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## OLD CONFEDERATE VETERANS MET FOR MEMORIAL SERVICES

American Legion Hall Was Thrown Wide Open and an Interesting Program Was Rendered

### MAJOR HEATH MADE A MOST INTERESTING SPEECH

Sumptuous Dinner Was Served by United Daughters of Confederacy and All Had a Big Time

Thirty-three old Confederate veterans of the county assembled in the American Legion hall Wednesday at 11 o'clock for memorial services in remembrance of the death of Stonewall Jackson, the great right arm of the Confederate army. The Legion hall was beautifully decorated with flags, and the sweet fragrance of abundance of flowers filled the atmosphere. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. R. B. Redwine, president of the Monroe Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the program was opened by singing "America." Dr. W. R. Burrell led the prayers and offered a beautiful and heart-touching invocation for these old soldiers who are in their declining years.

In her opening remarks, Mrs. Redwine stated that the Monroe Chapter U. D. C. was more than glad to entertain the remaining few of these old braves who fought so nobly for what they believed to be a righteous cause. She said that the East, North and West may hold memorial or decoration day on any date they please, but for the South it will always be on May 10th, the day on which the immortal Stonewall Jackson was killed. She also said that the Monroe U. D. C. has always had a dinner prepared for the old Confederate veterans of Union county as long as they meet here on this occasion.

A number of boys sang vigorously "Bonnie Blue Flag" and a company of girls beautifully rendered "Memorial Day," after which Mrs. N. M. Redfern read "Benediction." Then everybody sang "Dixie," the greatest song ever written, so far as stirring the emotions and putting real life into a person is concerned. The old veterans, some with heads bowed by weight of years, others with hoary hairs and others still bald and tattered, could hardly be still and many of them appeared as though they wanted to get up and go to marching.

### Major Heath Addresses Meeting

Major W. C. Heath made the address of the occasion, and in his opening remarks stated that he almost called them comrades, because his father and six brothers served in the Confederate army, and three of his uncles paid the supreme sacrifice. He paid a beautiful tribute to the faithful old negroes who remained at home and cared for the wives and children of the Confederate veterans during those trying years. He stated that it is a pleasure to think of the bravery, valor and honor of these old veterans and declared that in all history there is nothing comparable to the manner in which these old Confederate soldiers fought, bled and died in defense of the honor of the Southland. He said they loved the South and that it is far better to love and lose than never to have loved at all. But, he stated, that nothing else could have been expected under the matchless leadership of such men as Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. And he further stated that nothing but the bravery exhibited by our boys in the world war could have been expected of sons of such men as these old Confederate veterans.

Major Heath told an interesting story of a negro soldier in the world war who, when asked how he felt when he "went over the top," replied: "I just said 'Good-morning, Jesus,' and declared that if Stonewall Jackson had been there he would have flanked that German army that extended for hundred of miles or he would have gone over or under them."

In speaking of the hardships the Southern soldiers had to endure Major Heath told of a Georgia cracker whom General Lee once found up in a persimmon tree when he should have been in the marching line, and called to him to know what he was doing. The soldier boy replied, "I am eating green 'simmons to draw my stomach up to fit the size of the short rations we are getting." The kind-hearted general then sent word to headquarters that he would fight no more until his men were furnished better supplies.

### Reconstruction Days

Major Heath then turned his attention to reconstruction days and stated that if Sherman's statement be true that "War is hell," then reconstruction days were a whole lot "heller." He referred to the fact that when the war began in 1861 the per capita wealth of the South was \$556 while that of the North was only \$516, but that after the raids of Sherman's army, Southern soldiers returned to find their houses burned and other property destroyed. They then went to work to reconstruct the South and today it is one of the richest countries in the world. He told the old veterans that here in the evening of their lives they have something to be proud of for here it is that the population is almost pure American and there is no bolshevism, and especially is North Carolina favored above many other states, for we have the greatest diversity of soil and interests of any state in the union.

He stated that "just a year ago on this memorial day the late B. Clegg Ashcraft, who did so much for the

## RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED MASS MEETING SATURDAY

Committee, Consisting of Messrs. S. E. Belk, S. S. Richardson and H. D. Stewart Favor Reforms

Dr. H. D. Stewart furnishes the following resolutions drawn by committee and in the court house last Saturday: 1. That the superintendent of public instruction of Union county should be elected by popular ballot. There are various pros and cons. If the superintendent would be elected by popular vote, then the selection of a superintendent would be limited to Union county and to a strict political candidate. On the other hand, if the office paid five thousand dollars and a great brainy man of intellect, education and power could be secured from Harvard or Yale or Columbia University, there would still be the same political or denominational tendency to make the office a job and fill it on the political basis.

2. There are too many offices in the county and in the state that are paying war basis salaries or inflated salaries not in keeping with economic conditions. And they are not giving the people service profitable enough to justify their existence.

3. That it is costing too much to run the office of superintendent of public instruction and our schools are costing too much for the class of teachers and the equipment and training of the teachers. Superintendent Brooks has already acknowledged a great economic waste in the schools of the people's money and the children's time. Some of the pupils know more than their teachers.

4. That commissioners should not have the power to issue bonds without a majority vote of the people.

5. That any person holding public office who is found to be serving private interest rather than public interest should be asked to resign.

6. That we are uncompromisingly opposed to paying more than the normal market price for construction to culverts, bridges, and roads. It entails economic hardships upon a hard-working, long-suffering people who will have the bill to pay while others profit largely thereby in a financial way.

7. We think it is an injustice to the taxpayers to let contracts at such a price that the contractor may sublet the contract at a large profit and not touch the work himself. All this waste of wealth has to come out of the pockets of people who are having a hard time to live and wealth is being forced out of the hands of the public into private hands whereas the public is entitled to save this wealth. There has been a lot of subletting in Union county and over North Carolina. It is criminally wrong to purchase a contract or to hire some one to land you a contract. The penalty is sure in time, but it will be a moral penalty, that is for worse than a penitentiary sentence. There is retribution in history. Under a system of legalized robbery it is utterly impossible for state laws to punish, unless the grand jury and Pinkerton's Detective Agency would work together for years.

8. That we go on record as asking all candidates for office, especially candidates for the legislature, to state their platform in full to the public and tell what they propose to do. And we think they should never pass a law of great concern to the people nor take action on any important public issue without consulting the people and getting their views.

9. That we favor requiring a quarterly audit and report of all expenditures for culverts, bridges and other expenses incurred in road-building or road-keeping. That we favor the requirement of an annual audit of the books of all departments of the government and a true, frank, fair statement of facts to the public.

10. That we go on record as favoring the August primary rather than the June primary. It gives more time for discussion of public issues and for selection of good men for public offices. It is more democratic and less political.

11. It is our opinion that school books should be furnished to indigent children so that they will not be kept out of school. That we go on record against too frequent change of school books and too many superfluous and useless school books, thereby causing a lack of thoroughness in the fundamental and essential studies of the education course; furthermore resulting in playing into the hands of the American book trust whose business is to sell more books and extract more money from the public.—S. E. Belk, S. S. Richardson, H. D. Stewart, Committee on Resolutions.

### Yearly Honor Roll Wingate Graded School

Eighth Grade—Fay Bivens, Fay Griffin, Mildren Hinson, Bernice Brewer, Lottie Evans.

Ninth Grade—Nina Jerome, Albert Evans.

Tenth Grade—Gladys Griffin, Lois Witmore.

Eleventh Grade—Grayce Redfearn.

The winner of the medal for the best all round high school student was Gladys Griffin with Lois Witmore as a close second.

Mr. Clayton and Miss Crowell Wed

Mr. J. F. Clayton and Miss Netta Crowell were married last Saturday night at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. Dexter Crowell in Goose Creek township, Rev. T. J. Huggins performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton are both residents of Goose Creek township and are deservedly popular. They have a large number of friends who extend congratulations and good wishes.

## Monroe Launches a Movement For a Playground For Children

Organization Effected and Officers Elected With Committee to Select Site and Provide Equipment-- Civic Clubs Behind Undertaking

Wednesday, May 10, should be marked in red on all local calendars, and be remembered as one of the greatest days in Monroe's history, for on this date the movement to provide our city with a civic playground was initiated and given a start that will carry it through to a successful conclusion. Representatives from the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, the Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary met at the Chamber of Commerce at 8:00 p. m. in response to a call from Secretary Orton, and organized the Monroe Playground Association, adopted a constitution and elected officers, subject to ratification at the next regular meeting.

A committee from each of these organizations has been quietly at work for some time, gathering information, facts and statistics regarding the subject, has met with Mr. E. L. Mason, president of the Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission, who has given valuable advice and suggestions and has studied booklets and literature on the playground problem, issued by the Playground and Recreation Association of America, in order to equip themselves for the task before them.

The result of this study has shown the committee how wide spread is the recognition of the need for this form of recreation, and has convinced them of the value and importance of elementary physical education. Among all primitive people childhood is spent mostly in play, but during the past half century most countries have made education free and compulsory. The rapidly expanding field of knowledge has offered larger and larger tasks, and children have been loaded with burdens such as they never before were called upon to carry. The public in general has appreciated the value of the education that has come through the school, but it has not appreciated the value of the natural education which it has replaced.

We have discovered that it was not by chance that nature implanted in the young of all animals this impulse to play, but that it is, in fact, nature's instrument of training. There is scarcely a town in the entire country large enough to rightfully call itself a city that has not provided or is not making provision for public play grounds, and Monroe, with her splendid schools, municipal improvements, and civic pride, cannot afford to longer neglect this important and necessary feature.

Those interested in this movement have decided that the logical way to handle the proposition would be for the playground association to select a centrally located site, provide the necessary equipment and a supervisor to take charge and then turn it over to the city, the regulation of the playground and the responsibility for its upkeep to be left to the city officials and a committee from the association.

The club and civic organizations which have all shown great interest in the project will each be asked to contribute some piece of equipment in the name of the organization, and to name one member to serve on the governing board of the association. It is planned to install a slide, seesaws, swings and other pieces of equipment, a summer house or shelter, fitted with table and seats, sand boxes, a drinking fountain, and plenty of comfortable seats and benches, the entire cost not to exceed \$500.00.

The membership is open to all citizens of Monroe, with an annual fee of one dollar. Those contributing more than one dollar will be listed as contributing members. The following officers were elected subject to ratification at the next regular meeting on Friday, May 19th: President, Dr. G. M. Smith; first vice-president, Mrs. Randolph Redfearn; second vice-president, John C. Sikes; secretary, Miss Louise Morrow; treasurer, Walter A. Henderson; press chairman, Chas. W. Orton. It was agreed that all meetings will be held at the Chamber of Commerce and the dates for regular meetings will be fixed on May 19th.

The public spirited citizens of Monroe should be congratulated on the progressive spirit shown in undertaking this project. The playground

will be a distinct asset to the city and will stand as a monument to spirit of co-operation and progress that is fast making Monroe the finest town in the country in which to live.

Play is essentially the pursuit of happiness, and is, therefore a fundamental right. To give a child a public playground is not to give him something new, but to restore to him his fundamental right. This right to play is more important and fundamental than is the right to go to school. Without education the child may grow up healthy, good and happy. Without play he will be none of these.

We demand a seat in school for every child. The time will soon be here when we shall, as a matter of fundamental right, provide play space and properly equipped grounds adequate to the needs of every child. We keep thinking of play as a by-product, whereas play is real life, play is the main business of the life of the child. It is this which engages his passionate devotion and every atom of strength at his command. Play is to the child what intense, absorbing work is to the adult. Not until we get and keep this point of view will play and playgrounds have for us their real meaning and message.

The Playground and Recreation Association of America, a national organization, has learned by experience covering a number of years, that playgrounds develop:

1. Health—by spontaneous outdoor exercise.
2. Initiative—By forcing the child to make his own decisions.
3. Purity of Mind—By keeping the child active in wholesome surroundings.
4. Co-operation—By teaching the child to give and take assistance, thus showing him the value of concerted action.
5. Ambition—By teaching the child that leadership is the result of successful endeavor.
6. Honesty—By causing the child to repudiate any success that does not come through fair play.
7. Imagination—By lifting the child out of the commonplace and filling him with enthusiasm.
8. Self-Confidence—By giving the child some responsibility in the games.
9. Obedience—By teaching the child to respect the leader.
10. Justice—By teaching the child to have consideration for those who are physically and mentally weaker.

### News From Monroe Route Six

Monroe, Route 6, May 11.—Miss Ovelke Plyler spent last Saturday night with Miss Clara Belle Wentz.

Miss Margaret Helms is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. R. L. Gordon of Wesley Chapel.

Mrs. J. E. Wentz and Mr. Vance Wentz spent last Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Yandle.

Miss Mary Lee Helms spent last week in Charlotte with her sister, Miss Vera Helms.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Yandle spent last Sunday with her father, Mr. Ed Burnett.

Mrs. J. W. Hayward visited her mother Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. S. M. Wentz, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Stephen visited relatives in Charlotte last week.

There will be prayer meeting at Mr. W. S. Thompson's next Saturday night, beginning at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Pammer Yandle of Charlotte visited relatives here Monday.

Miss Ola Burnett spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Hattie Gordon.

Mr. J. E. Wentz spent last Saturday night with his mother, Mrs. Ida Wentz.

Mrs. Mattie Presley has been visiting relatives of Charlotte.—Daisy.

### Little Boy Undergoes Operation

Master Ray Funderburk, Jr., was operated on Wednesday morning in the Ellen Fitzgerald hospital, for the removal of pus that accumulated in his right side as the result of an attack of pneumonia the little fellow suffered a few weeks ago. He is the eight-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Funderburk, the former county superintendent of schools, and their many friends will learn with interest that he is getting along nicely.

## INVITATION TO ALL UNION COUNTY EX-SERVICE MEN

To Attend Unveiling in Wadesboro by Thomas-Wade Chapter D. A. R. of Handsome Memorial

The following letter has been received by Commander Sam H. Lee, Melvin Deese Post No. 27, American Legion, from the Wadesboro Post: Wadesboro Post No. 31, American Legion, extends a cordial invitation to all members of your post and to all ex-service men of Union county to be its guests on Saturday, May 20, 1922, on the occasion of the unveiling by Thomas-Wade Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of a very handsome memorial to the soldiers and sailors who served in the late World War. This memorial is in the form of a public drinking fountain on the public square in our city.

Colonel Hanford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion together with all other state officers, are to be present. Also, the president of the Daughters of the Revolution, and other high officers of that organization, are to be guests.

General A. J. Bowley, commander of Camp Bragg, has signified his desire to be with us, if possible. He is sending over from the camp for our celebration a band of thirty instruments, and orchestra of 10 pieces, two 75 m guns with saluting ammunition, an aeroplane, together with colors, standards and guidons from the various organizations at the camp. It is going to be the greatest day in the history of Anson county, and we want you men to assist us in putting it over in great style. Your presence and co-operation will insure this.

The exercises in the afternoon will begin sharply at three o'clock with a mammoth parade. It is hoped to have two thousand men here in uniforms. Come and wear yours. Meals will be served all ex-service men. A reception and dance will be given at the Wadesboro County Club that night. A boxing event has been arranged; in fact, everything possible is being done looking toward showing you a good time. Please do us the honor to come and be our guests, for it is to be a red-letter day.

### THE SITE OF STATE FAIR GROUNDS MAY BE MOVED

Agricultural Society Will Meet Next Friday to Ascertain Advisability of Such Action

Raleigh, May 11.—The meeting of the Agricultural Society on May 19 will determine whether or not the State Fair Grounds will be moved from the present location to some other place near Raleigh, but that decision will not effect the erection of a grand stand on the new race track this year. If the society decides to move the fair grounds farther from the city, a temporary grand stand for the accommodation of the fair crowds will be erected, but if the decision is to keep the fair grounds where they are at this time a concrete and steel grand stand will be erected. The grounds will be much better arranged for accommodating the crowds attending the fair next year. The new race track has been completed and is west of the old race track. This change in the location of the track will give a great deal more space for the crowds. The new track will also be much better than the old one, and this, together with the decision of the fair officials to double the purses offered means that a far larger number of good race horses will be sent to Raleigh for this interesting feature of the fair.

The work of beautifying the fair grounds is already under way, and by fair time, the old grounds will present a far different appearance from the usual scenes in the fall. Leading florists of the state have agreed to plant flower beds and aid the fair authorities in beautifying the grounds. The flowering beds will be located in accordance with the general plans laid out by a landscape architect who has been working on the plan for some time.

"It Shows North Carolina" has been selected as the slogan for the State Fair this year, and efforts are not being spared to make the fair carry out this slogan in every particular. The fair next October will lay less emphasis on the carnival features and more on the exhibition features. Every effort is being made to organize the fair association for the whole state, so that there will be a larger number of exhibits representing the varied industrial and agricultural interests of North Carolina. It will in reality be an exposition of the state's resources and its progress.

The entertainment features will not be overlooked for the fair authorities, under the direction of Manager E. V. Walborn, are making arrangements for some of the best free attractions that will be found in the country. There will also be other attractions that appeal to the demands of crowds for entertainment, but the educational features will be stressed.

### Dr. Weaver and Dr. Sikes Complimented

In his preliminary remarks before his address in the chautauqua tent last night, Hon. Charles H. Brough, former governor of Arkansas, paid high compliments to our townsman, Dr. C. C. Weaver, and to Dr. E. W. Sikes, former Union county boy, who is now president of Coker College, at Hartsville. Governor Brough stated that he was in the Johns Hopkins University with both Dr. Weaver and Dr. Sikes, under the tutelage of Woodrow Wilson, and that Union ought to be proud of these gentlemen.

## COLUMN NEWS GATHERED FROM DAILY DISPATCHES

Short Items of Interest Condensed For the Convenience of Busy Readers of The Journal

### BIG STORIES OF IMPORTANCE HANDED OUT IN A NUT SHELL

Capital Case, Purse of Gold, German Reply, Shocking Tragedy, Suicide, Etc.

Raleigh, May 10.—In a capital case from Iredell county judgment of the lower court is affirmed, and Bob Benson must pay the death penalty for the murder of J. Robert Dishman. Benson killed Dishman when the latter ran into his buggy with an automobile. The defense asked for a second degree verdict, but the court accepted testimony that Dishman had offered to pay Benson for injuries to himself and damages to his vehicle.

Richmond, Va., May 10.—In recognition of his 50 years of continuous service as a trustee of the institution Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill of Maxton, N. C., was today presented with a purse of gold at final exercises of Union Theological Seminary, Dr. W. W. Moore, the president, making the presentation speech. In the purse were fifty gold dollars, one for each year of service. It was the 48th annual meeting of the board which Dr. Hill had attended in succession. Though 90, he appeared as spry as a boy today when he stepped forward and accepted the gift. His service began in 1872.

Paris, May 10.—The German reply to the reparations commission, protests which has been received by the reparations commissions, protests the good will of the German government, but pleads the material impossibility of imposing 60 billion marks new taxes before May 31, or complying with all the conditions laid down on May 21. The German government, the reply said, is convinced of the necessity of covering expenditure without further monetary inflation. Having regard, however, for the German economic situation and financial obligations abroad it is considered inevitable that important payments due by Germany in foreign currency cannot be met without the aid of foreign loans.

Hickory, May 10.—The second tragedy to shock this community within a week occurred today when Ross Forbes, for six years superintendent of the Highland Corderage company plant, died in a hospital as a result of injuries sustained when an automobile he was driving was struck by Southern eastbound passenger train No. 36 in Highland early today and knocked and dragged it a distance of over 80 feet. Mr. Forbes was 38 years old May 3, and had bought a house in Hickory and had begun moving his effects when the train struck his car. He was a native of Gaston county and the funeral will be held from Olney Presbyterian church, four miles south of Gastonia, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Forbes is survived by his widow and four small children, together with four brothers and two sisters.

Hot Springs, Ark., May 10.—Following a hot debate in which one speaker warned against what he characterized as a growing form of radicalism within the church, the 19th general quadrennial conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, in session here today, rejected by a majority of eight votes a recommendation that the right to administer the sacrament be vested in unordained ministers. The vote on the recommendation, which was made in a majority report, was 178 to 170. The conference then adopted by a vote of 188 to 115, the majority report recommending the legislation proposed be not enacted. Half a dozen speakers argued the merits of the sacrament issue, but it remained for Dr. J. P. Hilburn of Orlando, Fla., to swing the conference against the proposal through an impassioned address in which he injected his charge of growing radicalism in church affairs. He said he did not believe the church should depart from time-honored customs and tradition which had withstood the tests of the years the denomination has existed.

New York, May 10.—D. A. Batts, of Wilson, N. C., attempted to suicide at the Hotel McAlpin today by stabbing himself three times in the neck with a pocket knife. He was removed to a hospital in a serious condition. A note addressed to "my friends" was found in his room but the police refused to divulge its contents. There were also letters addressed to Mrs. O. J. Harrison, of Elm City, N. C., and Mrs. J. H. Chancey of Miami, Fla., and a request that a telegram be sent to Sheriff B. E. Howard of Wilson apprising him of the act. The letters to Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Chancey, daughters, referred to life as "a burden" and said he hoped he would meet them in heaven. Only two cents was found in Batts' possession. A guest occupying a room on the 18th floor happening to glance out of the window, saw Batts in a room on the floor below, stabbing himself in the throat with a gold-plated pocketknife.

Mr. Raymond Griffin of south Marshville township, who was operated on about two weeks ago for appendicitis, has about recovered and will return today from the hospital in Wadesboro, where he has been since the operation.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT —

The Chamber of Commerce has a membership of 200, actively engaged in promoting the best interests of Monroe and Union county.

Ministers, lawyers, bankers, physicians, retail merchants, druggists, automobile dealers, insurance men, grocers, manufacturers, furniture dealers, cotton brokers, newspaper men, photographers, hotel men, city and county officials, live stock dealers, railroad men, wholesalers, bakers, veterinarians and teachers are enrolled as members of Monroe's Chamber of Commerce.

The officers of the Chamber of Commerce consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and five Directors, elected for a period of a year.

The Chamber of Commerce represents organized effort on the part of the business and professional men of the city for a bigger, better, more beautiful city.

—MONROE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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