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MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED.

Veterans Feasted by Daughters of Confederacy—Address by W. R. Stacy of Wilmington—Annual Meeting of Camp Pope—Graves Decorated.

Friday, Memorial Day, was a good time in Lumberton for the Confederate veterans of the county. The local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, just as it has been doing on the 10th of May for many years past, made the day a most pleasant one for the old soldiers. This is an unusually busy time with the farmers and for that reason the crowd in town was not as large as many expected it would be, but the attendance of the veterans was fine, about 100 being present. The weather was ideal.

The exercises of the day consisted principally of a speech, and it was an able one, by Mr. W. R. Stacy of Wilmington, and music by Lumberton's brass band. At about 10:30 o'clock the band assembled in front of the court house and played several selections and at 11 o'clock marched into the court house, played one number, and prayer was made by Rev. R. E. Steele, pastor of the Lumberton Presbyterian church. Then the band rendered another selection, which wound up with "Dixie", carrying the old soldiers back to the days of the "sixties"—and the moment the tune was struck they began to yell. Mr. J. A. McAllister, commander of Camp Willis H. Pope, in a few well-chosen remarks extended a word of welcome to all present and introduced the speaker. Mr. Stacy is a pleasant and easy speaker. He spoke for about half an hour and his speech was so interesting that the audience was amazed at the seeming shortness. It was fine. Under the power of Mr. Stacy's speech, this reporter must acknowledge that he was so captivated that he forgot his job and is therefore unable to give an intelligent report of what he said. He mentioned the progress shown in the cities, towns and in the South at large and explained how it is due, largely, to the sturdy and rugged honesty of the farmer; and he told how all that has been accomplished since the awful days of the sixties is builded upon the foundation laid by the old soldiers on their return from the bloody fields of battle to ruined homes. His speech was from start to finish, a gem and it is good that so many of the veterans were present to hear him.

After the speech there was music by the band and then Mr. McAllister made a few announcements for the benefit of the old soldiers. He announced that free drinks (soft, he assured them, as this is a prohibition town) would be served them at the Lumberton drug store and the Pope drug store, this being a treat given by the stores; and that a public dinner had been prepared for them by the daughters. He also announced that Mr. W. S. Wishart, manager of the Pastime theatre, would admit free of charge all of them to his motion picture show, and this was especially interesting to the boys in gray, for Mr. Wishart gave them some good pictures of war scenes. "The Passing of the Gray" and life-size pictures of Gen. Robert E. Lee and Presidents Lincoln and Taft were shown. The benediction was offered by Rev. Wesley Thompson, chaplain of the camp. Dinner was served in the commissioners' room in the court house, and it was fine.

At a meeting of camp Willis H. Pope held in the court house a short while before the exercises began all the old officers were re-elected, as follows: J. A. McAllister, commander; J. S. Thompson, 1st Lieut.; T. A. McNeill, Sr., 2nd Lieut.; F. A. Bond, 3rd Lieut.; F. A. Prevatt, 4th Lieut.; M. G. McKenzie, adjutant. This was the annual meeting and since the last meeting four members of the camp have died, as follows: Dr. J. C. McKenzie, J. W. Blanks, F. J. Floyd and J. L. McPhail; and a resolution of respect was offered by the memorial committee consisting of Messrs. F. A. Prevatt, J. S. Thompson and M. G. McKenzie.

In the afternoon the daughters

TOWN AFFAIRS.

New Administration Gets Busy—Books to be Audited—A Change on Police Force—R. A. McLean Elected Town Attorney—New Guard House to be Built and Public Closets to be Installed.

The first meeting of the town fathers under the new administration was held Thursday evening, Mayor A. P. Caldwell presiding. The board of commissioners as now constituted is as follows: H. B. Jennings, M. W. Floyd, W. J. Prevatt, members of the board that served under Mayor White; and new members, Jas. D. Proctor, D. P. Walters, C. B. Redmond.

Mayor Caldwell was authorized to employ some competent person to audit the books of the town.

H. H. Redfern was unanimously re-elected chief of police and tax collector at a salary of \$75 per month—same as formerly—bond to be the same as heretofore. E. E. Shooter was unanimously elected night policeman at a salary of \$40 per month, succeeding Joe Britt. The position of street foreman and day policeman, position held by Joe Stone, was ordered discontinued after May 20. R. A. McLean was unanimously elected town attorney at a salary of \$100 per year, succeeding T. A. McNeill, Jr.

The mayor was authorized to have screens placed in the doors and windows of the town hall. The mayor and Messrs. Walters and Proctor were appointed a committee to build a guard house, this being deemed necessary on account of the town being prohibited from using the county jail; and this committee is also empowered to have public closets installed.

The mayor and town clerk and treasurer were authorized to execute the note of the town to Ira B. Mullis for \$115 for engineering services in the matter of paving sidewalks on Chestnut street, this being 5 per cent. of this work.

Further appointments were deferred till next meeting. Mr. Proctor acted as secretary.

Lumberton Gets Next Methodist District Conference.

The annual Methodist conference for the Rockingham district will be held next year with Chestnut Street Methodist church of Lumberton. It will be held in the elegant new church which this congregation is building on the corner of Chestnut and Eighth streets. This conference was held last week in Red Springs from Tuesday to Friday. Rev. J. W. Bradley, pastor of Chestnut Street church, and Rev. R. L. Caraway, pastor of the Lumberton circuit, who attended all the sessions of the conference, returned home Friday night. Messrs. W. H. Humphrey, A. E. White, W. E. Jackson, Geo. M. Whitfield and L. C. Townsend also attended during part of the conference.

A Lecture on Health and Sanitation.

Dr. B. W. Page, county superintendent of health, delivered a lecture in the school auditorium at the Lumberton cotton mills Friday night. Mr. A. E. White made arrangements for, and accompanied Dr. Page to, this meeting, which was attended by a large crowd which was very much interested in what Dr. Page had to say. Such meetings as these do a vast amount of good, and besides the benefits derived directly from such lectures much good may be expected to result from the pamphlets on health Dr. Page is distributing. A similar meeting will be held at the National cotton mills Friday night of this week.

decorated with flowers the graves of old soldiers laid to rest in the various cemeteries in and about town.

The day was indeed a pleasant occasion for the veterans as well as for all others who were present; and, by the way, Lumberton's new brass band, which had a prominent part in the day's entertainments, is doing itself proud. It makes music equal to any band.

HECTOR McLEAN PASSES.

End Came After Long Sickness at Home in Maxton—Funeral Saturday Afternoon—One of the State's Most Successful and Loveable Young Men Falls on Sleep.

Mr. Hector McLean died Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at his home in Maxton. He had been sick for about five months, having been taken first with typhoid fever, which developed into tuberculosis.

The funeral took place Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock and was conducted from the residence by Rev. H. G. Hill, pastor of the Maxton Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. W. M. McIlwaine, co-pastor of that church, and Rev. J. M. Rose, pastor of the Lumberton Presbyterian church. The pall bearers were: active, Messrs. B. S.



HECTOR McLEAN

(Taken when about 18 years old)

Baroes, D. O. Hauser, J. P. Wiggins, R. L. Tompason, D. C. McIver, Luther McNeill, T. L. Smith, J. C. McCaskill, Jr., all of Maxton; honorary, John Leach, R. L. McLeod, A. H. Currie, J. S. McRae, A. J. McKinnon, J. C. Everett, O. C. Spaulding, W. W. Smith, A. M. McNair, J. G. McCormick, the latter of Wilmington. Interment was made in Maxton's new cemetery, which is about one mile north of the depot and in a beautiful place. The music consisted of four selections, two at the home and two at the grave. All four selections were beautifully rendered by Mrs. R. M. Williams, Miss Emma Belle McRae and Messrs. J. S. McRae and R. D. Croom.

The floral tributes were exquisite, probably numbering about 100, and they more than completely covered the grave. Among the most attractive designs were those given by the Merry-go-Round Book Club, the Robeson Drug Co., the Maxton Commercial Club and the Bank of Robeson, all of Maxton.

Mr. Hector McLean was born February 7, 1883, and was, therefore, 29 years old. He was born and reared in the country about 9 miles north of Maxton, but some 12 or 15 years ago, with the family, he moved to Maxton; where he had since resided. He was of a clever and genial disposition and was, therefore, loved by all who knew him. Several at the funeral were heard to say that they did not believe he had an enemy in the world. Mr. McLean was a man of unusual business ability and there are hardly many, if any, men in the State during so short a life that have accomplished more in the business world. He was identified in one way or another with most everything pertaining to the best interests of the town of Maxton. He was president of the Maxton Commercial Club, president of the Bank of Robeson, and president and manager of the Consolidated Realty & Insurance Co. of Maxton. He was a director of the Virginia & Carolina Southern railroad, and was connected in one way or another with various enterprises. Shortly before he was taken ill he had work started on several brick stores in Maxton that are now about one-third completed.

Deceased is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lina A. McLean, and two sisters, Misses Sallie and Mattie Williams McLean, with whom he lived; and two brothers, Messrs. A. W. and A. T. McLean, both of Lumberton. Saturday afternoon was gloomy and rainy, but a large

IMPORTANT TO LISTTAKERS.

They Will not be Required to Make House-to-House Canvass This Year.

At a meeting in Lumberton on the 6th inst. of the county commissioners, county tax assessor and county auditor to consider the question of listing taxes for this year, it was found that it will not be necessary to re-assess the real estate of the county this year and it was decided that the listtakers for the various townships will not be required to actually go in person to every house, but that the method of seeing the taxpayer shall be left largely to the discretion of the listtaker. A substantial compliance with the statute is all that is required and each listtaker will use his best judgment as to how he can best get an accurate list of all the property subject to taxation in his township.

This is in accordance with instructions heretofore given listtakers by County Auditor Parmele. In a recent issue of The Robesonian a ruling of the State Corporation on this point was published, this ruling seeming to require that the listtakers make a house-to-house canvass; but Auditor Parmele made a special trip to Raleigh in regard to this and has been assured that where it is not necessary to re-assess real estate it is not necessary for the listtakers to actually visit every taxpayer; that, as stated above, "a substantial compliance with the statute is all that is required".

Listtakers are asked to take particular notice of this, as it will save the county considerable expense.

Precinct Votes in County Convention—County Votes in State Convention.

At precinct meetings to be held Saturday of this week, the 18th, delegates will be elected to the county convention to be held in Lumberton on the 25th inst. Under the Democratic plan of organization each precinct has one vote in the county convention for every 25 votes cast for the Democratic candidate for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election, and one vote for each majority fraction of such votes. On the basis of the vote cast for Gov. Kitchin in Robeson in 1908 there will be a total of 113 votes in the Democratic convention which meets in Lumberton on the 25th, divided as follows:

Alfordville 4, Back Swamp 4, Burt Swamp 7, Britt's 4, Howellsville 5, Lumberton 15, Lumber Bridge 8, Maxton 9, Red Springs 8, Raft Swamp 1, St. Paul 5, Sterling's 3, Smith's 5, Thompson No. 1 9, Thompson No. 2 4, White House No. 1 5, White House No. 2 6, Wishart's 3, Saddle Tree 3, Parkton 5.

Orum and Rennert townships have been created since the last election and will get their strength from the townships from which they were created. This will not affect the total number of votes in the convention but will affect the votes in the convention of Sterling's, Britt's, Lumber Bridge and St. Paul. Just how this will be divided up has not been determined.

In the November election in 1908 Robeson County cast 2,823 votes for Governor Kitchin and on the basis of 1 vote in the State convention for each 150 votes or fraction exceeding a half of 150, Robeson will elect 19 delegates to the State convention which meets in Raleigh June 6.

Speaking Here in Interest of Underwood.

Congressman J. T. Heflin of Alabama will speak in the court house here Friday evening of this week in the interest of Oscar W. Underwood, presidential candidate.

crowd assembled to pay last tribute to all that was mortal of Hector McLean.

Among those who attended the funeral from here were: Mrs. N. A. McLean, Mrs. Mollie R. Norman, Misses Mary and Cammie McNeill, ex-Judge T. A. McNeill, Dr. John Knox, Messrs. A. E. White, M. G. McKenzie, H. B. Jennings, C. B. Townsend, T. A. McNeill, Jr., F. P. Gray, R. A. McLean, Dixon McLean, L. E. Whaley, L. R. Varsar and W. K. Bethune.

RED SPRINGS BUDGET.

Methodist District Conference—Old Fiddlers' Convention—Memorial Day Address

(Correspondence of The Robesonian.)

Red Springs, May 10.—Mrs. Lucius McRae is visiting friends in Philadelphia, Pa.—Miss Beatrice Farquhar, who spent the past winter here with her sister Mrs. Bartram Robeson, left Wednesday for her home in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Miss Farquhar made many warm friends here during her visit who hope she will come down again next winter.

The Rockingham district conference is holding its regular meeting here in the Methodist church. The meeting is well attended, as there is quite a large number of delegates. The services are held morning and evening of each day, and the sermons are much enjoyed by all who hear them. For the speakers are all able and intelligent preachers who give the pure word of the Gospel with great force and power. The conference will close this evening. We are glad to have had the pleasure of meeting and entertaining the members of this conference, and hope e'er long they will visit us again.

On Tuesday evening in spite of the inclement weather, a large audience gathered in the college auditorium to hear the "old fiddlers". These, fourteen in number, were seated on the stage with their fiddles in readiness. The opening piece was that good old-time tune "Mississippi Sawyer", and was played by all the contestants. Mr. Frank Blount of Fayetteville was the efficient master of ceremonies, and he called out the fiddlers one by one. After each one had a chance to show his ability by playing two selections the judges gave their decision as to the best players. Mr. O. S. Wheeler of Sampson county was awarded the first prize, \$20; Mr. Henry Faucette of Lillington won the second prize, \$10; Mr. Bedsoe of Cumberland county won the \$5 prize for the best banjo playing. The programme of the evening closed with that soul-stirring tune "Dixie", played by all the fiddlers.

On Wednesday afternoon the annual May day exercises were held on the college campus. Miss Lillian Britt made the pretty and graceful queen and she was crowned by Miss May Carmichael, maid-of-honor. The queen was attended by eight girls dressed in pretty flowered dresses and after the crowning the girls gave two dances around the May pole in honor of their queen. The first dance was the S. P. C. pennant drill, the girls dressed in blue and white college colors, carried S. P. C. banners over their shoulders and went through many graceful figures with these. At the close of the drill they gave the college yell, with banners waving high in the air. The last dance was the rose drill, the girls being dressed in white with arches of roses. The May day festival is always a very pretty affair and the girls in their colored dresses make a beautiful picture.

Dr. H. G. Hill of Maxton addressed a large audience in the auditorium this morning, the occasion being Memorial Day exercises. Rev. H. M. Dixon opened the exercises with prayer, and then followed a song by the college quartet, "The Bonnie Blue Flag". Then Dr. Hill gave a stirring address in his usual perfect, inimitable style. After this Miss Phillips played "Dixie" on her violin, then a song by the quartet, and afterwards Rev. R. A. Moore gave the benediction.

Southern Baptist Convention This Week in Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dispatch, 12th.

The advance guard of the Southern Baptist Convention, which will hold its annual session in this city this week beginning Wednesday to last five days, has arrived here, and by Wednesday morning between 3,000 and 4,000 delegates probably will have reached the city. In addition to the Southern Baptist Convention, the Woman's Missionary Union, one of its auxiliary organizations, will also be in session here at the same time.

LOCAL BRIEFS

—Middling cotton today, 11 cents.

—County Auditor Parmele is sending out new tax books to listtakers today.

—Mr. D. Scott Poole, formerly editor of the Raeford Facts and Figures, is now editor of the St. Paul Messenger.

—There will be a special meeting of Lodge No. 35, K. of P., this evening at 8 o'clock for work in the third degree. A full attendance is desired.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Theresia McDonald and Maicum McLellan; Brennie Graham and Lambert Ellis; Bettie Jones and C. W. Mercer.

—Mr. E. M. Johnson, a student at Wake Forest College, arrived here Saturday and will spend the summer vacation here in the law office of his brother Mr. T. L. Johnson.

—Mr. R. A. McLean, attorney, who since he started the practice of law had had an office in the McLeod building, moved last week to a new office in the Weinstein building, Fourth and Elm streets.

—Mr. H. C. Boylin is moving this morning from his old place between the stores of the Jno. T. Biggs Co. and Miss Josephine Breece to the store on Elm street vacated last week by Mr. A. Weinstein.

—Gurney Bunday, who lives about 5 miles from town on route 4, was arrested Friday by Deputy Marshall J. B. Boyle, of Maxton, and tried before Commissioner W. H. Kinlaw on a charge of retailing. He was discharged.

—Sheriff E. C. McNeill received this morning a telegram from Mt. Tabor, Columbus county, signed by K. H. Seals, asking that some one be sent to identify a negro supposed to have been implicated in the murder of Mr. J. G. Tolar at McDonald last September.

—Manager W. S. Wishart will give away another chocolate set at the Pastime theatre tomorrow evening. Mr. Wishart will put in ventilators and install electric fans within the next few days, which will add immensely to the comfort of those who visit the motion picture show during the warm weather.

—Rev. A. B. Crumpler of Clinton preached at the Gospel tabernacle yesterday morning and evening. If he can arrange his evangelistic work so as to make it possible Mr. Crumpler will preach here at this church once a month until a pastor is secured. He will probably preach here the 2nd Sunday in June.

—The Colonial Musical Comedy Co. held the boards at the local opera house Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Some pretty good stunts were pulled off and this company would be good fun if it would leave off the coarseness and vulgarity that is rung in occasionally. Ribaldry is not witty or smart, and it is a pity to mar with such out-of-place things what would otherwise be good entertainment.

—Mr. L. R. Varsar, of the law firm of McLean, Varsar & McLean of Lumberton, delivered the Memorial Day address in Wilmington Friday and by all accounts he made an excellent address. Of course, he does not know how to make any other kind. In closing he declared that North Carolina ought to erect a suitable monument to her women of the Confederacy and that monuments ought to be erected in every county and on every battlefield to her soldiers of the War Between the States.

The Republican State convention meets in Raleigh Wednesday. On the same day another event of interest in Raleigh will be the unveiling of the statue of Chas. D. McIver.

Dr. J. T. R. Neal, Prop. Riverside Drug Co., Greenville, S. C., writes recently, "I have been a practicing physician and druggist for over 35 years and have sold and administered many kidney medicines but none to equal Foley's Kidney Pills. They are superior to any I ever used and give the quickest permanent relief." For sale by all dealers.