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DECORATION DAY IS FINE OCCASION

Only Four Veterans Attend— Interesting Address by Col. Fred A. Olds

Decoration Day, observed here last Friday, saw only four of the veterans present, nevertheless it was one of the most pleasant and interesting in the annals of the day. Veterans J. Dan Dorsett, Richard Jones, William Dowd, and Manly Edwards composed the group of honored guests.

Col. Dorsett is the only survivor of his famous company E of the famous 26th regiment. Mr. Jones is now next to the oldest survivor, being in his ninetieth year. Messrs. Edwards and Dowd are respectively 82 and 83, but are more like men in the sixties. Mrs. Dowd accompanied her husband, and she is a comparatively young woman in appearance.

Dinner was served the veterans, the speaker of the day, and other guests at the Exline hotel, at the cost of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

The speaking occurred after the dinner. Hon. Walter D. Siler was in charge. Calling attention to the fact that Col. Dorsett was one of those to go farthest at Gettysburg, he called upon that gentleman first. Col. Dorsett spoke for a few moments upon the part Chatham men played in the war. He later told the writer how his comrades Jim Brooks and Dan Thomas pushed on to the wall at Gettysburg on that last fatal day and were pulled over by the Yankees. He himself had been shot down a few yards from the wall. Captain Brewer, later sheriff, whose son George is the writer's nearest neighbor, had fallen still further from the wall. Of all the eleven of Company E who started upon the charge, all were wounded or killed except the two mentioned as being saved by the Yankees. Col. Jim Dan himself became a prisoner the next day.

Mr. Dowd later joined the same noted 26th, going as a 19-year-old boy. Without training he entered the battle of the Wilderness after twelve days in camp at Orange Court House, and was in every battle in which 26th engaged afterwards except one. He received no wound.

Mr. Edwards was asked to call the roll of his old company, which he did in army style, rolling out the names of something like two score Chatham men who have answered the last roll call.

Mr. Jones would only stand and let the audiences see the oldest of the four, and the next to the oldest in the county.

Mr. Siler called attention to the fact that Chatham sent more soldiers than it had voters in 1860, and that it had men in practically all the battles of the war, from Bethel to Appomattox. In introducing the speaker, Col. Fred A. Olds, he paid high tribute to him as a historian and to his work in gathering into the hall of history at Raleigh relics of every period of the state's history.

Col. Olds made a most interesting talk, telling particularly of the events of the last 100 days of the war in North Carolina. He had brought with him the flag of the 42nd regiment, which is one of the many flags in the collection in the hall of history.

At the instance of Col. Dorsett the four rebels gave their yell three times in honor of Mrs. Henry A. London, so generally recognized as the friend of the veterans.

Miss Elizabeth Blair read an appropriate selection.

A list of the veterans who have died since the last Decoration Day were read and this list included J. R. Bright and W. A. Glenn, who had died within the week past. The list follows: J. M. Bray, J. W. Brewer, J. R. Bright, A. D. Burnett, W. H. Gross, H. C. Fogleman, T. H. Gilmore, R. C. Gunter, W. A. Glenn, H. M. Lester, W. L. Phillips, John B. Thomas, and Jerry Tripp.

The veterans' graves in the several churchyards of the town were decorated with flags and flowers by the Daughters of the Confederacy.

New Elam News

Quite a number of New Elam people attended the recent memorial services at Ebenezer.

Miss Blanche Holt has returned from a visit of a week to her aunt in Broadway.

Mrs. Jenoria Womble Lowe, of Sanford, was buried at New Elam Saturday, May 11. She made the twelfth person buried in our cemetery since last memorial day.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ha and children of Durham spent the week-end with Mrs. Ha's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Sturdivant.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Joynson and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Harrington, and Mrs. C. S. Howell of Greensboro, visited Mrs. W. A. Drake Sunday.

Prisoners Escape

Seven prisoners escaped from jail last Wednesday night, sawing their way out of the cells and escaping, as in the former delivery, through the lower floor. Two whites were Alex Wallace and Julian Wingard. Colored were LeGrand Taylor, Grant Cooper, Will Davis, Caleb Evans and Coble Lane. Taylor and Evans were caught the next morning over in New Hope township, where they were followed by tracking. The others were more successful. Another prisoner came out and went and woke up Jailor Burns and informed him of the escape.

H. C. Marley Hanged Himself Last Thursday

Mr. H. C. Marley, of Siler City, was found hanging in his barn at Siler City last Thursday morning. He had been in bad health for sometime, and when his wife noticed that he did not return immediately from the barn she went to look for him and found that he had hanged himself. Though she thinks he was not out there more than a half-hour before she went to look for him, his body was lifeless.

Mr. Marley was a respected citizen, reported as a hard-worker. He was sixty years of age. He leaves his wife and four children, also several brothers and sisters. The funeral was conducted by Pastor J. C. Snipes of the Baptist church of Siler City.

Lee Court Calls Chatham Jurymen

The popularity of Chatham men as jurymen has again been manifested by the call of Lee county last week for a Chatham county jury for the trial of the negro on the charge of raping and killing Mrs. Matthews a year ago. The negro had been tried once and convicted, but was given a new trial by the supreme court. The second trial coming up last week, a venire of 75 men from Chatham was called, and from that number seven jurymen were secured. Another venire was summoned, and the jury completed.

The jury got the case Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, but did not agree till 2 p. m. Sunday, when Judge Midyette came into court and heard a verdict of guilty, and again sentenced the black to die.

The evidence was all circumstantial, and when the bloodhound evidence was eliminated little was left except the size of the track, it is understood. The evidence was not very convincing, judging from the time it took the twelve good Chatham jurymen to decide the case. Again, attorneys for the convicted man have appealed, we believe.

The jury consisted of Messrs. J. H. Crutchfield, W. H. Scott, Joe Powers, Archie Dorsett, B. J. Wicker, John A. Marshall, T. R. Murdoch, B. D. Woody, W. C. Brooks, R. D. Cheek, Hubert Ellis, and W. T. Johnson.

The negro was represented by the Youngs, father and son, of Dunn.

Veteran Bright Passes

Mr. John Robert Bright, a Confederate veteran and a former commissioner of the county, died at his home below Pittsboro, last Wednesday evening and was buried at Asbury church Thursday afternoon, Pastor Chaffin conducting the funeral services. He was 83 years old.

Mr. Bright had been ill for months. His one desire, we are told, was to live long enough to attend the annual reunion on May 10, but he was buried on the very eve of the day which he has so often enjoyed and of which he has been frequently the very life.

He was the father of Mr. Numa Bright and Mrs. Frank Knight.

Just a few days before his death, Mr. W. A. Glenn, another veteran, passed.

Bishop Cannon Near Break With President

Bishop James Cannon, Jr., one of the leading supporters of Hoover last summer, on the grounds that Al Smith was too wet, is nearing a break with President Hoover over appointment of the law enforcement commission by the president. Mr. Hoover is attempting to secure for service on that commission unbiased men, while Bishop Cannon wants at least one out and out dry and a recognized wet named.

A WHOPPER OF A SNAKE

Mr. Gordon Keck reports that he killed a snake near his home that measured six feet ten inches. He opened it and got out three biddies and two eggs, indicating that it was a chicken snake, but Gordon says that his snakeship was smoothly black, even black under the belly, and that it did not sound like a chicken snake. Its tail, according to description, seemed too blunt for a black runner. Anyway, it was a snake.

What has become of the little boy who used to walk three miles to school every morning.

COURT IN SESSION

Opening Delayed Till Tuesday by Prolonged Lee County Case— Judge Midyette on Bench

The May session of the superior court for the trial of criminal cases did not convene till Tuesday, as Judge Midyette, who was engaged the last of the week in the trial of a capital case at Sanford, feared that he might be detained in that county Monday. However, the Lee county case was completed Sunday, but word had been sent out over the county to the effect that there would be no court here Monday. Nevertheless, quite a number failed to get the word and responded to the summons. Yet, on the whole, much needed work was done on Chatham county farms Monday by the delay in opening, and it still seemed almost a sin to call the people from their fields Tuesday.

The following good citizens were drawn as grand jurors: E. E. Wilson, foreman, R. H. Johnson, G. D. Emerson, J. A. Shadtack, B. A. Cox, J. S. Barker, A. P. Dark, P. M. Johnson, Chas. J. Rives, Fred L. Boone, R. F. Sturdivant, Fred C. Williams, J. R. Copeland, Charlie Moody, R. M. Gorrell, A. F. Harrington, B. B. Webster, and W. F. Harris.

Tuesday was devoted principally on jail cases, though the escape of several prisoners last week had simplified that matter.

Bear Creek News

Mrs. C. H. Jones, after visiting here and near here, has returned to her home in Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Beaver and family, of Durham, were week-end visitors in the home of T. P. Beaver.

Mr. P. G. Maulden and family (well known in this county) have moved from Liberty to Greensboro, where he recently purchased some lots and has built a new home on same.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Rives, a son, weighing nine pounds.

Messrs. G. B. Emerson, J. J. Ivey, C. J. Rives and J. J. Fields are serving as jurors at Pittsboro this week.

W. P. Ivey has recently purchased an Atwater Kent Radio, which he is enjoying very much.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Beal and daughter were week-end visitors in Sanford.

Mrs. J. H. Moser, of Graham, was a Sunday visitor on Bear Creek, Rt. 2, and Siler City, Rt. 5.

G. S. ("Bitts") Norwood, of Greensboro, spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. Paul Crabtree of Chapel Hill and Miss Camilla Gilmore, of Durham, were Sunday visitors at T. B. Beal's.

Miss Dora Moody, of Burlington, was a week-end visitor in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Moody.

Mrs. C. H. Wicker has been on the sick list for the past week. We hope for her an early recovery.

An infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hough, of Siler City, was buried at Meroney M. E. Church Tuesday, May 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burke and family, of Burlington, were visitors near here, during the week-end.

The memorial service at Antioch Christian church was well attended last Sunday. Rev. J. S. Carden, of Durham, preached in the forenoon upon "Remembering," which was a very forceful discourse. In the afternoon, there was a short, but interesting, program by the children. Following this program, T. B. Beal, of Bear Creek, spoke on "Faithfulness," basing his remarks on Page 23:20, "A faithful man shall abound with blessings." Prof. W. R. Thompson, of Pittsboro, then made a very tender and impressive speech on the "Kindness and Love of Mother."

Mrs. J. J. Cheek, after visiting Mrs. D. F. Perrel, of Greensboro, for the past week, has returned to her home near here.

Mrs. G. W. Blalock, one mile north of town, is very sick with pneumonia. We hope for her an immediate recovery.

Miss Edna Routh, of Bennett, was a visitor in the home of J. J. Ivey last week, visiting Miss Kathaleene Ivey.

Industrial Exposition Opened at Raleigh

The first industrial exposition to be operated by the state fair association was opened at the state fair grounds Monday by Governor Gardner. In his opening address the governor said that there could be no prosperity if agriculture languishes. The exposition will last all week and if the venture proves successful this year will become an annual enterprise of the fair association.

Last time is never made up but most of us have plenty of it left.

Judging from cigarette advertisers they know who put the "kin" in smoking.

Moncure News

The revival at Moncure Methodist church is in progress at this writing. Rev. J. A. Dailey, the pastor, has done some excellent preaching and brought some wonderful messages to the large congregations. Even though it is busy time with the farmers, the people are attending services.

Sunday, May 12th was Mothers' Day. It was an ideal day in every respect. The sky was clear as crystal and the sun shone brilliantly. A Mothers' Day service was held at the M. E. church, both at church service and Sunday school. The Juniors under Miss Dorothy Lambeth as teacher gave an interesting program at that hour. Also appropriate songs for Mothers' Day were sung at the church service and the pastor, Rev. J. A. Dailey, brought a suitable message on "Mother's Love," at the morning service. It was a glorious day and glorious service. The revival will continue until Tuesday evening of this week if not longer.

Misses Mary Helen and Cornelia Mims of Raleigh are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mims, this week.

Miss Catherine Thomas has returned home from an extended visit to relatives at Apex.

Miss Hetty Womble is visiting friends at Meggetts, S. C., this week.

Misses Mattie Sue Hatch and Pauline Taylor of Pittsboro were in town Monday.

Miss Mammie Sockwell, who has been teaching at Battleboro this past year, is visiting Mrs. W. F. Utley this week.

Capt. J. H. Wissler, who has been seriously ill at his home for the past week, is some better at this writing. We are glad to state. Hope he will continue to improve and soon be out again.

Mrs. Geo. Geide, of Harrisburg, Pa., a niece of Capt. Wissler, is at his bed-side this week. Two trained nurses are also with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Borden of Goldsboro, relatives of Captain Wissler, have also been with him during his illness.

Miss Mary Olinger, of Sanford, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Moore.

Dr. J. E. Cathell, who is sick at Scott's Hospital, Sanford, is improving. We are glad to state. Hope he will soon be well again.

Miss Beatrice Wilkie is visiting friends at Hoffman.

We are sorry to state that Mr. J. J. Womble is sick at this time. Hope he will soon be out again.

Mr. C. W. Womble of Goldston has been attending the revival at Moncure with his sister, Mrs. Mary Barringer.

Mrs. C. M. Whilden and little daughter, Mary, of Raleigh, are visiting Mrs. Barbara Watkins and attending the revival at the M. E. church.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Lassiter from Raleigh spent the week-end with Mrs. Tamor Dezer on route 2.

Miss Bertha Lee Poe of Pittsboro is visiting Miss Camelia Stedman this week.

Mrs. Julia Stedman has been visiting her brother, Mr. L. E. Cole and her son, Mr. W. W. Stedman and has been attending the revival at M. E. church.

Our community was saddened by the death of Miss Genora Womble early last Friday morning. She had been in feeble health for several years while starting a fire with kerosene she was burned so badly that she died soon afterwards.

For many years Miss Genora (as she was affectionately known here) made her home in Moncure where she was held in the highest esteem and loved by everyone who knew her. She was a devoted Christian and a member of New Elam Christian church, where she was buried in the cemetery last Saturday afternoon.

She is survived by five brothers, J. N. Womble, New Hill, Rt. 2, L. N. Womble, of Pittsboro, J. L. Womble and G. M. Womble, Moncure, and Junie Womble, Sanford.

Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved family.

The following students of Moncure school have received seventh grade diplomas: Emma Lee Mann, Lewis Burns, Harry Buchanan, Alton Bland, Fay Sawyer, Sam Overby, Christine Lassiter, Josephine Thomas, Alfred Womble, Daniel Morrison, Ruby Cotten, Thelma Ellis, Sarah Crutchfield, Cecil Ernst, Lucille Goodwin, Ellen Harrington, Craig Harrington, Rodney Johnson, Harry Kendrick and Margaret Strickland.

Perfect attendance certificates were awarded to the following students: Ruth Stedman, Ethel Moore, Roy Holt, Rodney Johnson, Camelia Stedman, Dorothy Lambert, J. L. Womble, Jr., William Lawrence Craven, Willie Kendrick, Elvet Lassiter, Roberta Lambeth and Roy Thomas.

Sixth grade spelling prize, William Marshall.

Sixth grade milk prize, Marjorie Lee Ray.

Fifth grade milk prize, Ralph Dixon.

Sixth grade writing prize, Mary Lee Mann.

Fifth grade spelling prize, 1st—Pearl Hackney, 2nd—Ruby Womble.

Fourth grade spelling prize, 1st—Hazel Upchurch, 2nd—Mary Gladys

Aged Citizen Passes

Mr. W. A. Glenn, one of the county's most aged and highly respected citizens passed away at his home in the western part of the county, Saturday night, May 11, and was buried at Center Methodist church, the next day. The funeral services were conducted by Pastor Burgess.

Mr. Glenn was 85 years of age. His wife had been dead a number of years and he lived alone, but near the home of his son John. He was the father of the late R. A. Glenn, of Pittsboro. He leaves six sons, and one sister, Mrs. Lou Lindley.

Slayer of Kelly Caught Last Week

The Southern Pines officials, and the whole population, are rejoicing over the capture of the slayer of Policeman Kelly of that town. The search has been tireless, and resulted successfully when he got out of money and wired a woman friend for ten dollars and officers awaited the coming of the suspect for reply. Mr. Kelly was a native of this county, New Hope township, and the news of the capture of the man, Granville A. Dietz, a native of West Virginia, is of interest to friends of the slain officer in Chatham.

In Memory of Mrs. O. H. Williams

On Friday night, May 3, while all was still, death entered the home of Mr. O. H. Williams and claimed the choice of the family, the wife and mother. Mrs. Williams prior to her marriage was Miss Farrell, of the Hanks' Chapel community. She had been sick several years, yet she bore her sufferings bravely and said that she was ready to go.

She is survived by her husband, two children, Carl and Ruth, her father, Mr. I. W. Farrell, her sisters Mesdames, Henry Abernathy, Irlie Pendergrass, E. P. Hackney, and her brothers, Herbert, Frank, and David Farrell.

Her body was laid beneath a mound of beautiful flowers in the Hanks cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor Rev. Fuller Johnson, assisted by Rev. E. R. Gordon. She had been a church member many years.

"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord. They rest from their labors and their works follow them."

A FRIEND

CLUB NOTES

The Woman's Club of Pittsboro met Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock, in the club room for the regular monthly meeting which will be the last meeting until September.

The meeting was opened with the club hymn, followed by the collect read in concert.

Mrs. Hunt made report for the two years that she has served as treasurer.

A motion was made and carried that the dues be raised to one dollar, also that no money be deposited except through the treasurer.

Mrs. Peterson reported that the musicale tea given at the club room by the Music Department netted the sum of ten dollars.

The Health Department held their regular monthly meeting with Mrs. W. L. Powell, Mrs. Mills being additional hostess.

The April meeting was postponed in order that Dr. Taylor of the State Board of Health might be present. Dr. Taylor lectured on indigestion and diseases of the heart; on account of the April meeting being postponed, there was no meeting of the Civic Department.

The Literary Department met with Mrs. E. B. Hatch, the program for the afternoon was on Spirituals and Blues.

Mrs. London suggested that we be getting ready for the annual Bazaar during the summer vacation.

The meeting was turned over to the Literary Department; the program included interesting papers by Mrs. F. C. Mann on "So This is Jazz," Mrs. J. W. Hunt "Some Jazz Personalities," and Mrs. W. B. Chapin on "Spirituals and Blues." Miss Catherine Johnson rendered several piano selections.

MRS. D. B. NOOE, Secretary.

From what we can learn the Atlantic ocean seems to be the only spot in the world that is suitable for flying, and for landing, too.

If the doctors could find a few medicines that are half as good as the ones advertised there would be no need of hospitals.

Upchurch

Fourth grade improvement prize, Ruth Johnson.

Fourth grade scholarship prize, Dorothy McCracken.

Mr. B. J. Weathers, who has been operator at Moncure for good many years, has returned to his old location at Hamlet. We regret to lose him and his many friends here wish for him continued success.

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Hilliard of Burlington were in town one day last week and it is reported that they are going to return to Moncure.

W. D. SILER IS AMIND TO OPPOSE SIMMONS

May Run Against Old Friend in Primary in Effort to Draw Out Voters

The following story is from the pen of W. T. Bost Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro News. Suffice it to say that if Mr. Siler does run, the Record will do its biggest for him.

Raleigh, May 14.—Assistant Attorney General Walter D. Siler is two-thirds in the notion to run against his ancient and honored friend, F. M. Simmons, for the Democratic nomination to the United States senate.

Mr. Siler does not authorize anybody to speak for him or to place him in nomination. The attorney in the state departments, who is about the breeziest individual west of Hallett S. Ward, of Washington, is minded to throw himself into the contest to defeat the Republican plan of naming Mr. Simmons as his own successor preliminary to murdering him in the election.

Mr. Siler regards opposition at this stage, the sole salvation of the party. He lacks a profound conviction that anybody can beat Mr. Simmons, but he believes that if Mr. Simmons can beat the other fellow the chances of electing him will be very good. If Mr. Siler should get the nomination he would be most doubtful as to his ability to get the senatorial toga. But the Chatham statesman passionately believes that a contest with all the people voting and thus binding themselves to stand by the ticket is the sole hope of the democracy.

Mr. Siler has observed politics all his life and not until the year 1929 did he ever find Republican solicitors from Democratic harmony. Always hitherto Mr. Siler has found the Republicans kicking the Democrats, pulling their tails and making them fight. Now they are all urging that there be no opposition to Mr. Simmons. That confounds Mr. Siler more even than the bolting of Senator Simmons did last year. The assistant attorney general thinks there is just one way to hold the party together. That way is to have an old-fashioned Democratic primary in which every man with a grievance against Senator Simmons can go to the polls and vote it. If it beats Mr. Simmons, the party is held intact for future contests. If it elects Mr. Simmons that gentleman has every reason to expect the anti-Simmons Democrats to behave better than he did. To bring about such a consummation Mr. Siler is almost willing to undertake the unequal contest.

He is very political minded and was the Overman manager in 1926 and pulled the Salisbury senator through a very difficult year. Mr. Siler has been all his life one of the loudest Simmons partisans. Chatham county never failed Mr. Simmons during the Siler regnancy.

Mr. Siler from the very first has said there must be a contest, that the voters must not be allowed to stay away from the polls because such absenteeism makes irregularity so much easier. Of course the assistant general sees the party rift. He knew it would come when the prince of regulars, Mr. Simmons, set the state its example in breaking regularity.

Mr. Siler is not surprised that Mr. Simmons is asking the voters to be regular. It is an old principle with him. Mr. Siler believes in it and has practiced it in all elections. The Chatham leader has talked to many prominent Democrats who will not vote for Senator Simmons if they can stay away from the primaries. Hence Mr. Siler seeks some way to get them at the polls.

Methodist News Items

There will be an all-day service at Brown's Chapel next Sunday. Children's Day exercises in the forenoon, picnic dinner at noon, and memorial exercises in the afternoon. The public is invited.

The revival services will begin in the Pittsboro church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The pastor will do the preaching and Mrs. Henry A. Bynum leads the services of song during the meeting. The entire community is urged to attend.

A Unique Hiding Place for Booze

When officers Desern and Harrington were searching the home of Mrs. J. F. Keys in Merry Oaks last Friday failure to find incriminating evidence seemed imminent when the thought occurred to empty a bucket in which pepper plants had been transplanted, apparently for latter setting in the garden. The trick revealed seven bottles of liquor under the camouflage of soil and plants. Mrs. Keys, as a consequence of the discovery, was incarcerated in the county jail.