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VETERANS RE-UNION AT DAVIDSON RIVER

THURSDAY AUGUST 24, THE
DAY FOR GATHERING.

Hon. Robert Ransom Williams
Will be the Orator of
the Occasion.

Next Thursday at Davidson River will be held the annual re-union of the Confederate veterans of Transylvania county together with their families and friends. The day promises to be a most notable and enjoyable one, and there will doubtless be a record breaking attendance.

The orator of the occasion will be Hon. Robert Ransom Williams who has few superiors as a man and speaker in all Western North Carolina. Mr. Williams is the grandson of one Confederate general and grand-nephew of another, both of whom distinguished themselves upon many battlefields during the Civil war and later in times of peace wrought much of good for the commonwealth. Mr Williams is yet a young man, but he has the natural gift of oratory and has already won an enviable reputation as a public speaker. He is a member of the Asheville bar and was one of the representatives of Buncombe county in the last legislature, a position which he filled with honor and credit to himself and his county.

Upon this occasion there will be presented crosses of honor to all the old veterans of the county who have not already received them. The presentation will be made by Mrs. Fannie Ransom Williams, assisted by the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Preparations for the re-union are now practically complete. It will be a day of re-union in fact as well as in name, a time for all comrades to get together and talk over the old times, a time for widely separated families to again mingle together. There is no more ideal spot in Transylvania for the re-union than the grounds under the walnuts at Davidson River, and not only are all the old veterans with their families urged to be present, but everybody else as well. A spread dinner will be served on the grounds and everybody will have a good time.

The News is requested to publish the following official communication with reference to the re-union:
*Brevard Camp U. C. V. No. 953,
Brevard, N. C., Aug. 14, 1911:
Special Order No. 2.*

It is ordered by the commandant of the above Camp that all resident and visiting veterans be and appear at their place of rendezvous on the banks of Davidson river at or near the graded school house on Thursday, the 24th inst., armed, equipped and accounted to render the program hereafter given.

It is further ordered that Comrade T. L. Gash be appointed quartermaster, with Comrades T. T. Patton, J. M. Thrash, W. E. Breese and E. M. Allison assistants. These appointees have charge of the comforts and fixtures of the rendezvous. That Comrade J. A. Miller be commissioned commissary, with Comrades W. E. Deaver, L. W. Brooks, W. K. Osborne and W. C. Hamilton assistants, whose duty it shall be to issue rations to every resident and visiting veteran, their wives, daughters and sons until their haversacks and canteens shall be replete with the fat of the land.

It is further ordered that the jocose vein of this special order shall not be considered as a mere joke but that every syllable means earnest business.

Program.

10:00 a. m.—Band prelude, two pieces.

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BREVARD UNITES TO HONOR MRS. JACKSON

DELIGHTFUL RECEPTION AT
MRS. WOODBRIDGE'S

Over Five Hundred Pay Tribute
to Widow of Great Leader
of the Confederacy.

The reception tendered Mrs. "Stonewall" Jackson by the United Confederate Veterans and the Daughters of the Confederacy on Monday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. M. A. E. Woodbridge was one of the most delightful affairs of the year. During the hours between three and five more than five hundred people called to pay tribute to the widow of one of the South's greatest leaders, old veterans of the war who had faced bullets on many battlefields mingling with the young daughters of the "Lost Cause" in doing honor to Brevard's distinguished guest.

A more fitting place for the reception could not have been chosen than the beautiful Woodbridge home. In the parlor the many callers were presented to Mrs. Jackson, the spacious library and hall being filled with the overflow from the parlor while the wide verandah was occupied by the old soldiers as a "camp ground" for resting and story telling.

In the hall the guests were received by Mrs. Woodbridge, Mrs. W. E. Breese, Jr., Miss Annie Gash and other Daughters of the Confederacy. Passing on into the drawing room they were presented to Mrs. Jackson by Major W. E. Breese and Mr. J. M. Hamlin, commander of the local camp of veterans, and Mayor W. E. Breese, Jr. With Mrs. Jackson was her granddaughter, Mrs. Edmund Randolph Preston of Charlotte, and her niece, Mrs. Ronald B. Wilson of Brevard.

From the opening hour of the reception until beyond the hour announced for its close there was a continual stream of callers, the veterans, their families, friends, and many summer visitors uniting to meet one who had been so close to the heart of the Confederacy.

A pleasant feature of the reception were the presentations to Mrs. Jackson of about twenty members of the Daniel Boone Troop, American Boy Scouts, from Greenville, S. C., under command of Scout Master A. G. Gower. The boys in their neat khaki uniforms presented a handsome appearance, and the boys were delighted at the unusual opportunity offered for meeting Mrs. Jackson.

Late in the evening the veterans gathered in a group on the lawn and with battleflags of the Confederacy forming a background had pictures made by Mr. E. H. Glover.

Brevard people will long remember the pleasant afternoon. Mrs. Jackson and her grand-daughter, Mrs. Preston, left Thursday for a stay at Kanuga Lake Club near Hendersonville before returning to their home in Charlotte. At Kanuga they expect to be joined by Mrs. Jackson's grand-son, Lieut. T. J. Jackson Christian of the United States army, who was graduated from the United States military academy at West Point in June.

Catching and Taming Elephants
In Ceylon the natives capture wild elephants by lassoing them and tying their hind legs to trees. Thus tied, they are left to struggle for four or five days. If the ropes be well secured and knotted the animals struggle in vain, for they are unable to exert their full strength toward getting free. When they have grown tired of the fruitless fight they are tied by the neck between two tame elephants and marched off to the tea plantations or the railroad, where they are put to work. Under the tuition of tame elephants they learn rapidly to perform the labor that is required of them and soon are able to lay railroad ties accurately.—New York World.

GREENVILLE FIRM BUYS THE FRANKLIN

CLEVELAND AND WILLIAMS
NEW OWNERS OF HOTEL.

Brevard's Most Beautiful Property Sold at Price of
\$37,500.

On last Friday the Franklin Hotel together with eight and a half acres of land was sold by the Franklin Park Improvement Company to Cleveland & Williams, a real estate firm of Greenville, S. C., the consideration being \$37,500.

The negotiations for the trade have been going on for some time. Realizing that Brevard is a good place in which to invest this South Carolina firm has for several weeks been trying to arrange terms for the purchase of one of the handsomest properties of this place, and through Mr. W. P. Whitmire the deal was finally closed at the price named last week.

The firm of Cleveland & Williams is composed of Mr. W. C. Cleveland and Mr. Hudson A. Williams. The firm does a big real estate and insurance business through all the upper section of South Carolina, and is now crossing the line in this state and investing heavily in Brevard. This same firm recently purchased the Transylvania Cotton Mills, and now has an investment in Brevard of about eighty thousand dollars.

The Franklin Hotel has long been one of the famous resorts in this mountain section. It is modern in every respect, contains one hundred and ten rooms, and has long been a rendezvous for hundreds of summer and winter tourists.

Although already a most excellent establishment, the new owners announce that extensive improvements will be made before the season opens for next summer. The hotel will be leased by the new owners to a firm operating a chain of up-to-date hotels throughout the United States, and its continued success is assured.

The Franklin Hotel was originally planned and built by Mr. J. Franklin Hays, a man who has been one of the greatest forces in the upbuilding of Brevard and Transylvania county. During the first week of 1909 he sold the hotel and about eighty acres adjoining to the Franklin Park Improvement Company at a price of about \$35,000. The stock company was composed of Mr. A. J. Hild of Philadelphia, Mr. C. H. Robinson, Mr. F. J. Robinson and Mr. G. A. Smith of Charlotte and Mr. T. W. Whitmire of Brevard.

Under the direction of this company the land surrounding the hotel was laid off into building lots, streets and avenues opened through it, and much improvement made in the property. Many lots in Franklin Park have been sold and a number of houses erected. This company retains a number of lots not included in the sale of the hotel.

The new owners of the hotel will be welcomed to Brevard. A first-class hotel, one catering to the tourist with money and leisure, is one of the best assets that a town in Western North Carolina can have, and in their endeavor to make the Franklin even better than ever will be appreciated by all.

A Cold Snub.

Edmond About was once invited to the house of the Princess Mathilde, and before dinner, seated beside his hostess, he was sending off a brilliant display of oratorical fireworks. Looking up, he noticed that the Count Nieuwerkerke was coming over to join in the conversation. "Go away," he called to him familiarly. "Leave us alone, you great, jealous person!" At which the princess rose, touched her finger to the bell and said to the servant: "Conduct M. About to his carriage. He is not dining here tonight!"

PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR THE FARMERS

INSTITUTES TO BE HELD IN
BREVARD TUESDAY

An Interesting Day Arranged for
Transylvania Farmers and
Their Wives.

On next Tuesday, August 22, there will be held in Brevard an institute for the farmers of the county and a women's institute for their wives and daughters. This program arranged is a most interesting one, dealing with topics of importance to the people of Transylvania, and there will doubtless be a very large attendance.

These institutes are held under the direction of the state department of agriculture, and there are no charges attached to them. Experts in different lines will be present to discuss the different topics, and the day should prove a valuable one to the people of this county.

The program as given is to indicate the nature of the institute, but it may be changed or added to as those present may desire. A question box will also be open into which all are invited to put such questions as they desire discussed. A large number of intelligent questions means an interesting institute, and special attention will be given to this feature.

The farmers' institutes are held for the benefit of farmers, and none but strictly farming questions will be discussed. It is, therefore especially desired that a large attendance of farmers and their families be secured, and to this end all are urged to be present and to induce their neighbors to do the same.

Bring a pencil and blank book to take notes.

A premium of one dollar will be awarded for the best five ears of corn exhibited. The five ears exhibited must be of one variety, uniform in shape, size and color. Mixed corn or mixed varieties will not be allowed to compete for the premium. The exhibitor must be able to give, as far as possible, the name of the variety, its productivity, yield per acre, and whether grown on upland or lowland. This offer is made solely with the view of studying corn and the comparing of different varieties.

The boys' corn club contest will be fully explained, and as many of the boys as possible should attend.

It is the purpose of the department to make the institute for women of value to them in their daily duties and home life. For the women also, in addition to the lecturers on the program, there will be a question box that should prove most interesting and valuable. All the women of the county who can possibly do so are urged to attend the institute. By attending and letting it be known what is wanted the department will be able to send lecturers to the next institute who will give just the kind of talks wanted. Those selected for the institute on Tuesday should prove a drawing card.

The ladies are also asked to bring pencil and blank book for taking notes. A premium of one dollar will be paid for the best loaf of light bread baked and exhibited by a woman or girl living on a farm.

Following is the program for the two institutes:

Farmers' Institute.

Morning session will open at 10 o'clock and afternoon session at 1:30.

Subjects for discussion:
Live Stock in North Carolina, by A. L. French.
Apples for Western North Carolina, by O. M. Clark.
Soil Improvement and Legumes, by G. M. Garren.

AFTERNOON.

Grasses for Hay and Pastures, by A. L. French.

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TRANSYLVANIA AND HENDERSON JOINED

IN REUNION OF VETERANS
AT HORSE SHOE.

Hon. Locke Craig Delivered
Splendid Address Before the
Confederate Veterans.

Last Thursday was a great day for the old soldiers of Henderson county who gathered in large numbers at Horse Shoe for their annual re-union and for many of the veterans and their friends in Transylvania who went down to enjoy the day.

The feature of the day was the address by Hon. Locke Craig. The orator was at his best and kept the large crowd delighted and thrilled by his eloquence. Music for the occasion was most creditably furnished by the Brevard Cornet Band.

Among the Transylvania veterans who made talks were B. J. Wilson, T. L. Gash, J. M. Hamlin and M. J. Orr.

The following account is furnished by one of our veterans who attended:

"The 10th was a very fine day and many people had caught the spirit of going to spend the day at Horse Shoe with the boys who wore the grey in the '60's. By train time at Brevard the platform and station rooms were crowded, but only a few of the old soldiers were on hand. I am sorry to say that some stayed away who should and could have gone.

"The train came on time and on it was found a small number of the old soldiers, and none seemed to be so happy as James Wilson, whose smiles were of the broadest at the thought of being able to go to the reunion and having the pleasure of again seeing his old friend and commander, Col. W. M. Rutledge, of the Twenty-Fifth North Carolina regiment.

"As the train pulled up at Pisgah Forest more of the grey-haired 'boys of the '60's' and their sons and daughters were seen rushing for the train. It was a pleasing sight to see so many bright faces and sparkling eyes shining in determination to have a good time, and to show their appreciation and regard for the old veterans, the men whose bodies were so often exposed and made targets for bullets and whose ranks are constantly growing thinner.

"There were some people on the train who had never seen the town of Horse Shoe and remarks like these: 'What is Horse Shoe anyway? Is it made like a horse-shoe? Do they have streets or walks made like horse-shoes, and do people live there?' The band boys in their bright uniforms came in for many compliments from the crowd.

"At each station along the road could be seen some of the old veterans hurrying to the train as it stopped, many of them having their families with them. At last the train from Toxaway and the one from the other way were side by side at the station at Horse Shoe, and it certainly was pleasant to see so many of the old soldiers dismounting from each and mingling together, shaking hands and exchanging greetings. There must have been five hundred to get off the two trains.

"There were loud calls for the band, and Commander Cannon asked all the soldiers to fall in line. Soon the command 'forward, march!' was given, and then it was 'hep, hep, hep,' till in a little while the grounds were reached, and then came 'halt' and 'have seats.'

"The exercises were opened with fine and soul-stirring music by the band. After the music and remarks by the commander of the Henderson county camp of veterans, Capt. A. Cannon, the speaker

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