

VENUS ATTENDS THE PICNIC AT RITCHIE'S GROVE

Thirteen Old Soldiers Were Present—Tells Who Were There.

We attended the annual picnic and old soldiers reunion Tuesday, August 28th, 1923, at W. S. Ritchie's grove, between Concord and Kannapolis. Thirteen old soldiers were present. We got the names of some of them as follows: G. A. Misener, John Ritchie, D. C. Dayvault, J. T. Wyatt, H. S. Puryear, H. M. Brown, John Cook, H. J. Blue, Christebury Holshouser, C. Platt, J. C. Honycutt, T. S. Shinn. A large crowd was present. Mr. J. A. Blackwelder introduced the speakers. Rev. Byron Clark, of Salisbury, was the speaker of the day. He made a fine address. L. W. Barnhardt made the address of welcome to the old soldiers. Dinner was spread on a long table at the grove. Dr. Clark asked the blessing and everyone present helped himself to one of the finest dinners we ever saw in North Carolina. The table was 20 steps long. If one steps three feet long, how long would the table be? Who can figure it out? Two pretty little twin girls with curly hair, Louise and Leola Moore, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Moore, sang a duet, with Miss Viola Walters, their aunt, at the organ. It was the twins' birthday. They were just eleven years old. They will remember their birthday.

At the old soldiers' picnic at Ritchie's Grove in Cabarrus county, we got so many names of people there we can never get them all in our items, but here are some of them: Mrs. C. A. Tarlton, Mrs. R. K. Myers, Concord; Mrs. L. P. Blackwelder, Mrs. L. T. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fisher, John Boyce and Mary Fisher, Concord; Mrs. J. W. Wincoff, Mr. J. W. Wincoff, Mrs. J. W. Wincoff and daughters, Ruth and Marge, Mr. F. M. Rogers, Mrs. W. V. Overcash and children, Clara, Catherine, Jason and Clarence; Mrs. W. F. Rogers and children, of Kannapolis, all in a fine large car; Mrs. C. C. Hill, of Kannapolis, and children, Mary Lee, Gladys, Wilbur and Martha, this is Wilbur's birthday, he is 13 years old. They were all in a fine car. Mrs. Martha Hawkins and Miss Helen Brown, of Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Untz and three children, of Poplar Tent; Mrs. H. F. Morton and children, Salisbury; this settlement was formerly their old home. Mrs. P. L. Christy and children, Mrs. R. W. Fisher, Mrs. Mauda Ross, Mrs. D. C. Dayvault, in a fine car from Concord; Mrs. W. L. Linker, Mrs. A. B. Morrison and children and Miss Rachel Carr, all of Concord in a fine car. Misses Hazel and Elizabeth Linker of Mooresville, N. C., in a fine car. Ruth Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Ritchie and children, Irene and Helen, and Mrs. R. S. Ritchie, of Concord Route four. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Goodman, Brad Stroud, Kenneth Litaker, Gladys Goodman and Hazel Goodman all drove up in a fine large car just after dinner. Mrs. Howard Linker at the wheel with Miss Virginia, Viola and Fidelia Viola, of Concord, drove up in a fine car. J. B. Gaskey and wife and two children, Richard and Curlee, J. S. Wingard at the wheel with three old soldiers of Concord Route 4. Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Fisher, Nellie Morton, Harry Sturtevant, L. M. Fisher, Mrs. L. M. Fisher, of near the picnic grounds. Wm. Elkins, of Cisco, Texas. J. A. Blackwelder, Concord, manager of the stage. Rev. Byron Clark, Salisbury, the speaker of the day. Mrs. J. A. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gaskey, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Gaskey and three children, all in a fine car. Helen Brown, of Charlotte, O. B. Barnhardt, Flora Lee Deaton, of Concord, Eunice Hopkins, Sumter, S. C.

John Johnson was at the old soldiers' reunion.

After dinner at the old soldiers' reunion all the veterans were treated to all the watermelon they could eat by Mr. Ritchie. Then Mr. Ritchie, who is one of the best and cleverest men in the world, sent four of us old soldiers home in his car. His daughter, Miss Annie Mae, drove the car, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Beulah Litaker, both of Concord Route 2. Miss Annie Mae is a captain of a young lady and can drive the car as good as any man. Some young fellow will find a fine companion some time in the future for these are both pretty girls.

Miss McCubbin, of Salisbury, was at the organ before dinner and Miss Vita Litaker at the afternoon at the picnic at Ritchie's Grove between Concord and Kannapolis, August 23. They had some good music and singing for the benefit of the veterans and the large crowd present.

We went down to Kannapolis and returned on Kild's jitney. Before we left Salisbury the driver took on nine passengers. People are traveling now every hour in the day from Salisbury in every direction.

Mrs. L. L. Sides and two children, of Norfolk, Va., are visiting Mr. Sides' parents here.

We met Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brown in their fine car taking a pleasure trip viewing the granite belt and Faith. They are fine, clever people.

We met Mr. J. D. Goodman. His trade is slate roofing. He helped to put the slate roof on the new granite Reformed church here. All our people now living will never see it rot or give way. It will last many thousands of years.

Here is a card we just received. Here is what is printed under the picture: The steep grade incline railway up Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, Tenn. Here is what is written on the other side: Dear Venus, if you want to get a real thrill just come over to Chattanooga and go with me up the incline shown on reverse side of this card. Yours, a Reader of The Times.

LOCAL MENTION

Miss Sadie McAnulty has resumed her work with the Parks-Belk Co., after a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Roach will tomorrow move to Mooresville, where Mr. Roach has bought a cafe.

Mrs. W. H. Oglesby has resumed her work with the Parks-Belk Co., after enjoying a week's vacation.

The condition of Mr. P. G. Cook, who has been seriously ill for several days, is reported today by relatives to be slightly improved.

Mr. O. B. Garmond has accepted a position with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. He will have his headquarters in Charlotte.

Mr. Ray Cline is back at his work with the Parks-Belk Company, after enjoining a vacation spent with relatives and friends in Townships Nos. 6 and 7.

In the list of marshals for the county fair, as published last week, three names were inadvertently omitted. They are Tracy Spencer, Jr., Charles E. Roger, Jr., and Frank Mund, Jr.

At the meeting of the Confidential Convention of the Southern Conference of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod Mrs. John M. Cook was elected president.

The next term of Cabarrus County Superior Court will be held on October 15th. The term will be for two weeks. The jurors will be chosen some time today by the county commissioners.

Mr. J. O. Moose and family and Mr. J. H. A. Holshouser and family spent a vacation at the historic Matthews Camp Meeting grounds near Lincolnton. The day was one of unusual pleasure, they report.

Marriage licenses have been issued by Register of Deeds Elliott to the following couples: Walter Brewer and Miss Dora Cross, both of Concord; and Adam B. Shoe and Miss Bettie Hatley, both of Concord.

Bernice Talbirt, who underwent an operation in Charlotte Thursday, was brought home yesterday by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Talbirt. The child stood the trip home all right, and her condition continues to show improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Byrd and Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Gibson have returned from Black Mountain, where Mrs. Byrd and Mrs. Gibson spent last week. Mr. Byrd and Mr. Gibson drove up Saturday afternoon in Mr. Byrd's car and the party returned yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Will Archibald, of Memphis, was heard with great interest at the morning service at the First Presbyterian Church yesterday when she sang "My Task." Mrs. Archibald possesses a most pleasing voice and her solo was one of the most interesting features of the service.

Mr. John G. Scherf, of Andalusia, Ala., spent last night here. He left today with Mrs. Scherf, who has been visiting relatives, for a trip to New York City. Mrs. Scherf is now President of the Alabama Textile Corporation and Secretary-Treasurer of The Andala Company.

Nevin Sappenfield and John M. Cook, Jr., left this morning for Davidson College to resume their studies. Davidson does not open for two weeks, but "Nec" and "John M." are fighting for places on the football team, and they want to Davidson today to answer the first practice call.

Dr. Johnson, the dentist who conducted the clinic in the white schools of the county last spring, will be at Central School on September 10th to complete his work in that school. Dr. Johnson has about two weeks' work in Central, this work having been interrupted by the closing of school in May.

The regular September meeting of the county commissioners is being held today at the court house. No business of unusual importance had been presented to the board up to the noon hour, when recess was taken and nothing of great importance is expected to be presented at the afternoon session.

Six cases were on docket for trial in recorder's court this morning. Three of the defendants were charged with intoxication, two were charged with speeding and the other with assault. "The week end passed very quietly," one police officer stated, "and we had fewer calls than we had had in several months."

Mrs. J. Ed. Cline is confined to her home on South Union street with a broken bone in one ankle. Saturday a week ago, while returning from a mountain trip, Mrs. Cline hurt her ankle in Greenville, S. C. Thinking it was only a sprain, Mrs. Cline did not have the ankle X-rayed until Saturday, when the broken bone was disclosed.

Charlotte again is leading the South Atlantic League. By winning four straight games from Spartanburg, while Greenville was winning four from Macon, the Hornets took the lead Saturday. The season will close this week, with Charlotte playing ten games at home. A double header will be played tomorrow, Wednesday and Saturday.

Mr. R. W. Hunsworth delighted the congregation of Central Methodist Church at the services yesterday morning and evening by rendering a solo at each service. In the morning he sang "The Lord Is My Light," and in the evening "Give Me the Vision, Lord." Mr. Hunsworth was formerly of Rockingham, but is now connected with the Parker Shoe Store of this city.

Falling Tree Kills Young Clark Moore, Statesville, Sept. 1.—Clark Moore, 18 years of age, was killed almost instantly by a falling tree yesterday near his home in the old Amity community near Scotts. The young man and four others were cutting timber on the farm of the deceased's mother, Mrs. Harriet Moore. When the tree, a long pine, which was being cut by two young men, Glenn Summers and William Miller, began falling in a different direction from what was expected, they shouted to young Moore to get out of the way; the unfortunate youth ran in the direction in which the tree was falling and was caught underneath it. His neck was broken and his head slightly crushed.

Mrs. E. T. Barrier and children and Misses Helen and Gladys Cline, of No. 6 township, spent the week-end here with Mrs. W. M. Cline.

JURY IS UNABLE TO AGREE IN THE GARRETT TRIAL

Mistrial Ordered by Judge White Late in the Day.—Nine For Manslaughter, Cumberland Courthouse, Va., Sept. 1.—A jury of 12 men from Amherst county, brought here after the court had decided it would not be possible to obtain a fair and impartial jury in Cumberland county, were unable to agree today as to the guilt or innocence of Robert O. Garrett, county clerk, charged with the murder of Rev. E. S. Pierce last June 5th, and were dismissed. Thus for the second time since the now famous case was called last July 26th, legal battles that have made history in Virginia court proceedings, have brought no results and the case stands where it did before the weeks of battling over changes of venue, changes of venue and other technical points of law.

R. O. Garrett's case will be called again when the next term of court convenes on September 26th, but whether the trial will begin at that time is undecided as the trial of Larkin Garrett, brother of the man whose trial ended today with a hung-jury and jointly indicted with him for first degree murder in connection with the killing of the Baptist minister, also is set for that date and it is possible may get precedence.

The jury deliberated today three hours and one minute but the fact that they were apparently hopelessly divided early in the consideration became evident when the jurors filed in and told Judge B. D. White that they could not agree. It is stated that at the outset one juror stood for first degree murder, seven for second degree murder, one for manslaughter, and three for acquittal. After the second period of deliberation, it was found the men who stood for some sort of punishment agreed to consolidate on a manslaughter verdict provided the others would come over. The three for acquittal stood out firmly, however, and further efforts for unanimous agreement were abandoned.

WINECOFF SCHOOL OFF TO NEW YEAR'S WORK

Began Work This Morning For 1923-24 Year.—Educational Club Rendered a Program. The Winecoff School began its year's work this morning, and has the distinction of being one of the first schools in the county to begin the 1923-24 term. Both the high school and primary school departments began work this morning. The Winecoff Educational Club had charge of the program at the opening and the following program was rendered: Devotional—Rev. W. A. Rollins. Talk: Relation of Pupil to Teacher in School—C. J. Goodman. Talk: What Committee Can Do to Make School Better—Frank Scott. Talk: What the Patrons Can Do to Make the School Better—Mrs. W. N. Barnhardt. Quartette—Four school girls. Talk: Value of Music in the School—Mrs. W. G. Graham. Talk: What the Alumni Can Do to Make the School Better—R. D. Goodman. Talk: What Is a Real Education and the Cost of It—Luther Barnhardt. Officers for the Educational Club for the ensuing year were chosen as follows: R. D. Goodman, President; Luther Barnhardt, Vice President; Miss Maggie Belle Unberger, Secretary. The program was concluded by a talk by Prof. J. B. Robertson and the introduction of the following teachers: Prof. Furr, Miss Giffon, Miss Magedee, Mrs. Castor, Miss Tucker and Miss Earhardt. A large number of patrons were present, indicating their interest in the schools and assuring their co-operation.

GUESTS WERE INVITED TO FLOGGING PARTIES.

Counselor of Oklahoma Executive Says Persons Attended as They Do a Ball Game. Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 1.—Still more severe imposition of martial law is expected in Tulsa county, following the seizure of William J. Matthews on Thursday night, who told the military authorities that he was seized while a block of Adjutant General Markham's headquarters, but escaped while his captors were preparing to lash him. The military investigation, instituted August 14, into mob activities in Tulsa county, the proclamation said, "his disclosure that a general state of lawlessness has existed * * * for a period of more than a year prior to this time, and that scores of people, including women, have been whipped, assaulted and beaten." Civil authorities of Tulsa county have been in secret sympathy with those reported for mob floggings, the governor charged. The situation had become such, he declared, that lawless elements have usurped civil powers, including the judiciary. Aldrich Blake, executive counselor, "conditions in Tulsa have been scandalous. Persons have attended whipping parties by invitation, much as they would attend a ball game. As many as 150 persons have been present at some of the outrages we have investigated, according to testimony taken. "The state will be surprised when the story is told," he concluded.

LORAY MILL WILL HAVE LARGE NUMBER SPINDLES

Will Hold Record in North Carolina and Perhaps in South in This Respect. Gastonia, Sept. 1.—With the completion of a five-story addition to the Loray Mill, containing 170,000 square feet of floor space and making room for 25,000 additional spindles, which are now being installed, this plant will have 138,900 spindles, by far the largest number of spindles under one roof in North Carolina and perhaps, in the entire south. Prior to this installation the Loray had 113,900 spindles. This mill is owned and controlled by the Manville Jencks Company, a \$39,000,000 corporation, with offices at Pawtucket, R. I. and nine large plants in New England. This addition is also being completely equipped with preparatory machinery, looms and finishing equipment to take care of the increased spindleage. The building was erected at a cost of \$290,000 and is of brick to correspond with the original building of which it forms a part. It was designed by Robert and Company, of Atlanta, Ga., and built by the Aberthaw Construction Company, of Boston. During the past summer the company has erected on its premises in West Gastonia 76 modern homes for operatives, this giving them now 538 homes for operatives.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Cloudy and unsettled tonight and Tuesday; no change in temperature.

Here is a nice testimonial from a man who has taken his medicine! This last April we waited on and lost a customer for a suit—"Your clothes are fine, but I know I can do better in price." Out he went. This week—the same man, a jovial chap wearing his bargain suit, came in and we quote him here, verbatim:—"I was a chump this Spring for walking out on you Boys because I thought I could save \$4—I'm here now for one of your suits—believe me, I've taken my medicine in this cheap outfit I have on!"

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Passenger Trains Nos. 15 and 35 Each Demolish Car at Grade Crossings. Greensboro News. Southern railroad passenger trains in this section were hard on automobiles yesterday, according to reports received at the office of L. F. DeRamus, superintendent of the Danville division. Two smash-ups were reported on the division. One occurred in the town limits of Gibsonville when train No. 16 westbound from Goldsboro to Greensboro struck an Overland touring car, the property of H. E. Clapp, of Gibsonville, and demolished the machine. No injuries were reported. Mr. and Mrs. Clapp, occupants of the car, having jumped when the train stalled on the tracks in front of the approaching passenger train. Mr. E. Porter was conductor in charge of the train and E. D. Morton the engineer. The accident, it was reported, was unavoidable as the car stalled on the track just before the arrival of the train. The second crash occurred when the train from Atlanta, Ga., to Washington, struck a Ford roadster at a grade crossing north of Linwood and demolished the machine. No one was injured. The janitor's little boy, very black, who was nicknamed "Mighty" by his neighbors, he didn't mind their calling him that, but one day when one of the boys called him "Nigger," he retorted indignantly, "Shet your Yankee jaws about quarter to twelve."

AMERICA HAS PASSED PERIOD OF MOURNING.
Washington, Sept. 2.—American flags, which the world over have been at half mast for the past thirty days as evidence of the nation's mourning for President Harding, will be hoisted to full staff tomorrow at sunrise. The period of official mourning expires tonight at midnight, thirty days having passed at midnight, thirty days having passed since the death in San Francisco on the evening of August 2 of the chief executive. President and Mrs. Coolidge have decided that there will be no immediate resumption of social activities so far as they are concerned, but the White House, which has been closed to visitors will be thrown open Tuesday after the Labor day holiday. Father (to Bobby, who had fallen downstairs)—"Why, Bobby, did you miss your step?" Bobby (rubbing his head)—"No Dad, I hit every one of them."

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