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RURAL NEWS

Written by OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

MAHALEY RE-UNION.

Three Sets of Children Enjoy a Day's Vacation and Big Dinner.

Sunday at the beautiful home of D. H. Mahaley, about four miles southeast of Salisbury, a family re-union was celebrated; a most enjoyable time was spent during the entire day. All of the children were present as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Mahaley and daughter, Nellie, of Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Mahaley and family, Kerr, Viola, Maude and Grace, of Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Lyerly and son, Jos, of Richmond, Va. Lonnie A. Mahaley, son of D. H. Mahaley, of Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Blackwell and daughters, Beniah, Lonnie and Lala, of Salisbury.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Shoaf and son, James Gobble, of Spencer. Mr. and Mrs. John Hatley and son, Willie, of Spencer.

There were three sets of children in this re-union, first set as follows: Messrs: R. Lee Mahaley and John Mahaley, of Richmond, Va. and Mrs. W. A. Blackwell, of Salisbury.

The second set consist of Mrs. R. E. Shoaf, of Spencer, Mrs. G. M. Lyerly, of Richmond, Va., and Lonnie A. Mahaley, also of Richmond, Va., and Misses Addie, Jessie and Chattie who still remain at home in the country.

In the year 1905 D. H. Mahaley and Miss Maggie Keeler, were married and this union has been blessed with the third set, as follows: Elva, Frances and Vance. Of the three sets of children all living were present, which was twelve.

All the grandchildren, which are ten in number, enjoyed the occasion and were contented eating ice cream, drinking lemonade and furnishing amusement for the crowd.

This is the first time for more than a score of years that the entire members of the family spent a day together at the country home. It was quite a surprise to Mr. Mahaley when the crowd began to gather. The beautiful shady lawn was almost a moving throng.

About 1 o'clock a bountiful dinner was spread and the most enjoyable part of the day was spent satisfying the inner man.

May our heavenly father send his blessing upon us and spare this union that they may meet again and spend a day together in the celebration of a grander re-union, if not on earth may it be in that heavenly home which is prepared for all that love Him. SAMUEL.

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CRESCENT.

July 11.—The sound of the thrashing machine can be heard around these days.

Miss Leona McCombs has returned home from Connely Springs, N. C., where she had gone to spend a few weeks.

Rev. J. C. Koons spent last Sunday night with D. M. McCombs.

The summer communion will be held at Crescent the 3rd Sunday in July at 11 o'clock a. m. Services on Saturday evening previous at 2:30 p. m.

Miss Carrie Lyerly, of Salisbury, spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

Miss Bertie Shive of Cabarrus County has returned home after spending a week with her sister, Mrs. L. M. Hess.

Miss Katie Holschouer spent part of last week visiting in Salisbury.

As the fruit crop will be short this year I think everybody is aiming to live on blackberries by the way they are wanting them.

A. L. Lyerly reports cotton blooms on the 4th of July. R. M. Freeman spent Monday night at L. W. Safrir's. POLLY.

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AFTER TWENTY YEARS.

J. H. McLaughlin Thought to Have Passed Away Still Lives.

Dos Palos, Cal., May 1st.

Dear Brother:

Your letter received two weeks ago, also card this morning. Was sorry to hear of so many deaths and your bad health. Hope this will find you better. I leave me in fairly good health. Though I am old and of little use I am in good cheer and perfectly contented. You wish me to come back to live with you. Surely I would love to do so and possibly in a future day I will be able to come and see you and all of the other people I knew before I left there, especially the young relations I received letters from this morning they say I know nothing about. If I should ever return to North Carolina, there are difficulties I would have to labor under that possibly you are not aware of. In the first place I could not unload about 125 acres of land and step on it and call it my home, neither could I buy it and pay for it if you or some one had it to sell. I have earned plenty in my time, I have worked hard all of my life, but misfortune, bad management and traveling has kept me down. I never wanted much and at the time I thought I was all right for good with 11 acres and a cabin that would keep out rain and cold, but at last it left me and I can only walk by it now and look at it in another man's hands. I want you to cure yourself up, fix up your business, and if you can figure any way for me to earn my expenses on the old home, or any of your belongings we will talk about me crossing the continent, but never let it come in your mind that I want something from some one who owes me nothing. I want plenty of their friends up. Yes I want friends, not enemies, and I hope we are all friends.

The reason why I didn't write in so long was because I was trying to fit myself with something and be able to write satisfactorily one time in my life, but when I was broke I made up my mind never to let anybody know what became of me. Of course I knew you thought I was doing wrong by not writing. Many times during the 19 years of silence I thought how good it would be to hear from the old land of my birth. You cannot realize how much good it would be to me to see the old house and the oak in the front yard which I suppose are dead long ago. Everything around the old place is fresh in my mind as it was 35 years ago. I can see you and everybody else just as I could when I left, but the rising tide that I am receiving letters from is what seems curious to me. They have grown up to manhood since I left and I can only imagine what they look like. I received a letter from Fred some time I did yours, one from Allen Worton, Ethel Goodnight and T. E. Goodnight. These came today. P. M. told me he thought he had sent one back, but was not sure. All the children seem to be intelligent and modern in every respect. If you see them tell them I sure will blunder out a letter to them in a few days. I had no idea that they would have so much respect for me as they seem to write. Ethel writes me a good letter, says she is the baby, but if I could see her I would not think her much of a baby. Says she is 19, you remember she is 19 years last January I wrote you the last letter. I was at Jela Bend, Arizona, one pooractus and salt water country I never want to see again.

After this I will write you or some one no matter where I am so that you will know of me. Explain Baker's Mill, I don't know it. Tell me something about Bingham Hart and Harvey Mo-Lane, also James Seamon and Wm. Revels and the Voils family. Well Bob this is going to be a bad year for everybody except fruit growers. Their prospects are good, though it is hot out of danger yet as there is liable to be frost yet that will cause much damage. This morning it was cold. The thermometer stood 4 degrees lower than yesterday. I started this letter on 1st but I am finishing it on the 13th. I have been sick ever since that time and am hardly able to write today. This country is bad for chills, I have wanted to leave it for some time but could not make up my

mind to do so. It is no good any more for a poor white man. There is too much immigration from foreign countries and it seems our own people prefer them to us. Well I will close. Give my respects to all and a portion to yourself. I remain your brother.

J. H. McLAUGHLIN. This was written to R. A. McLaughlin, a brother, who lives on route No. 1, Cleveland.

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FAITH.

July 12.—Mrs. W. W. Gill, of Fleming, Ga., and children are here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Shering.

There will be an ice cream supper at E. A. Brown's Saturday, July 19th, for the benefit of the aid society of the Lutheran church from 8 until 9 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. W. L. Ludwick of Albemarle, who has been visiting in Faith for ten days has returned home.

Miss Cora Pless, of Crescent, has gone to Washington and Baltimore to visit friends and will be gone about six weeks.

W. L. Ludwick, of Faith, has been selling strawberries up to July 5th and has a lot fine peaches that he is taking to the Salisbury market every day. He also made 97 bushels of wheat, and on one and a half acres he made 89 bushels. Who can beat that on rocky land?

J. T. Wyatt has just been awarded the contract to furnish all the granite that goes in the new graded school building at Morganton, and made the first shipment Saturday. This was the quickest shipment made in some time. The agent is a hustler.

Rev. J. R. Jordan, the Baptist minister here, will commence a series of meetings at the Baptist Church beginning the 4th Sunday evening in July. He will be assisted by Rev. Jesse Corn of Madison County.

J. T. Wyatt shipped another car load of fine street curbing Saturday.

E. F. Hill an old soldier, of Raleigh, is visiting relatives and friends here.

Sidney R. Wyatt, son of C. C. Wyatt, who had been in the United States Army for over three years, has gone back this time to the navy. He went to the U. S. S. Franklin, Det. Camp, Portsmouth, Va. Mr. Wyatt says he thinks he will like the navy, and will go into some department where he will have a chance to work himself up into a good position.

There are two young men in the navy from Faith, a son of W. W. Frick and one of S. R. Wyatt.

Corn crops are all extra fine this year. Wherever we go we see fine corn crops. We are having the very finest of seasons this year and if it keeps on there will be a large corn crop raised this fall, when everybody will have plenty and there will be the best times ever known in this country. Everything points that way now.

We understand the strike of the blockmatters has been settled. VENUS.

Ice Cream Supper at Salem.

There will be an ice cream supper at the Salem Church parsonage on Saturday night, the 19th, from 6 p. m., till 10 p. m., given by the young people's society of Salem Church. Everybody is invited to come out and bring your cream, sugar and your money. This is for the benefit of the society, let's have a fine time. Come out old and young and enjoy yourselves. Be prompt.

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