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REMAINS NORMAN WILDER ENTERED

MR. E. H. MALONE DELIVERS MEMORIAL ADDRESS

Large Crowd Gathered at Home of Deceased to Participate in Last Honors—Lieut. Odom Presents Flag—Beautiful Tributes.

With a most beautiful and impressive service Franklin County Memorial Association possibly conducted its last rites at the interment of one of Franklin's World War heroes who paid the supreme sacrifice on the battlefields of France, when all that remained of Private Norman B. Wilder was laid to rest in the beautiful little family cemetery at his home in Cedar Rock township.

The remains arrived at Louisburg on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock and were met at the depot by a large number of citizens, school children, members of the Memorial Association, family and friends, and were escorted through town, while the bell in the tower of the Courthouse from which he left, tolled and the flag swung at half mast. The remains were taken to his home at the request of the parents to await the usual services to be held on Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2:30 o'clock.

The services were begun with an impressive religious service conducted by Rev. Oscar Creech, of Nashville, and was interspersed with several musical selections, songs among the favorites of the deceased. After the scripture reading Rev. Mr. Creech paid a most fitting tribute to the deceased, reciting many scenes and expressions in his acquaintance with Norman showing the manly bearing and strong character of one who later became one of Franklin's brave heroes. A prayer was offered by Rev. Creech, and after a song the services were turned over to the Franklin Memorial Association.

Mr. W. H. Ruffin, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, took charge of the services for the Association and after telling his hearers of the purpose and objects causing the formation of the Association proceeded with the program, the first number being the singing of America.

Mr. Ruffin then read the following data incident to the death of Norman together with letters and a clipping beautifully written from the Spring Hope paper:

Private Norman B. Wilder, left Louisburg in command of a squad of men and in time was sent over. He served gallantly in the 321st Regiment and died in battle in the Meuse-Argonne drive of the 8th to 11th of November, 1918. He was killed by shrapnel on the 9th, on the field facing the enemy. His remains were recognized by a comrade, Peyton Brown, of Louisburg, who saw in the pocket of one gallant soldier letters postmarked Castalla, N. C. This first attracted his attention to him among the many killed in that day's action as they lay awaiting burial. Norman Wilder was buried in a French Cemetery near the scene of the battles and Peyton Brown erected the markers over his first grave.

Among the letters read was the following tribute by the Chaplain of his Infantry:

Dear Mr. Wilder:
You have of course been notified of the death of your son, John N. (1-394-939) who was killed near Verdun on Nov. 10th.

My heart goes out in sympathy for you in your sorrow. Am sure you have looked for his home coming with anticipation of joy. But he was of that number who gave their life for his country.

John was a fine boy, courageous and brave. All the men loved him. We buried him in the cemetery near the village of Moulouville. There he rests with two score of his comrades having a cross for head board with American colors and the motto, Rest in peace and He died for France. He gave his life for a noble cause.

May the God of all Grace comfort your heart.

Blounting S. Vaughan,
Chaplain 321 Inftry., A. E. F.

In his closing remarks Mr. Ruffin read the following as his tribute to the deceased:

The Supreme Sacrifice
Through dust of conflict and through battle-flame;
O valiant hearts, who to your glory came
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtues proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank to war,
As who had heard God's message from afar;
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave
To save mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,
Into the Night that nevermore shall fade;
Deep your contentment in that blessed abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet-call

of God.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
While in the frailty of our human clay,
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.

Still stands His cross from that dread hour to this
Like some bright star above the dark abyss:
Still, through the veil, the Victor's pitying eyes
Look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.

There were His servants, in His steps they trod,
Following through death the martyred Son of God;
Victor He rose; victorious too shall rise
They who have drunk His cup of sacrifice.

C risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,
Whose Cross has bought them and whose staff has led
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
Commits her children to Thy gracious hand.

At this point Mr. Ruffin introduced Mr. E. H. Malone as the one selected to deliver the address for this occasion and Mr. Malone came forward and made very pretty tribute to the noble and glorious sacrifices made by the boys in France and more particularly the deceased. He took issue with Col. George Harvey, Ambassador to Great Britain, who said that the Americans fought to save their skin, by saying that there were various motives, the strongest of which was possibly the call from the women and children of Europe. "Patriotism is not measured by knowledge" declared the speaker. It is that love for country that prompts one to say "My Country first, right or wrong." The speaker stated that Norman had written the name of Wilder high on the roll of honor in his blood that would cause it to stand out for justice and right through all the ages to come. In conclusion he read the following from Paul Lawrence Dunbar, illustrating the sweetness of being put at rest amid the scenes of childhood:

Lay me down beneath de willers in de grass,
Whah de branch'll go a-singin' as it pass,
An' w'en I's a layin low,
I kin hyeah it as it go,
Singin' "Sleep, my honey, tek yo' res' at las'."

Lay me nigh to whah hit meks a little pool,
An' de watah stan's so quiet lak an cool,
Whah de little birds in spring,
Ust to come an' drink an' sing,
An' de chillen waded on dey way to school.

Let me settle w'en my shouldahs draps dey load
Nigh enough to hyeah de noises in de road;
Fu' I t'ink de las' long res
Gwine to soothe my sperrit bes'
Ef I's layin' mong de t'ings I's allus knowed.

This completing the services at the home a Corps of ex-service men, members of the Norman Wilder Post, named for the deceased, of Nashville, under command of the Post Commander, Lieut. Archie D. Odom moved forward and passed into the house to bear the remains to their last resting place.

In the meantime Capt. H. W. Perry, of Battery B, Louisburg, with a squad formed a double column, through which the casket was borne.

At the grave the flag was taken from the casket and presented to the family in beautifully chosen and tender words by Lieut. Odom, Commander of the Post named in honor of the deceased. The music committee of the Memorial Association sang sweetly "Comrade Rest" after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Creech. A military cordon was formed and the last military rite was performed when Bugler Paul Deitzel, of Nashville, sounded Taps. During the ceremony the members of the flowers committee had covered the new made grave with the choicest of flowers.

Even though through renewed bereavement the hearts of the members of the family and relatives were bursting with sorrow and grief, the consolation of an interest and a desire to share in paying honor and tribute to such a worthy son, as was evidence by so many being present from far and near must have sweetened to a great extent the bitter cup.

The Memorial Association has allowed the body of no boy to be returned to Franklin County without holding a memorial service in his honor. And always respecting the wishes of the family. It is exceedingly gratifying to look back and realize the unshaken cooperation of each and all of its members and the public generally. It is this cooperation that has given Franklin County the distinction of having the most perfect and complete organization and doing more honor in a more patriotic manner than anywhere else in the State and in so far as has been ascertained here in our neighboring States. But the work that has been done has been a work of love, cheerfully and enthusiastically contributed, the only regret any one has had is that they could do more. Although this is probably the last service that we can hold over the remains

of a returned deceased soldier, it is the purpose of this organization to perpetuate the memory and extend the honors to the deceased. The Franklin Memorial Association will bend its efforts now towards the annual observance of Memorial day and Armistice day. In the former instance appropriate services will be held each year at the County Seat, after which committees will leave to place a tribute of flowers on the grave of every deceased soldier in the county. It will so conduct its efforts that these services may be handed down from generation to generation that the memory of these brave and generous hearted lads may be ever remembered and held out as a beacon to others as real true patriotic American heroes, who gave their lives to save the world for democracy and make of it a safe place for our women and children to live in; and to conquer the spirit of the Devil in the German cry of might is right, knowing well that God Almighty would smile on their efforts in making Right prevail.

APPROVES PAVING SCHEME

City Fathers Take Action at Special Meeting Monday Night.

In answer to a request from the Louisburg Chamber of Commerce the Board of Town Commissioners of Louisburg met in special session on Monday night to receive a committee from the Chamber, composed of Messrs. T. W. Ruffin, W. E. White, H. C. Taylor, P. A. Reavis, J. S. Williams and C. C. Hudson, who were selected to present a resolution adopted by a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce requesting the town to adopt the paving scheme co-operate with the State Highway and have Main and Nash Streets paved full width to the corporate limits. After discussion the Board unanimously endorsed such action and instructed their attorney to prepare the necessary legal papers that final action may be taken at once.

The committee also presented the request from the Chamber that the fire district be extended so as to include the depot and storage sites on the railroad as outlined in our last issue. Upon discussion it was agreed that the request be deferred until the plans of the building contemplated by the railroad could be completed and presented to the committee from the Chamber of Commerce. It was presented in the discussion that the Chamber of Commerce would insist on a brick building.

AUTOMOBILE SHOW AT ROCKY MOUNT

As will be seen from their announcement in another column the Eastern Carolina Automobile Association will present one of the biggest automobile shows in Rocky Mount on May 1st to 6th inclusive that has ever been staged in that part of the State. A phone message from Mr. W. A. Meadows, Manager, a former Louisburg boy, states that no effort or expense has been spared in making this the greatest show of its kind ever held in that city. Among the many features of the week will be dancing every night high class vaudeville, Radiophone, Garber-Davis orchestra. No doubt the occasion will be enjoyed by many of our people.

FIELD DAY EXERCISES

The field day exercises under the supervision of the School Extension Department, Miss Violet Alexander, in charge, held in Louisburg Wednesday at the Fair grounds was quite a pleasing and enjoyable occasion, and was a great success. A large crowd was in attendance and many took part in the many games for which prizes were awarded. We hope to publish the list of prizes next week if they are available.

ENJOYABLE SUPPER

The business men of Louisburg gave an enjoyable supper at the American Legion Club room on Tuesday night to quite a large number. The occasion was to consider a community advertising proposition, presented by Mr. G. R. Lowe, of Missouri. Mr. Lowe was accompanied to Louisburg by Mr. Roberson, Industrial Agent of the Seaboard. They were both guests at the supper.

DANCE

There will be a subscription dance at the Opera House tonight from 9:30 to 2. This will no doubt be the best dance of the season and a large crowd of spectators is expected as well as dancers. The dance will absolutely be clean in every respect and we want the support of the people by helping us make it the cleanest and nicest dance we've ever had so we can have another one when the boys come home from school. Spectators will be charged 25c., dancers three dollars. Music will be furnished by All Southern Four, of Louisville, Ky., who are renowned in the musical world.

U. D. C.

The Joseph J. Davis Chapter U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. J. W. Mann Tuesday afternoon, May 2nd, at 4:00 o'clock.

Mrs. C. K. Cooke, Pres.
Miss Loula Jarman, Sec'y.

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WOMEN GIVEN EQUAL PART IN THE PARTY

Democratic Platform Endorses Morrison Program in State

NO OPPOSITION

For Workmen's Compensation and Development Of Fish Industry In Eastern Carolina.

The Democratic platform of a thousand words, adopted without comment or debate by a unanimous vote of the Democratic State Convention here tonight put the stamp of partisan endorsement on the administration of Governor Cameron Morrison, recognized the right of women to participation in party affairs by directing the State executive committee to make regulations for doubling the number of members from sixty-one to one hundred and twenty, one-half of which shall be women, recommended to Congress the passage of bonus legislation for the ex-soldiers, endorsed the Democratic delegation in Congress, and denounced as "overt, unfair and cowardly" the attack of the Republicans on the Democratic administration of State affairs.

The committee has worked on the platform since 2:30 in the afternoon. Lindsey Warren, of Beaufort, was called to the chair during the report of the committee, and Heriot Clarkson, of Charlotte, read the unanimous report for the committee. Mr. Clarkson told the convention that the committee regretted the delay incident to making the report, but that there were many delegations to be heard and a number of resolutions to be passed on.

The platform is one of the briefest ever adopted, but a great deal is packed into it. Significant is the fact that the party endorses workmen compensation legislation this year. It is also significant that the plank calling for a constitutional amendment to allow the taxing of judges is left out.

Following the usual declaration of principles, and general endorsement the platform plunges into particularizations and endorses in detail practically everything the last two sessions of the legislature have done in regard to roads, health, taxation, local self government in taxation matters, pensions for veterans, creation of the revenue department, aids for charitable institutions, and closes this part by pointing with particular pride to the fact that Governor Morrison has vigorously recommended this type of legislation. Then after thanking the doctors who are helping treat the unfortunate people of the State through the medical acts named by the governor, the platform takes up another line of endorsements and commends the Live at Home campaign, recommends the passage of laws conserving the fish of the State and increasing the production of fish in the State.

Those who looked for a fight over the platform were doomed to disappointment; for there was not the slightest evidence of any dissatisfaction with the report of the committee. It was adopted unanimously without comment for discussion. Two minutes after Mr. Clarkson had presented it Col. A. D. Watts was making a motion to adjourn, and the Democratic Convention of nineteen twenty-two became history a few seconds later.

The platform follows:
Profoundly thankful to Divine Providence for the great blessings to our beloved commonwealth of North Carolina, the Democratic party, in convention assembled, does hereby declare its platform as follows:

National Affairs
We reaffirm our allegiance to the time honored principles of the Democratic party, and we hereby commend the constructive policy of the Democratic party under our great President, Woodrow Wilson.

We heartily endorse the course of our Senators and Representatives in Congress and point with pride to the record they have made.

We condemn the Republican administration for its failure to pass legislation to meet the needs of the country.

State Affairs
The Democratic party since it has been entrusted with power in this State has uniformly favored and enacted legislation providing for longer and better schools for the children of the State, for increased facilities for the care of the State's unfortunates, for the conservation of the public health, for the building up and encouragement in every proper way of the agricultural interests of the State, for the fostering of all legitimate business enterprises, for the protection of the mutual interests of labor and capital, for the construction and improvement of public roads, and, in fact, for the upbuilding and uplifting of the State.

The Present Administration
We heartily endorse the Democratic State Administration. We commend and endorse the action of the recent General Assembly of North Carolina in the great constructive programs which have been carried on for the material and industrial progress of the State.

We commend the Legislature for the enactment of legislation looking to the care and protection of the interests of the youthful delinquents and defectives

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COLLEGE NOTES

The Senior examinations begin Saturday.

President Massey attended the district conference in Clayton this week.

Miss Mary E. Crater of the faculty, went to Greensboro last week on business.

The dramatic club, under the direction of Miss Rentz, are going to Justice Tuesday to present the play, "The Adventures of Grandpa" which was given so successfully at the college two weeks ago.

Piano Recital
The third and last of a series of graduating recitals from the school of music of Louisburg College was given Wednesday evening, April nineteenth, at eight o'clock in the college auditorium by Miss Nellie Newbern, pianist, pupil of Miss Rosalia Neukomm Adams assisted by Miss Gracie Parker reader, pupil of Miss A. Louise Rentz. The marshals were Miss Peltz, chief and Misses Lewis, Holden, Winstead and Bolton.

Miss Neuborn opened the program with a Nocturne by Koelling which was given with distinction and charm. The group number by Schytte were played convincingly, communicating a rare pleasure by the virtues of scholarship and strength.

Miss Parker in her presentation of "Mrs. Wiggs in the Cabbage Patch" in two parts was at her best, showing much wit and personality. The program closed with Moskowski's Serenata for two pianos with Miss Adams at the second piano. The duo was rendered with much coloring and power.

Expression Recital
On Tuesday evening, April 25, the College auditorium was beautifully decorated with ferns and other potted plants, graceful floral baskets of carnations, of roses and purple wisteria.

The occasion was the graduating recital of Miss Alma Scull, reader, pupil of Miss A. Louise Rentz, in which she was assisted by Miss Janie Bolton, contralto, Miss Lucille Holden, accompanist, and Misses Sarah Johnson, Elizabeth Manning, Lucy Burt, Irene Taylor, and Ellis Credle, marshals.

In her first number "Aux Italiens" by Lytton Miss Scull showed her ability to the sad and serious as she presented the bereaved lover's memories of a lost heart which are stirred by the music of Verdi's Opera. This was made still more effective by Miss Holden's playing softly during the reading selections from that Opera.

Miss Bolton sang two plaintive melodies, "At Parting" by Roger and "Why do I Love you" by Chipman. Later in the program she sang another song in the same strain "From the Land of the Sky Blue Water" by Cadman and a brighter selection from Neidlinger "Sweet Miss Mary." She also favored the audience with one encore, the well known favorite, "My Rosary."

Although Miss Scull in her first selection showed that she was quite capable of portraying the tragic side of life, she proved in her presentation of Mayo's novel, "Polly of the Circus" that her real forte lies in the brighter and more normal situations of life.

Her portrayal of the little wif Polly was sympathetic and showed a clear insight into Polly's character, while her delineation of the person, of Mandy the cook of deacon Strong, and of Jim and Toby from the circus were equally good.

A large number of relatives from out of town as well as town people and college girls were present to enjoy the recital.

MRS. MILLS ENTERTAINS.

The Tuesday Afternoon Book Club held its first meeting after the Lenten season with Mrs. W. R. Mills, April 25th.

Following the roll call and minutes of last meeting Mrs. W. E. White read some resolutions gotten up by a joint committee from the different clubs in town endorsing the home demonstration work in the county. The club pledged its hearty cooperation.

The subject for the afternoon program was "Spain." In the first part "Gardens of Grenada and Comparison of Seville and Barcelona" Mrs. Mills gave a beautiful pen-picture of these places so celebrated in the writings of other nations as well as in those of the Spanish writers.

Mrs. J. L. Palmer gave a reading from "Don Quixote", relating first what led to Don Quixote's adventures, and an account of Sancho Panza led in derision to govern the Island of Barataria and how he proved his wisdom in his simplicity and that those who came to scoff remained to commend his wisdom. She also made mention of the coincidence that Miguel de Cervantes the author of Don Quixote, who was an eminent in the literature of Spain as Shakespeare in England, that the two great contemporaries died on the same day, April 23, 1616.

Mrs. W. H. Furgurson had a very interesting paper on "The Women of Spain" in which she described in detail the beauty and intelligence of the Spanish women.

Refreshments were served in three courses after which the club adjourned to hold its next meeting with Mrs. S. P. Boddie.

Drigible disarrangement seems to be automatic.—Dallas News.

AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks And Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Mr. F. B. McKinne went to Raleigh Monday.

Miss Ida Mae Yow has returned from a visit to Greensboro.

Mr. John D. Hines, of Henderson, was a visitor to Louisburg Tuesday.

Miss Allene Vick, of Enfield, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. W. Perry.

Mr. H. L. Candler, of Henderson, was a visitor to Louisburg Wednesday.

Mrs. D. G. Allen, of Farmville, is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. J. Edens.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Pleasants are visiting friends and relatives in Aberdeen.

Mrs. J. E. Wyche, of Thomasville, visited her brother, Mr. Joe Bobbitt, last week.

Mr. M. F. Houck and son, Percy, of Henderson, were visitors to Louisburg Tuesday.

Mr. Leroy Edens and wife, of Washington, N. C., visited his mother, Mrs. S. J. Edens Sunday.

Miss Sallie Williams went over to Warrenton Saturday to be one of the judges in a county-musical contest.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Bobbitt and Mr. Willie Bobbitt, of Axtell, spent Sunday at Mr. R. A. Bobbitt's.

Rev. G. F. Smith, Rev. L. S. Massey and Supt. E. L. Best are attending the district conference in Clayton this week.

Hon. W. M. Person went to Henderson Tuesday, where he delivered a speech in the interest of his candidacy for Congress.

Mrs. L. C. Leach and daughter, Maxine, have just returned from an extended visit to friends and relatives in High Point and Winston-Salem.

Mrs. D. F. McKinne, who spent the Easter holidays with her daughter, Miss Dorcas McKinne, a student at Ward-Belmont, Nashville, Tenn., has returned home.

Mesdames W. E. White and G. F. Smith and Messrs. F. B. McKinne and Joe Beasley motored over to Clayton Thursday to take in a part of the district conference being held there this week.

Messrs. M. S. Clifton, Cashier of the Farmers and Merchant Bank, and F. J. Beasley, Cashier of the First National Bank, are attending a meeting of the Bankers Convention being held in Pinehurst.

Mesdames F. B. McKinne, E. W. Furgurson, J. A. Hodges and Miss Mary Exum Burt, and Rev. G. F. Smith left Monday for Washington, N. C. to attend the Annual Conference of the Woman's Missionary Conference.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF CEDAR ROCK HIGH SCHOOL

The following will be the order of the closing exercises of Cedar Rock School.

Monday, May 1, 8:00 p. m. Exercises by Primary and Grammar grade pupils.

Tuesday, May 2, 8:00 p. m. Literary address by Prof. J. G. Carroll, Prof. of Mathematics, Wake Forest College.

Wednesday, May 3, 8:00 p. m. Play, Miss Fearless and Co., presented by the High School Girls.

The public is cordially invited to attend these exercises.

T. H. Sledge, Prin.

REUNION.

The family of Mrs. G. W. Davis, of Arcola held a reunion in the home of her daughter Mrs. S. P. Burt, of this city. Those present from out of town were Mrs. G. W. Davis, Mrs. Beaufort Scull, Mrs. Joseph Hunter, Misses Agnes and Beaufort Hunter, Mr. Richard Hunter, of Arcola; Messrs. W. E. and J. C. Davis from near Warrenton; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cooper, Mrs. Medlin, Edith and Milton Medlin, of Rocky Mount, and Mr. and Mrs. Waldon Davis, of Arcola. The occasion of this gathering was the graduating recital of Miss Alma Scull, of Arcola, given in the College chapel Tuesday evening.

INTERESTING ADDRESS

Quite a number of Louisburg's people were recipients of a treat on last Monday night when they availed themselves of an opportunity to hear Miss Jesse Dell, of Washington City, who was in charge of the grave registration department in France during the world war, in an address at the American Legion Club rooms on Monday night. Miss Dell's address was one of much interest to her hearers showing in detail the correctness of the records of each body and the impossibility of error. It was much enjoyed by those of our people whose pleasure it was to hear Miss Dell.