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ALMOST A CENTENARIAN

Had she lived just one year longer, Mrs. Little Matilda Wilson of Dunns Rock township, who died last Friday, July 17, would have been exactly a hundred years old. Ninety-nine years is a long time for one human life, and in that time many things have happened and many changes have taken place; but so quiet and secluded was the life of this woman that our information in regard to it is very meagre.

She was born July 17, 1815, in what is now Dunns Rock township, Transylvania county, but what was at the time of her birth McDowell county—before the days of Buncombe and Henderson. She was a daughter of Walter and Becky Hogsed, and married Aaron Wilson, who died several years ago. Five of her sons are now living in this county, Aaron, Dillie, Porter, Henry and David Wilson, with the last of whom she made her home in her old age. She had been a member of the Methodist church for fifty-two years.

Quiet and secluded was her life, indeed, spent in the neighborhood in which she was born; yet the days of her life covered a period of stirring events and wonderful changes. Born when Madison was president, when the tidings of Waterloo were new in America, she lived during the administrations of twenty-four presidents, and through the periods of three American wars. She grew to womanhood before the locomotive was heard of, yet before she died even the automobile had sounded its horn on the See Off ridge near her dwelling. She lived apart from all these changes, having little education and little knowledge of the great world outside her native mountains, and passed away on her birthday, with the hundredth mile stone almost in sight.

On Hogsed creek there is a new cemetery. There Mrs. Wilson, perhaps the oldest inhabitant of this county, was laid to rest with a brief and simple ceremony.

THE OXFORD CLASS

The singing class of the Oxford orphanage gave an entertainment at the Auditorium last Tuesday night under the auspices of the Dunns Rock lodge of Masons.

The class consisted of ten girls and four boys, under the direction of Mr. L. W. Alderman, manager, and Miss Myrtle Branch, music teacher. They were introduced by Mr. T. H. Galloway of the lodge.

The boys were all about ten or twelve years of age, but the girls were all the way from seventeen or eighteen down to six or eight. In their chorus singing they were exceedingly well trained, and the songs were very harmonious. Two of the young ladies seemed gifted with unusually good solo voices—Miss Lillian White and Miss Nettie Brummitt—while the voices of the little girls were very sweet. Even the boys sang well.

Some of the most attractive numbers beside the class choruses, which were all good, were: "A Composition on the Hawse," by Leroy Smith; "The Dairy Maids," by three little girls; "Fool Young Uns," by Elisha Watkins, and "Whistling Jim," by the boys.

Part second of the program was a little musical play called the "Gypsies Festival," with which the entertainment closed.

During the intermission Mr. Alderman made a short talk, giving some of the history and aims of the Oxford orphanage, and generally indicating the record its students had made in the world.

It was a large audience that listened to the young entertainers, a large part of those in attendance being children.

From the sale of tickets \$52 were turned over to the manager.

Mr. R. G. Trowbridge of Dubuque, Iowa, is visiting his family, who have been here for several weeks at Brevard Institute. He is a brother of Mr. C. H. Trowbridge.

THE BOY SCOUT'S WORK

During President Wilson's inaugural parade at one place a stalwart policeman seemed unable to keep back the crowd which overflowed beyond the curbstone in spite of all he could do to restrain them. Calling to a twelve-year-old youngster who stood near in uniform with a long staff in his hand he said:

"Here, Scout, keep back a few thousands of these people, will you?" The boy with a stolid countenance levelled his staff and started for the mass of humanity; at once the mass melted into a friendly group of men and women with a big place in their hearts for a plucky small boy. A great shout of laughter went up, but the crowd moved back and the road was cleared.

This is typical of what scoutcraft teaches the boys who take it up. They learn to be self-reliant as well as helpful and nothing daunts the scout who has made up his mind to put something through.

Many people seeing a group of youngsters starting off on a hike with knapsacks on their backs and their staves in their hands think that this is all that scouting stands for—a good time out of doors. However, the scout movement is a far better thing than this. It impresses not only the playtime and thought of the boys, but through the instinct for outdoors and "doing things," it touches upon their character development.

"Be prepared" is the Boy Scout motto, and shows that the scout always stands ready to do his duty.

All over the country cities are waking up and discovering what an ally they have with them. In summer the boys "swat" the fly, distribute anti fly literature, help the street-cleaning departments, pick up loose paper and keep the town sanitary, help at playgrounds, help to fight forest fires, keep guard at bathing beaches, and assist in rescuing the drowning or in resuscitating where that is necessary.

"Get a Boy Scout to do it" is a very usual way of solving difficulties in many towns where there are well organized troops.

Everyone knows what a vast store of energy the normal boy has, and he is just as ready to turn it all loose upon some helpful scheme as he is to devise unheard-of ways of torturing the family cat or disturbing his neighbor's peace of mind.

Here in Brevard the Boy Scouts will cut the grass around the court house and keep the paper picked up; will be ready to assist at putting out fires, and do any work toward town improvement that may come up. At present they are busy getting their camp in order and headquarters ready.

They propose to have a workshop, reading-room and an outdoor gymnasium. There are twenty names now on the roll. Last Friday afternoon they went for a hike to Elk Lodge, took a swim and some boating on Lake Sapphire en route, had supper on the mountain top and were back home by eight o'clock.

Rev. E. H. Norwood will train the boys in carpentry, outdoor cooking, woodcraft and gymnastics.

There are other trades which may be taken up, and badges are given for proficiency. We trust the citizens of our town will back up this movement and assist the boys in getting a good equipment. The Allison brothers have given special rates to the Boy Scouts for the use of the lake for Camp Sapphire for swimming and boating and the management of the camp have kindly tendered the use of their boats to the boys when accompanied by the scout master. All Boy Scouts may have the privilege of the lake on payment of \$1.25 for the season to the scout master.

Mr. Erwin Fletcher of Fletcher is visiting his nephew, Mr. M. J. Orr, in North Brevard.

FRED A. ROBINSON

Mr. Fred A. Robinson, a native of Transylvania, but residing for a number of years in Charlotte, died in that city on July 14, at the home of his brother, Mr. C. H. Robinson.

The deceased had undergone an operation about twelve months ago and had received temporary relief from illness, but about July first he was again taken ill, and continued to grow worse until the end. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. M. Vines of the First Baptist church, of which denomination Mr. Robinson was a member, and the interment took place with Masonic honors at Elmwood cemetery.

Mr. Robinson was born in this county thirty-three years ago. After finishing the high school in Charlotte he took a special business course at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., which excellent training fitted him for the active business life he afterward followed. He worked with the firm of C. H. Robinson & Co., spending part of the time on the road. He was well known in Charlotte as a young man of the highest type of character and of winning personality.

He is survived by his wife, four brothers and seven sisters, these being C. H. and F. J. Robinson of Charlotte, R. P. Robinson of Forest City, and W. P. Robinson of Jackson county, Mrs. J. H. Kitchin and Mrs. M. P. Matheny of Texas, Mrs. Judith L. Davis and Mrs. J. Van Davis of Murphy, Mrs. A. H. Sims of Shelby, Mrs. J. R. Pursor of Charlotte, and Mrs. J. H. House of Balsam Grove, Transylvania.

G. C. GALLOWAY

A belated report of the death of Mr. G. Carter Galloway of Quebec reached this office too late for publication in a former issue of the News.

Mr. Galloway was one of the oldest inhabitants of Hogback township, being eighty-two years of age. He was a well known citizen and generally respected. He was a soldier and officer in the Confederate army, serving throughout the civil war.

One of his sons, Vance Galloway, lives in this county, in Gloucester township, another, Miles Galloway, is a citizen of Jackson county, and a third, T. B. Galloway, is a lawyer at High Point. The latter reached his father's bedside shortly before his death.

The funeral took place at Oak Grove Baptist church, of which the deceased was a member.

AT THE FRANKLIN

The Franklin is enjoying one of the very best seasons in the history of the hotel. There are now about a hundred and twenty-five guests, and, of course, the busiest season lies ahead. Mr. Stamp, the proprietor, expresses himself as very much encouraged with the prospect, pleased with the hotel, and delighted with the kind of guests he is entertaining. They come from all parts of the south and even beyond the Mason and Dixon's line, and it would certainly be difficult for them to find a more beautiful place than the Franklin to spend a summer's vacation.

The orchestra this year consists of Miss Croker, pianist, and Mrs. Duleat, violinist, with little Miss Duleat as dancer and singer.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Editor Sylvan Valley News:

When I recommend a man for county office it is a pleasure to me to sign my name to the recommendation. Therefore I want to put the name of W. L. Mull of Dunns Rock township before the democratic voters of Transylvania county for county commissioner. I have known Wales Mull all his life and will state that he is well qualified to fill this position with credit to the party and honor to himself. More than fifty good influential democrats of the town and county have expressed their opinion that Wales is the man for one of our next democratic commissioners. T. W. WHITMIRE.

CLOSE OF SUMMER SCHOOL

The summer school, which had been in session since June 9th at the Brevard Institute, came to a close last Friday, July 17th. Considering that the school is merely in its beginnings, the work of this session was so far successful as to be quite encouraging to its inaugurators. A number of young men and women from this county were in attendance for the whole or a part of the term. Most of these were teachers or those just entering the teaching profession, and they were taking advantage of the opportunity that lay nearest them of making themselves better fitted for the work of the school room. Certainly the Institute summer school supplies a need long felt, but never before fully met, in this county.

There was no class work on Friday, the closing day. The students assembled in the chapel at 10:30 a. m. and the session was formally closed with a well selected program.

Rev. W. M. Robbins opened the exercises with prayer, after which Mr. Miles Reece, who has been in charge of the summer work, made a talk, giving a summary of things accomplished by the school. This was followed by a number of recitations by some of the children. Mrs. Reece gave a recitation, "When Mr. Brown Got His Hair Cut," and Miss Blair gave a piano solo. The Institute faculty was assisted by a few visitors. Dr. Mary Bryce Herbert recited "The First Settler's Story," which was followed by a vocal solo, "In Sweet Content," sung by Miss Blair. Mrs. L. B. Haynes recited two pieces in Dutch and negro dialect. Two short addresses were made, one by Mr. L. B. Haynes on "Influences That Make a Boy," and the other by Mr. T. C. Henderson on "The Changes of the Present Day." Miss Humphries sang two selections, "Glad Day" and "The Rosary."

The program was well rendered and very much enjoyed. With it the summer school came to an end.

RECITAL BY MRS. MURRAY

A notice of the programme to be given by Mrs. Murray at the Auditorium on Thursday afternoon, July 30th, at 4:30 p. m., recalls the previous charming recitals given by her in Brevard.

Notices of recent entertainments of a like nature of the one to be given at the Auditorium next week state:

"Never has Natchez had a more charming entertainment than that recently given by Mrs. Murray, whose personality and talents made the occasion one long to be remembered by her small hearers. The adult portion of the audience was unanimous in declaring the entertainment a complete success."—The Daily Democrat, Natchez.

"We hope for a speedy repetition of the entertainment given recently by Mrs. Murray. We feel that such a woman as Mrs. Murray with her deep appreciation of human nature could not fail to note the deep interest and delight on the many upturned faces that eagerly listened to her delightful stories so charmingly told. From the opening number this talented woman held the rapt attention of her large audience."—The News, Natchez.

ADOLPH-KILPATRICK

The New Orleans Times-Picayune of July 10 contains the following notice of a marriage which will be of interest to our readers:

"The marriage of Miss Helen Gertrude Adolph of this city to Mr. Joseph Wate Kilpatrick of Brevard, N. C., which was to have been celebrated Wednesday, was postponed until today, owing to the illness of Mr. Kilpatrick. It will be celebrated this evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Adolph, in Camp street."

S. S. FIELD DAY

The proposed county Sunday school field day, which was brought up before a meeting of Sunday school workers Sunday before last by Mr. L. B. Haynes, will be discussed at the singing convention at Catheys Creek next Saturday, July 25.

Mr. Haynes is to be at the convention and to take a part in the program. He is anxious for all Sunday school superintendents in the county to meet at the convention and make plans for the field day.

It is expected that all Sunday schools will take part; that there will be a grand parade of scholars, contests in Bible quotations, athletic field contests, and a time of general pleasure.

REVIVAL SERVICES

In anticipation of the coming of Rev. J. A. Bryan of Birmingham, Ala., to conduct a revival meeting at the Presbyterian church, regular daily services began last Sunday and have been continuing through the week.

At the Sunday morning's service Major Hardee, a summer visitor, spoke instead of the pastor. Major Hardee is an elder of the church, who has done service for many years in Christian work. His exhortation to the people on the point of entering upon a series of revival services was timely and forcible. He made a special appeal to visitors to come to the services, saying that if they were in the line of duty they were here by God's appointment.

Sunday night's services were conducted by the pastor, and also those on Monday morning. Monday evening Rev. W. M. Robbins of the Methodist church preached, his subject being "The Work of the Holy Spirit."

Rev. J. A. Bryan arrived on Tuesday morning's train in time to take part in the forenoon services, making a brief talk following a sermon by the pastor. Tuesday night Mr. Bryan preached to a congregation considerably larger than had previously been in attendance, his subject being the resurrection of Lazarus. He said that we have something to do if we want to see our friends quickened, our churches revived. We must believe, have faith in the power of God, but we must also live right, for our example counts. And we must become personally interested.

Mr. Bryan speaks with the fervor and earnestness of one who believes utterly in the message he is delivering. He insists on prayer and believes that it will be answered. His style of speaking is very original, and he holds the attention of his congregation.

Wednesday morning he spoke about Christ's abiding with his people, of the systematic and prayerful study of the Bible, of Christ's help in the time of trials, and his presence with us in our work. The service was well attended for one held in the morning. At its close Mr. Bryan asked all who had requests for prayer to speak them out openly, saying that many prayers were going up in Alabama for that very service. Quite a number responded to this appeal, showing a marked interest in the meeting.

The services have been growing in interest throughout the week. Thursday morning the stores were closed from ten till eleven, and several business men attended church. The meetings are expected to continue this week and part of next. A cordial invitation is extended by the pastor to all the citizens and visitors to these meetings.

BUILD SCHOOL HOUSES

Bids wanted for the building of a two-room school house at Lake Tok-away, a one-room house at Cedar Mountain, and one room added to the house at Davidson River. Apply to Superintendent T. C. Henderson for specifications. 7-10-3E