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TAPS SOUNDED FOR S-51 CREW

Comrades Hold Solemn Service of the Dead at New London—Labor Same Day to Recover Others

New London, Conn. Oct. 4.—The solemn notes of "taps" sounded with haunting beauty today, echoed thru the submarine base as a touching farewell by the navy to its dead comrades of the S-51.

As the bugle call died away more than 600 officers and enlisted men stood in the base theater with bowed heads. With them were friends of the 33 victims of the S-51, officials of New London and civilians who had joined in the memorial service this morning. Every man attached to the base, not detained by official duties, was present.

During the services, other navy men were toiling at the place where the submarine was sunk September 25 by the steamship City of Rome. Under a leaden sky they worked doggedly to recover the bodies still held in the sunken ship.

The service opened with a reading of the order issued by Captain Ernest J. King, commanding officer of the base, under which they were held. In this order Captain King reiterated his contention that the S-51 was sunk without any blame whatever attaching to her officers.

Then came the roll call, read by Lieutenant Commander W. D. Snyder, commanding the S-49, a sister ship of the S-51. As the 33 names of the stricken crew were read for the first time there was complete quiet and a moment later the strains of "Lead Kindly Light" broke the silence.

The services, arranged by the Episcopalian chaplain of the base, Rev. A. R. Parker, were simple but impressive. After reading the lesson from St. John 14, Chaplain Parker delivered a brief address of comfort to the relatives and friends of the dead men. His address was followed by the hymn, "Abide With Me," and the singing of Gounod's Ave Maria by a soloist.

Expressing inability to convey adequately his sympathy for the bereaved families of the dead, Chaplain Parker read the letter of Abraham Lincoln to Mrs. Bixby of Boston, expressing his consolation at the loss of her sons during the civil war.

A special hymn for the safety of those who follow the sea was sung and the services were concluded with a benediction.

The platform upon which the service choir sat was banked with roses and flowers and was draped with the American, the Red Cross and the church flags. In front was a huge wreath bearing a ribbon reading "S-51."

The U. S. S. Camden, the mine sweeper Falcon and the diving vessel Chittendon returned to the S-51 early today to resume operations to recover the 28 bodies still unaccounted for.

WORTH WHILE CLUB

Delightful indeed was the afternoon spent by the members of the Worth While Club at Mrs. T. Len Cook's home Saturday Oct. 3.

The guests assembled on the lawn and the meeting was called to order by the president who presented the business items. These were soon disposed of and the meeting taken in charge by the program committee.

Miss Aldridge of the Demonstration School faculty, gave some readings, a great treat for the assembly. The guests were then invited to make believe orchard, where all engaged in picking up apples. It was announced that each guest was to have her own apples.

A very singular contest now engaged the attention of each one present. Mrs. J. M. Moretz was the successful contestant. Some outdoor games were enjoyed by every one present.

The hostess served a most palatable picnic lunch on the lawn. How every one present enjoyed those sandwiches, pickles, wieners, hot rolls and other good things, could hardly be expressed in words, but was thoroughly demonstrated.

A number of visitors were present, whom we were delighted to have. We hope they will be with us again.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Frank Moore, October 23, being postponed for one week on account of the revival at the Baptist Church.

Submarine Survivors



Survivors who crawled through open hatch, when ill-fated submarine S-51 was rammed and sank off Rhode Island. Top photo, D. G. Kile; Middle, M. Lira; Bottom, A. Geier.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Mrs. McG. Anders was charming and hospitable hostess to the Friday afternoon Club October 2. As she graciously ushered her guests from the rainy outside world into comfortable rooms made cheerful by blazing fires and autumn flowers, every heart seemed to catch the spirit of warmth and hospitality that pervaded the whole; and immediately a delightful afternoon was assured. After the first happy hour was spent the hostess introduced her unusually interesting and artistic program which held the whole group spellbound from the time Miss Ruth Rankin struck the first note on the piano until Miss Aldridge took her seat after finishing the last reading. The program was as follows:

Hungarian Rhapsody, Liszt; Appassionata Sonata, Beethoven; Nocturne, Chopin—by Miss Ruth Rankin. The Village Gossip; Romance, Mama's Precious Dirl—Reading by Miss Aldridge.

At the close of the program Mrs. Anders introduced a unique contest entitled, "Look Out for the Cars!" In this Mrs. B. J. Council and Mrs. Tracy Council tied for highest score and when lots were drawn, Mrs. Tracy Council received a beautiful silver vanity case as a prize.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. J. D. Rankin and Miss Crawford served a delicious two-course luncheon—the first consisted of chicken salad, sardines, pimento and pineapple sandwiches, pickled peaches and hot coffee. The second course was caramel cake and fresh strawberries with whipped cream.

The invited guests for the afternoon were Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Spainhour, Mrs. Etta Horton, Misses Crawford, Ruth Rankin and Nannie Aldridge.

The President asked for a call meeting of the Club at her home Thursday p. m. of this week.

MRS. MARTHA E. GREEN WELLBORN IS DEAD

Special to the Democrat. After a serious illness for several months Mrs. Wellborn died at the age of fifty. She was born Aug. 17, 1895 and died Aug. 23, 1925. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Greene. She was married to D. L. Wellborn December 31, 1891. To this union were born nine children, five girls and four boys all of whom survive.

Mrs. Wellborn united with the Laurel Springs Baptist church early in life. She afterwards moved her membership to Stony Fork Baptist Church, where she was a most faithful member until death.

Mrs. Wellborn was loved and respected by all who knew her. She was a kind loving mother and a devoted wife.

MEETING OF COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IS INTERESTING ONE

(By D. D. Dougherty)

There was very little real business transacted by the Board of Education on the first Monday I have gathered a few side lines that interested me and I will pass them on.

After the opening of the session Mr. John Hendrix from Middle Cane was the first visitor. He has often been before the Board since the consolidation of his district, Middle Cane which is near the Wilkes line, with the new school at Elk. The consolidation requiring transportation by wagon over a very rough road was never satisfactory. This year the Board granted them a school on condition that they would make a good attendance. Mr. Hendrix desired to express his appreciation and the appreciation of his neighborhood on the fine record the school was making. The teacher, Miss Effie Hayes, a neighborhood girl, is walking five miles during the good weather and teaching about twenty-five students. The house is very poor. The teacher was granted a special certificate and is allowed a salary of \$10. She visited the Board and expressed herself as being highly pleased with the school.

During the day Mr. George Harmon, a young man who was granted a special certificate and a salary of \$45 to teach in a reorganized district on the other extreme end of the county, joining Avery county, came in. This section had not had a school for many years. The neighborhood repaired a one room log building where Mr. Harmon is teaching about twenty students. A committeeman accompanied Mr. Harmon and expressed great satisfaction with their school. These schools are in places where it is almost impossible to have satisfactory transportation and the distance is too far for the children to walk, yet it is doubtful if there are more enthusiastic schools in the county.

The colored school at Sugar Grove has never owned a building. The church that they have been using could not be obtained for this year. The Committee of this school has been before the Board a number of times asking for a new house. The Board settled the question by ordering them transported six miles to Boone. An investigation was made of the number to be transported and it was ascertained that there would probably be six. There is one other colored school in the county.

Reverend W. S. Grager, who is a great friend to education, as well as a busy pastor, stopped in to pay his respects to the Board, as he often does. He took a few minutes to talk on the fine apple crop that he is now harvesting from a young orchard planted by the late W. H. Calloway. He will have 400 bushels from this orchard which is considerably less than two acres. Other visitors present reported that the apple crop in the county was only in patches. The Mission School at Valle Crucis has a fine crop of Ben Davises. The great Cone orchards at Blowing Rock are thought to have perhaps 50,000 bushels. These remarks on apples reminded Mr. Bob Taylor, a member of the Board, that he had brought a hamper of Stark's Delicious from his orchard on the Boone Trail Highway. The hamper was speedily brought into the room and during the day the apples were sampled. One of the local merchants, as he ate a magnificent specimen, remarked that he had bought and sold the Delicious apples in his store but that he had never seen finer apples. Mr. Taylor reports that he has only half a crop and is selling them at \$1.00 to \$1.50 per bushel in his orchard.

Mr. Miller, a merchant at Deep Gap, dropped in on a little business and remarked that before he left his store he bought 20 bushels of chestnuts. He has handled about 100 bushels this season. The market opened at 20c per pound but today's quotations were three cents. It was learned from other visitors that the chestnut crop was large and very wormy.

No meeting of the Board is satisfactory without hearing from the Cove Creek School. Mr. J. B. Horton, one of the Trustees of that institution, was given a few minutes to tell of the work of his school. He stood before the table and gave a word of praise for each of the teachers and closed his remarks by saying that they had an excellent faculty and that the work was getting along well.

County Superintendent Hegmann, when there was no other business, nor anyone else talking, was speaking very highly of the teachers and the splendid schools during this year. Last year's census was 4,860 students between six and twenty-one years of age. The enrollment was 87 per cent of this number and the attendance 89 per cent. There was 98 per cent of the students between six and 14 years enrolled. He thinks these figures will be better this year provided the epidemics which are prevalent in different sections are not too severe.

VALLE CRUCIS SCHOOL HAS LARGEST OPENING FOR YEARS

The Valle Crucis School for Girls held its fall term Thursday morning, October 1st, with the largest enrollment the school has had for many years. Valle Crucis is a boarding school for girls and a day school for boys and girls under the auspices of the Episcopal Church.

At the opening service, the pastor, Rev. James P. Barker, said: "This is not a corrective institution but a character building educational institution. Earnest work is encouraged and a home like atmosphere maintained under beautiful surroundings and a beautiful location." He urged each girl to go into the Chapel and ask God's blessing upon her, her home and her school for the coming year.

On Thursday evening a get acquainted party was held in the living hall for the new students. Annie Brooks, a member of the Senior Class made an address of welcome to the new students and Della Deal responded. The Rev. Mr. Burz, of St. Peter's Church, Charlotte, addressed the students and made everyone feel happy with his anecdotes and fun making.

NEWS FROM THE COVE CREEK COMMUNITY

The Country Gentleman campaign resulted in a total of 113 subscriptions. The school receives one half the subscription price of \$56.50. The pupils of the high school are to be congratulated on the work they have done.

The members of the losing teams in the Country Gentleman campaign gave a party Wednesday night to those who won the contest. Miss Rebecca Taylor and the Misses Isaacs rendered several musical selections then the entire school divided into groups for games. After an hour of games refreshments were served and the party closed with several more interesting musical selections.

Rev. Clay Wilson was a visitor in the community on Tuesday. Rev. Nana of Abingdon, Va. visited the school and conducted devotional exercises at chapel on Tuesday. Several patrons of the school were also present.

Miss Susan Fulghum and Superintendent Smith Hagaman were visitors at the school on Tuesday. Miss Fulghum is a member of the State Department of Education and is interested in standardizing the elementary schools. She discussed the requirements for standardization before the teachers of the grades. It is hoped that next year will see the elementary work standardized on the same principle as the high school is at present.

NEWS FROM THE NORMAL SCHOOL

Items of Interest Gathered From the School and Town at Large by Our Regular Correspondent.

Rev. H. L. Reynolds, an A. B. graduate of Mission-Newman College and now a student in the University of California, and Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, was at the Normal for some hours a few days ago, conducted devotional services and made a talk to the students.

On Saturday the Normal was entertained by the very talented young lady, Miss Ruth Rankin, daughter of Dr. Rankin of the Normal. Miss Rankin came on Tuesday for New York City to take the year's training in piano, which privilege was awarded her in musical contests early in the summer in New York. Miss Rankin is considered one of the most talented pianists in the country, as was clearly demonstrated a few nights ago in a most brilliant entertainment at the Demonstration School. Miss Aldridge of the Demonstration School assisted her on that night by fine reading.

The Methodist people of Boone are closing up the work for the Conference year. Presiding Elder Seymour Taylor was at the Church on Wednesday night, held the prayer service and finished up the work for the fourth Quarterly Conference. Sunday was the last morning service for the year. At Sunday School Dr. Rankin brought out some interesting facts to the effect that the increase in church membership and Sunday School was far above the average for the conference and the entire church.

An interesting item of news for the Normal and the town is that one of the former students of the High School, Mr. James Hardin Council is to be married to Miss Margaret Hooper Moore at Sylva, N. C. on the 15th of the month. Mr. Council is the son of a distinguished citizen of Boone, Mr. B. J. Council.

Prof. J. G. Greer of the Normal made a fine talk on Saturday night to the Epworth League at the Methodist church.

BEAUTY

Outward beauty cultivates inward beauty—Try it.

Beauty is God given. Receive and enjoy your share.

God has made the land and the sea and the sky so beautiful—Appreciate these and do your part.

Don't destroy the trees and shrubs and flowers that are—Plant more.

Clash for Baseball's Premier Honors



Here are the two teams which this week battle for the World Title. Top photo an unusual group picture of "The Washington Senators" in "civies", while being received by President Coolidge. Arrows indicate Clark Griffith, Pres. Coolidge, "Bucky" Harris, Mgr., and the veteran Walter Johnson. Bottom: the challenging Pittsburgh Pirates. Front row, left to right:—Hass, Moore, Culloton, Sheehan, Enns, Ell, McKechnie, Jr., (in front), Wright, Cuyler, Kremer and Gooch. Center row, left to right:—Graham, Smith, Traynor, McInnis, Carey (Captain), McKechnie (Manager), Clarke, Bigbee, Thompson, Spencer, Grantham and Austen. Rear row, left to right:—Frazier, Hingman, Onslow, Bernhart, Albers, Sam Walters, Barney Dreyfus (President) Sam Dreyfus, Rawlings, Yde, Adams, Morrison and Meadows.