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CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

CELEBRATED WITH APPROPRIATE SERVICES LAST WEEK.

EXCELLENT AND TOUCHING ADDRESS BY REV. GEO. M. DUKE.

The Speaker Was Introduced by Sheriff H. C. Kearney—The Court Room was Beautifully Decorated for the Occasion—Forty-five Years Ago the Franklin Rifles Was Organized in this Same Room—Fine Musical Programme Rendered.

Memorial Day was celebrated in Louisburg by a meeting held at night in the court-house under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy. The old court-room had been beautifully and tastefully decorated with flags and flowers for the occasion. The speech of the evening was proceeded by a musical programme as follows:

Auld Lang Syne. Chorus.
The Bonnie Blue Flag. Chorus.
Annie Laurie. Duet.
Mrs. A. M. Hall and Mrs. D. G. Pearce.
Ben Bolt. Solo.
Miss Ava Aycooke.

My Old Kentucky Home. Quartet.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Pearce, Mr. Boddie, Mr. McKinne.
Sing Me a Song of the Sunny South. Duet.
Misses Ava Aycooke and Ola Perry.
Orie. Chorus.
Mrs. J. S. Barrow presided at the organ, and Mr. E. C. Barrow added much to the music by accompanying her with his bass violin.

There are no songs like the old ones, and the Spirit of the Old South, now sweet and tender, now martial and majestic, held the audience for its own.

Sheriff Henry C. Kearney introduced the orator of the evening. Before the venerable Sheriff had said a word, he was distinctly eloquent. Like a gnarled oak of the forest he looked at the audience; in the deepness of his honest face one could see the Confederacy making its last stand, and in his hoary head a last remnant of the Lost Cause. With the deepest emotion, the old warrior of the time, forty-five years ago, when the Franklin Rifles was organized in that very room; and then in strong, honest words, glowing with

love and admiration for his old comrade in arms, he presented to the audience the Reverend G. M. Duke.

Mr. Duke is always interesting. In peace and in war he has shown himself a man, and the people love him. On this occasion he surpassed himself. The music, the flowers, the battle-flag that he loved, the magnificent audience which had packed the court-house to hear him, were to the old warrior at once an inspiration and a challenge. He began slowly, deliberately; but after a little while the light of the great conflict began to blaze in his eyes, and the veteran of a hundred battles was again in action, speaking as he had fought, nobly and well, for the cause and the men he loved. With resistless power he led us through that Titanic struggle, with tongue of flame he flashed forth its mighty memories, till from the battle-scarred warrior to the girl in her teens the audience was absolutely his own, now melted to tears, now raised to a very ecstasy of patriotic enthusiasm. It was magnificent superb, such an out-burst of natural oratory as is given one but a few times in a life to hear.

After the speech of Mr. Duke, the Daughters of the Confederacy had it announced that plans had been made for the erection of a monument to keep ever before us the valor and virtues of our mighty dead. The people of the county will soon be afforded an opportunity to show in a substantial way their appreciation of those heroes in gray that made all the world wonder. When the monument is built, as it will be, let it be said that not one soul in Franklin county who was asked to contribute failed to do so. That statement itself would be a monument.

it is put that makes it what it is. Theoretically, the greatest muck rake in this country is Charles E. Hughes, whose work in cleaning out the life insurance muckbeds is almost as famous as that of Hercules in cleaning the Augean Stables. All honor to him for his work! He did not try to besmirch the characters of dead men, as Roosevelt did in his book. Next to Hughes, the most useful muck rakes in the country are those men, like Tillman, who expose and condemn moral nastiness and rottenness in public life, even in the White House. The journals which expose corruption and fraud are doing the best possible work. It is the man with the whitewash brush, and not the man with the rake, who is the dangerous factor in public affairs, and who deserves a place in the pillory.

The Farmer Boys.

We are not given to boasting but we are proud of the farmer boys of this vicinity. They are, with rare exceptions, a healthy, intelligent and happy class of young men. We feel like taking our hat clear off when we meet them upon our streets, and no class is more welcomed to our office. Too many boys leave the farm where

they would have made substantial and good citizens, and go to the city where only one in a thousand succeed in life's battle. There are farmers who fairly drive their boys away. There is no excuse for this. The farmer boy is entitled to his vacations, to several relaxations, his visits to the city, good books, magazines and his home paper. To the observing one it is plain to be seen that the old farm is the best place in the world for the average young man and never fails to bring a happier and more useful life than the city. Young men, you who till the soil and earn your bread by the sweat of your brow we are proud of you; our latchstring is always out to you and you will always have a friend in the TIMES. Come and see us and give us the news from your neighborhood.

ENCOURAGING REPORTS.

GREAT YEAR FOR BAPTISTS.

Address of Dr. Stephens, President of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Chattanooga, May 11.—The Southern Baptist convention met here today for its 54th annual session. About 5,000 delegates and visitors are present.

The convention was called to order by the president, Dr. E. W. Stephens, of Columbia, Mo.

President Stephens in his annual address, declared that the past year had been the greatest in the history of the Baptists, and that the prospects of the denomination were never so bright. The convention, he said, comprised Baptists, from fourteen southern states, covering an area of a million square miles, with a population of over 30,000,000 of whom 2,000,000 are Baptists. Rev. Dr. Williamson read the report of the board on foreign missions.

The report stated that the churches have contributed more than ever before, the aggregate of the gifts being \$315,249, against \$288,415, last year, and \$247,629, the year before. "We are receiving from a number of young men and women applications for appointment to the foreign field. We greatly need workers. We are impressed with the advance which has been made along all lines. The board has become more thoroughly convinced of the importance of schools in connection with our mission work."

E. W. Stephens, of Columbia, Mo., unanimously re-elected president. H. R. Pollard, of Richmond, Va., and Charles A. Smith of South Carolina, were made vice presidents.

Dr. Lansing Burrows and O. T. Gregory were re-elected secretaries. George W. Norton was made editor and W. P. Harvey treasurer.

The Reason Why.

We were asked this week by a delinquent subscriber why we kept on sending the paper after the subscription date had expired. Every weekly newspaper in towns of this size are forced to do this. Should we stop subscriptions when times expire nine times out of ten the subscriber would give us a "calling down" for insinuating that his credit was not good. Rather than to cast a reflection against the honesty of a subscriber to pay a small debt, it is next to a necessity for a home paper to continue sending the paper after the time has expired. It is not necessary for the city dailies or weeklies to follow this rule, as their subscribers live at a distance and are not personal friends as is the case with a majority of our subscribers. Our subscribers should deem it an honor to know that we do not doubt their integrity and continue to send them the paper after their time has expired. Should any desire their paper discontinued they should notify us and remit to date if they have not already done so.

AT LOUISBURG COLLEGE

ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT TO BE HELD MAY 22D-23D.

Annual Sermon by Rev. Frank Siler—A Most Excellent and Nicely Arranged Programme—There are Five Graduates.

Invitations have been issued to the commencement exercises of the Louisburg College, May twenty second and twenty-third, Louisburg, N. C.

The programme is as follows: Annual sermon, Tuesday morning, May 22, at 11 o'clock, Rev. Frank Siler.

Graduating recital, Tuesday evening, May 22, at 8:30 o'clock.

Graduating exercises, Wednesday morning, May 23, at 11 o'clock.

Literary address, Wednesday morning, at 12 o'clock, Dr. William Edward Dodd.

Concert Wednesday evening, at 8:30 o'clock.

The graduates are: In A. B. course, Misses Maud Maynard Fleming and Katherine Eunice Storey; Voice Culture, Miss Viola Perry; School of Expression, Misses Lura Pelletier and Ohner May.

The marshalls are: Chief, Miss Nellie Wilson, assistants, Misses Susie Lee Mason and Pattie Bet Davis.

Colored Graded School.

The Graded School in Louisburg for the colored race is presided over by a Principal and four teachers. The enrollment of the school is 377 pupils. The condition of the school has not been what it ought to be on account of the crowded condition of the school. One reason of the disorder was that three teachers had to teach in the space that ought to have been required by allotment to one teacher and grade. Our aim has been to bring the children under proper instruction, and at the same time to teach them how to behave themselves to everybody. Something must be done to lessen crime among my people.

The colored youth in this town is not what he used to be; he is more obstreperous and he does not respect age nor superiority. He hardens himself to punishment. Education should help every one and really does when it is given rightly; but a little education is dangerous and should be given with the greatest care to any people. It only gloats them and unfits them for usefulness in life. I truly believe in education but I have some scruples, as to many of us who are said to be teachers of the children of this day. It is said the teacher is transforming and transmitting himself or herself into the child. Now if this be true, we ought to blush with shamefacedness in many cases as teachers. If children are put in school at the proper age, and kept there, the teacher is to be held in part responsible for that child's life. Now what part and now much responsibility is to be placed upon the teacher I have never been able to decide for myself. Still I have felt that the teacher with good home training could send out in the world a class of boys and girls the world would be glad to recognize for high character and usefulness. The head line of this article is marked "Colored Graded School." This tells us somebody is especially interested in the negro's education, because it takes money to run graded schools for the negro as well as for the white. The money and provisions are raised by the tax-payers in districts when they will agree to the levy of a special taxation for the purpose of carrying on the schools for nine months instead of three or four.

In this little article we want to thank all the good citizens and especially those in authority for the interest they are manifesting in having a good graded school established for the educational benefit of the negro.

E. N. DARR.

Vote For Governor.

A number of enquiries having been received regarding the vote in this county for Governor at the last election, we give it below. Under the plan of organization of the Democratic party each precinct is entitled to cast in the county convention one vote for every 25 votes, and one vote for fractions of 18 democratic votes cast by the precinct for governor at the last gubernatorial election:

Township.	Governor.	Delegates.
Danns,	228	9
Harris,	177	7
Youngsville,	177	7
Franklinton,	342	14
Hayesville,	66	3
Sandy Creek,	198	8
Gold Mine,	176	7
Cedar Creek,	316	13
Cypress Creek,	81	3
Louisburg,	361	14

TWO VERY GOOD GAMES

YOUNGVILLE VS. LOUISBURG.

"Old Professionals" vs. Graded School Boys Both Interesting and Amusing.

The base ball fever seems to have broken out afresh and the boys, as well as some of the older ones, are taking the "disease" freely. There was a game here last Saturday between the team of the Youngville Graded School and the boys of the Louisburg Graded School. Those who witnessed it report some fine playing. Before the game was completed however, some dispute over a decision of the umpire took place, and the game came abruptly to an end—the score standing 3 to 8. We hope that the two teams will play it over, as they seem to be so well matched. The boys from Youngville were accompanied by Prof. Conley and Mr. R. C. Underwood.

There was another game played here on Monday evening which furnished much fun and amusement between some of the older "professionals" and the Graded School boys. After a very heated contest the "professionals" went down (some of them many times) under a score of 14 to 13. The boys say that they will give them a beating sure 'nough next time. They will probably play again this afternoon.

Youngville Graded School.

The closing exercises of the Youngville Graded School will take place on next Tuesday. An address by Mr. F. S. Spruill will take place at eleven o'clock, a. m., and the grand concert will take place at night.

Prisoners Escape.

Four prisoners made their escape from the jail on Wednesday. They were all negroes, and one of them, Willie Williams was serving a sentence of 5 years on the roads, for stealing. The other three were Joe and Porter Ruffin, and Henry Brown, who were awaiting trial for various offences. They made their escape by ripping up the floor. Chief High informs us that the two Ruffin boys returned yesterday morning and gave themselves up.

A Good Suggestion.

We all admit that telephones are a great convenience, yet they occasionally make a man feel like breaking the third commandment. Some times on a busy day when work is rushing and your 'phone rings twenty-eight times and only two rings are of any importance, the other twenty-six being calls from some one wanting to speak to your help, the inquiry being "Is Miss—in?" This takes two from their work twenty-six times, and some one has to pay for all that lost time in addition to the annoyance. It doesn't look just right, now does it? During working hours, phones in business houses, at least, should be used for business only.

M. E. GEN. CONFERENCE.

RECOMMENDED 6 YEARS TIME LIMIT FOR PASTORS.

Favorable Report on Proposition to Erect a Representative Church in Washington—Decision was Reversed.

Birmingham, Ala., May 11.—The venerable Bishop John C. Granberry, of Richmond, Va., occupied a seat in the rostrum today when the eighth day's session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church south, began. Dr. John S. Hutchinson, of the Baltimore conference, conducted the opening devotional services. After the approval of the minutes, Bishop Granberry was introduced and spoke briefly. He was given a cordial reception. A motion was unanimously adopted to send a telegram of greeting to the Southern Baptist convention, which met at Chattanooga today. The telegram reads:

"The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, sends greetings to the Southern Baptist convention. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

A committee of physicians submitted to the conference a resolution adopted by the Medical Association of Alabama opposing the insertion of certain medical advertisements in religious papers. The itinerant committee made a non-concurrent report on several recommending that six years be the time limit and reported an amendment to that effect.

A non-concurrent report was made on a memorial from Virginia requesting bishops to appoint no preachers as presiding elders more than eight years consecutively, unless there are extraordinary conditions requiring such appointment.

The church extension committee reported favorably on the proposition to erect a representative church building in Washington, D. C., and reported a resolution calling on the church at large to raise \$200,000 if Mount Vernon church, Washington, would come responsible for \$75,000 additional for that purpose.

A plan of campaign for the raising of \$200,000 was also submitted.

The committee on appeals reversed the decision of the North Georgia conference suspending Rev. W. W. Wadsworth on the charge of immorality, the specific charge being kissing a woman.

Getting Down to Business.

A farmer from near Privett informs us that a few days ago he was planting out tobacco, and before he could set out a row across his field and return to the other end of the row the cut worms were at work cutting it down. We call that "getting down to business" very quickly on the part of the worms, or our farmer friend was very slow returning. The same man informs us that one of his neighbors employed a hand for \$3.50 a month, and after working about one week, the said hand went off and sat on the ditch bank until he "took root." Next.

The Guessing Contest.

The winners in the guessing contest, (at the number of beans in a bottle) at Roddie & Perry's drug store, were Messrs. C. G. Hill, B. G. Rodwell, Brodie Hudson and W. F. Bessley. The beans were counted by Mr. William Baily, the actual number being 792. The first named gentleman guessed 791, the two, latter 198. So it will be seen that out of over one thousand guesses no one guessed the exact number.

Tax Republican losses, who have been somewhat staggered by the jolt, the people have lately given them, are appearing in the garb of watermen, so as to get their feet in the trough again.