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17 VETERANS

Fell in Line Saturday.

Only 17 veterans fell in ranks here Saturday to march to the cemetery to do homage to their departed comrades. Mr. E. A. Patterson arrived after the remnant of the "Johnnies" had returned to the school building, had had the speech and were about ready for dinner, making the eighteenth.

The veterans present were, Capt. F. Dilling, W. A. Mauney, J. S. Mauney, Duncan Campbell, John Bennett, T. W. Harmon, Wesley Goforth, Wesley Ford, W. S. Weathers, F. W. Dellinger, James Brakefield, T. L. Payne, Jr. M. Lemaster, J. W. Weir, D. V. Huffstler, Levi Huffstler and E. A. Patterson. There are some three or four in the county who were not present, but the lines are growing exceedingly thin. Four of the immediate number fell by the way during the last year.

In the cemetery are 32 graves bearing the veteran grave mark. Falling as they are without recruits the army of the grey will soon be no more in fact but in memory they will live forever. And history will never cease to tell the story of their bravery and effectual fighting. Statistics show that each "reb" laid low fully four "Yankees."

Attorney A. E. Woltz of Gastonia delivered the annual address at eleven o'clock in the school auditorium. It was a gem full of memories and patriotism. The veterans enjoyed every bit of it. Often did broad smiles go up from the rapidly thinning lips, often did tears trickle over the furrowed cheeks, and often did applause go up from the withering hands of those heroes of the sixties, as the speaker recalled their deeds of bravery.

After the address a bounteous spread was made in the grove on tables which had been prepared for the purpose. It was indeed a season of rejoicing when the venerable gentlemen surrounded the festal board. Much comparison was indulged in between that splendid dinner and some they were forced to put up with during the War. Just as the meal was about to begin Mr. E. A. Patterson arrived. The reason for his delay was that he had been to the Grand Reunion at Jacksonville, Fla. and had just returned Saturday. He was brimming over with enthusiasm and patriotism. He was very alert in giving in his expert equals and his comrades were equally as eager to hear from the other "boys".

Everything passed off in good style. The program carried a number of features other than the regular address among which were a reading by Miss Willie McGinnis and a talk from Capt. F. Dilling.

Horse Kicks Leg In Two

Mr. S. S. Weir is lying up in bed at his home in the Southern part of town nursing a broken leg. It is rather an unusual occurrence. Mr. Ware was hauling logs to a saw mill Saturday with two horses. While near the railroad the horses became frightened at the train and wanted to run. Mr. Weir was able to hold the horses in check and one of them took a fit of kicking, one blow taking effect on Mr. Weir's shin and breaking one of the bones.

A REVIVAL

Begins Sunday Night.

A revival will begin at the Baptist church here next Sunday night at 7:45. Rev. J. J. Beach a former pastor of the church but now of East Gastonia Baptist church, will assist the pastor. Services will be held at 3 p. m. and 7:45 each day. Everybody invited to attend.

Still Was Close By

Revenue officers G. R. Rhyme and Charles Stewart accompanied by Deputy Sheriff J. E. Rhodes made a raid in the vicinity of where Wells and Dover were killed over beyond the battle ground last week. The killing occurred Tuesday night and the officers were on the job Thursday morning. Within a quarter of a mile from where the killing was done a big plant was discovered. The still had been removed but the balance of the equipment was on the grounds. From the appearance of things the still had been operated very recently and it is supposed that it was moved after the killing affair.

The Russels Are Gone

Mr. C. E. Russel moved his family to Greenville, S. C. Mrs. Russel and the little children went Friday and Misses Clara Iris and Gladys remained over until Sunday. One of our most popular families is gone and the good wishes of us all go with them. May health, happiness and prosperity attend their way. As was stated in the Herald several weeks ago, Mr. Russel's run from Greenville to Spencer, N. C. makes it very inconvenient for him to spend much time at home. Whereas, he can be at home at least every other night since moving to Greenville.

To View Our Roads

We are informed that a delegation from Gaffney, S. C. will make a trip through Cleveland and Gaston counties to inspect our roads with the view of adopting our system. About 72 automobiles are to be in the company. They expect to pass through Kings Mountain and on to Linwood for dinner. After dinner they will motor back through the vicinity of Shelby and on back to Gaffney. Just when this feat will be pulled off we do not know but it is understood that it will be at an early date.

Sunday School Institute Here

Secretary E. Lee Middleton of the State Sunday School Board of Raleigh writes that he will be in Kings Mountain three days beginning June 18th. and will hold a three-days Sunday School institute in the Baptist church. This will be a great boon to all the Sunday School workers of all denominations who are so fortunate as to attend.

A Wreck Here Monday

Freight train No. 73 was wrecked near Grace church here Monday morning. A drawhead dropped out and the shock caused three cars to leave the track. One of the cars turned turtle across the track. No one was hurt and little damage done except to the three cars, and blocked until about one o'clock. Train No. 36 was detained by the wreck. S. C.

A Bessemer City Boy On

The Firing Line In Mexico

Platt Smith Reported Shot Writes Interestingly of the Capture of Vera Cruz—Other War News.

Mr. D. S. Smith of Bessemer City was in the Herald office Friday morning and gave us extracts from two letters from his son Platt Smith who was in thick of the fight at Vera Cruz. The account is probably more intelligible and more nearly correct than many news paper stories which we have read.

"It is now Sunday evening and everything is quieted down. This is the first chance I have had to do any writing so will try to get this off on the Ward Line Steamer if she sails this week. We landed last Wednesday morning before day break, with four other companies. After daylight we began some work that I don't know how to explain. The Battleship Florida had already fought their way ashore, and were in charge of about one block. They were staying in the Post Office which is on the beach.

"About good day light we left the block where we were stationed and started for the city when all at once the Mexicans opened fire on the sailors. After about five minutes the firing became so hot that no one had time for thought, when the firing began it was all a surprise to everyone for the "spicks" were in the building unseen. My duty is on a 3 inch field piece and also I carry a 30.20 rifle but little use it is to me on the firing line. I could not express my feelings if I should try but will say this much, that I just thought of Motter, Father, and home, and then of the one who has power of all things. After I had asked God to bless and give me strength to do my duty, I jumped to my post and carried out my orders as they were given.

"Don't you know you can read about war but can't realize what it is. Wish I could picture to you the first attack we had I need not try to do that for it may be you will have the chance of seeing the real picture as we have lots of motion picture men with us. For a few minutes there were worried looks or rather excited looks, upon the faces of my shipmates, but it don't last long amongst thousands of steel balls singing around you. Just as the order was given there was a blast given from our gun first that seemed to take away all fear and from that on it was a continuous firing. On the street where we had the most trouble we had only three field guns and about five companies of blue jackets, but after about an hour and a half of hard fighting we did the

Fifty Speeches In A Day

Mr. W. A. Mauney is making a personal canvass of the county in the interest of his race for the senate. Mr. Mauney says that he traveled seventy miles one day last week and made fifty speeches. How's that for a man of 73 summers who wants to go to the senate? It really looks as if he is physically able to hold down the job, and if he made fifty political speeches in one day and left everybody in a good humor there can remain no doubt as to his intellectual ability, if indeed any ever existed. Here's the secret, Mr. Mauney goes on

work. All day Wednesday we went up one street and down another until the white flags were flying on every corner. It only took 48 hours to take the whole city of Vera Cruz. Last night was the first sleep I have had for some time. I feel pretty good today. Most of the boys have spent the day in catching chickens and anything that is good to eat. We are now stationed at Los Cocos, a little station several miles out from the city. We are holding this place until the Army comes. The taking of Vera Cruz filled fifteen graves and forty hospital cots. Yesterday the battleship Mississippi arrived with two aeroplanes and they made a flight over the city creating much comment among both Americans and Mexicans. It is dreadfully hot here and we are very careful about what we eat and the water we drink. No thing cool at all here. Our mail leaves once a week and we receive mail once a week, and so I hope you all won't worry about me for I think we shall soon be safe on the New Jersey again."

Following is an extract from another letter written four days later:

"It is a little quiet just now but don't know how long it will last. We came aboard last night (Wednesday) and got cleaned up for there was no time for waiting while ashore. After capturing the city we took care of everything until the army got here. Several hundred soldiers came in yesterday and the sailors turned everything over to them. We only lost two men off our ship. In all there were seventeen killed and about sixty-eight wounded. That is the report up today. Am not sure but rather think we will go to Tampico in a few days. We are ready to land again if wanted. I have been in good health every since we have been here. All you can see in the harbor now is battleships from everywhere. You can see the Stars and Stripes flying on every place of any importance, and lots of American people are walking around the city snapping pictures of some of the ruins of the buildings. There are several picture men here making pictures of the fight. The place where we had the hardest time is called "Bloody Ben" and will be remembered by everyone that was there well. I am thinking it will be sometime before we get back to the States for it is likely that this ship will sail for Tampico and do guard duty.

the theory that the least said is the easiest mended. He speaks only a few words to any audience. He has it understood that he is a candidate for the senate, if elected he will endeavor to represent the people and drives on. From what we can learn he has a strong hold on the people of the county and that he stands a fair chance to win out Saturday.

The house occupied by Mrs. Cornwell near Serler mill caught fire from a defective flue Saturday. Very little damage was done before the fire was outed.

CHAPEL HILL MAY 16TH

Matters of Interest.

Closes "Opportunity Time"

Chapel Hill, May 11.—A story of radium, embracing the discovery, history and cancer-curing power of this valuable mineral ore, was related to the students and faculty of the State University by Dr. Charles L. Parsons, chief chemist of the United States Bureau of Mines, Saturday night. The lecture was given in Chemistry Hall and the speaker came here on the invitation of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society. The lecturer was introduced by Professor P. H. Daggett, president of the Scientific Society.

After tracing briefly the discovery of the valuable mineral ore, which of late has been proclaimed a wonderful cure for cancer, Dr. Parson recounted that the mineral was found in Austria, Portugal, Russia, Australia, and in the United States in the States of Colorado and Utah. The scarcity of the ore was noted, the chief sources of supply being in the United States. The chief interests attached to the ore at the present time its cure for the disease of cancer, which power the chief medical authorities of the country pin their faith to. Some of the astonishing cures effected by radium in cases of cancer pronounced incurable were pictured by Dr. Parson by means of lantern slides. The expensiveness of the ore was made apparent when the lecturer recited the fact that a single milligram of pure radium was valued at \$120. The recognition of its cancer-curing power, however has furnished an incentive for medical authorities to produce the mineral at one-fourth of the present cost.

The committee at Chapel Hill is now engaged in working out the details of the State-wide contest in baseball among the high schools city or rural, which had, up to and including May 2, played and won as many as four games from teams representing schools of equal rank, and had not been defeated was eligible to enter this preliminary contest provided the manager notified the committee to enter his team by May 5. A preliminary contest is being arranged now for the purpose of electing through a process of elimination two teams which shall come to Chapel Hill to play the game for the State championship. A cup will be awarded to the winning team in this final game. Among the schools whose teams are to take part in this preliminary contest are Asheville, Sylvan, Rocky Mount and Pikeville. The committee has not yet finished its task of looking through the records of all the teams, there will be other teams which will take part in the contest besides the ones mentioned here.

Members of the State University faculty have been particularly active of late in making school commencement addresses their services in this capacity being in demand in all sections of the State. Among the University professors on commencement programs lately and those that will make speeches during the next few days are: Acting President E. K. Graham at Clinton; Professor Collier Cobb at Pittsboro; Acting Dean M. H. Stacy at Matthews and Kings Mountain; Dr. C. L. Raper at Franklin; Dr. H. W. Chase at Louis-

burg; Professor G. M. McKie at Townsville; Professor L. A. Williams at Morehead City; Professor M. C. S. Noble at Booneville, Philadelphia, and Roxobel. Acting President Edward K. Graham has been invited to make an address on the occasion of the conference on universities and civic service. The conference is called by Mayor Palmer Mitchell for May 13. Professor K. C. Branson, the newly elected member of the University of North Carolina faculty, is also on the program for a speech.

Don't forget Saturday next will close this period and the scale of votes now given for subscriptions. This number is larger than will be given at any other time during the remaining of the contest, on a single subscription. Be sure and make good use of these few days and take advantage as it will mean a great deal to you. Friends who are interested in the contestants should lend a helping hand. Now do not put it off any longer. You no doubt would like to see your favorite win. Your subscription may decide this for her, and now when it will count so much for her surely you will make some special effort to help your favorite all you possibly can. Next Monday another drop in the scale of votes on single subscription and it will mean more work then, to secure the same number of votes in this period.

300,000 Vote Offer Closed May, 9th. Miss Vernue Lindsay having secured the highest number of one year subscriptions wins 200,000 Mrs. J. L. Chaney securing the next highest wins 100,000 votes.

The Contest Manager holds records of each dollar turned in during that time, and should any interested party wish to see them he will gladly show them at any time if they will call at the Herald office and make such request of him.

Third Period May 18 to May 30.

SCALE OF VOTES	
1 year subscription,	3000 votes
2 "	8,500 "
3 "	14,500 "
4 "	20,000 "
5 "	25,000 "

"50,000 FREE VOTES"

50,000 free votes will be given for every club of \$10.00 turned in on subscriptions May 18th, to Saturday 12 P. M. May 23rd inclusive.

A contestant can secure as many clubs as she wishes.

Take advantage of this offer every subscription from \$1.00 to \$5.00 will be counted in these clubs.

Now is the time to get busy and secure just as many clubs as possible. This offer closes Saturday at 12 P. M. May 23rd. Miss Vernue Lindsay leads in the sixth count.

- LIST OF CONTESTANTS.
- Kings Mountain, N. C.
- Miss Vernue Lindsay.....453,500
 - Mrs. J. L. Chaney.....448,450
 - Kings Mtn, R. F. D. No. 2
 - Miss Mattie Ware.....205,000
 - Miss Edilda Barber.....445,450
- Gastonia, N. C.
- Mrs. Edith Massagee.....445,900

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