nothing whatever concerning it.

The following history of this remarkable case is taken from yesterday's News and Observer:

Joshua Harrison was convicted at last March term of the Superior court for Pasquotank county, held in Elizabeth City, the case having been removed from Currituck on defendant's allegation of unfavorable public sentiment. Harrison was charged with kidnaping Kenneth, the seven-year-old son of State Senator S. M. Beasley, of Currituck county.

On the 13th of February, 1905, Kenneth Beasley disappeared from school near his home, and his parents have not seen him since that day. It was supposed at first that the boy had wandered to a swamp near the school and, acting upon that theory, hundreds of people searched the swamp and all the surrounding country day after day. Blood hounds were sent for, and they were put on the scent, but the effort was fruitless. It was not until weeks after the boy disappeared that the search was abandoned.

Then a clue developed. A man was seen near the school the day Kenneth was lost, in a buggy with a boy whom he was trying to keep concealed. The man was identified as Joshua Harrison. From this a chain of circumstances was constructed, and when it was complete it encircled Joshua Harrison. When the trial took place the jury was thoroughly satisfied of his guilt. The verdict of guilty and the sentence of twenty years in the State prison met with public approval in the locality where the circumstances were well known.

The defense was an attempt to prove an alibi, which was not established to the satisfaction of the jury.

Harrison was defended on his trial by a notable array of counsel, including two former governors of North Carolina—Thomas J. Jarvis and Charles B. Aycock. He was ably represented in the Supreme Court, where his appeal was argued at this term. The decision, adverse to Harrison, was announced Tuesday of this week and in it the Supreme Court expressed its belief to the guilt of Harrison, saying all circumstances pointed to him.

The supposed motive for the kidnaping was the open hostility of Beasley to illicit whiskey business, in which, it is alleged, that Harrison was engaged. Harrison was revengeful and vindictive, and it was reported that he had made threats against Beasley.

The fact that no trace of the lost boy has ever been found led many to believe that Harrison murdered the boy, but there is no evidence to support this theory.

After the sentence of Harrison in Pasquotank the Beasley's thought they had a clue of their son as being in the west, but the trip taken proved only a disappointment.

Clayton News.

Mrs. J. B. Ferrell has just recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Miss Maie Gulley has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Oscar Creech, at Wake Forest.

Look up the new advertisements of our merchants this week and you will see that they mean business.

Mr. Clifford Gulley left Monday for Princeton where he has secured employment with Mr. D. E. McKinne.

Plenty of cotton is coming in and the prices are good. Farmers are fairly well satisfied with conditions.

Every week numbers of our folks go to Jamestown and each time they return with reports of a good time.

The merchants here are loading up with new goods, expecting one of the biggest trades ever seen in Clayton.

The enrollment at Clayton High school continues to increase. This is very gratifying to the management.

Misses Lone Gulley and Ruby Ellis were at Smithfield last Saturday to stand examination as public school teachers.

Among the sick folks, we note Mrs. Charley H. Ellis, and master Hugh Austin. We hope them both a speedy recovery.

Messrs. A. J. Barbour and Chas. Carroll are visiting Baltimore and New York, buying goods for their respective concerns.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jones and child arrived Wednesday afternoon from Atlanta, Ga., to spend some time with Mr. Jones' parents.

Prof. Thos. H. Lindsey, of Durham, was here Monday night and gave one of his high-class concerts. Prof. Lindsey always attracts a big crowd at Clayton.

The water-melon business has just about come to a stand-still here. A few nice melons would come in mighty handy now and would very likely bring good prices.

We congratulate Mr. R. H. Gower on his "Gubernatorial Medley" in last Sunday's News and Observer. The sentiments as expressed by Mr. Gower come pretty near striking the whole state.

Messrs. S. M. Spence & Son, who for some time past have been running very successfully, a grocery store near Hamilton Bros. shop, have now added a complete line of dry goods and notions.

A license of \$10.00 has been imposed on fish, oyster and beef dealers here and the ordinance in connection therewith, makes it a misdemeanor for any of the above articles to be sold on the street except that beef may be sold by the quarter.

The Primitive Baptist association begins here next Friday, the 27th. Our people are thoroughly prepared to take good care of all who come. So you need have no fear about room and board as these things are being looked after by our ever hospitable women.

You remember that some time ago, in these columns, it was announced that Clayton would have a series of first class shows or concerts this fall and winter.

These concerts begin with a date in October and the tickets at the reduced prices will be on sale at Gulley & Gulley's store any time before the first of October. After that date they will positively be at a higher rate.

Clayton, Sept. 18. YELIR.

Lost and Found.

Lost, between 9:30 p.m., yesterday and noon to-day, a bilious attack, with nausea and sick headache. This loss was occasioned by finding at Hood Bros. a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. Guaranteed for biliousness, malaria and jaundice. 25c.

Polenta News.

Miss Mary O. Booker is on a visit to relatives in Raleigh.

Mr. Knox Leeson, of Raleigh, spent Sunday in this section.

Miss Bertha Stevens, of Smithfield, is on a visit to Miss Nellie Johnson.

Miss Mina Johnson has returned to the Normal at Greensboro, to resume her studies.

A private school will begin at Polenta Academy first Monday in October, taught by Miss Lou Young.

There will be preaching at Oakland next Sunday morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Souders.

The Cullom singing school, at Shiloh, closed Wednesday. More about the excellent school in the future.

Rev. Mr. Hudson, the pastor, preached an able sermon at Shiloh Sunday morning to a large congregation.

Cotton is falling fast, and only about a half crop need be expected. In some places the young top bolls are rotting and drying up.

The time for the Township Sunday School Convention, at Mt. Zion, has been changed from the 5th Sunday in this month to the 1st Sunday in October.

Mr. H. T. Garrard, of Norfolk, Va., after spending ten days with friends in this section, left for Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he will remain until about the 1st of October. Henry is a favorite with our people, and all of us were delighted to see him. He speaks in glowing terms of the Jamestown Exposition, and says everybody ought to see it.

Our Public School at Oakland will open on the first Monday in November. Miss Lou Young will be the teacher, assisted by a primary teacher. In the district there are 78 school children which will be too many for one teacher to properly teach and manage. The Junior Order, of Smithfield, will on the opening day of the school, present it with a Bible and Flag at which time appropriate exercises will be observed. We understand the Juniors will turn out on that day in a body, and that a Junior will present the Flag and Bible, which will be accepted by some one yet to be chosen. All are invited to attend. The house will be completed before that date.

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Archer Items.

Mr. W. B. Castleberry, of Raleigh, is home for a few days.

Mr. James H. Liles, near here, is seriously sick with typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. John I. Barnes, of Clayton, were visitors here Sunday.

Elder J. A. T. Jones preached to a large audience at Salem Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Price, of Raleigh, spent last week with relatives and friends here.

Miss Missouri Williams, of Spring Hope, is visiting friends here this week.

Our farmers are gathering the fleecy cotton and the gins are beginning to hum.

Miss Loleita Lassiter left Monday for Clayton where she goes to enter Clayton High School.

Mr. Leander Brandan and Miss Daisy Strickland were married at the home of the bride last Sunday morning by Elder J. A. T. Jones. May their lives be long and happy.

Mr. J. M. Beaty and Prof. Ira T. Turlington, of Smithfield, will deliver temperance lectures at White Oak next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Let a good crowd meet them.

Rev. A. A. Pippin closed a very successful meeting at White Oak last Friday. There were 28 new members added to the church. The candidates were baptized at Sealey's pond Friday afternoon. Sept. 17-'07. S. L. W.