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OLD SOLDIERS OF CIVIL WAR MEET

Honor Guests of the Holt-Sanders Chapter Of The United Daughters of the Confederacy On May 10.

GENERAL GLENN SPEAKER

Nineteen Confederate veterans, just a remnant of those from Johnston County who answered the call of the South more than a half century ago, were honor guests of the Holt-Sanders Chapter of the U. D. C. here Memorial Day, May 10th.

The spacious lawn of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sanders with its thick shade and carpet of green grass was a most appropriate place to serve the dinner, and the genial hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Sanders added pleasure to the occasion. The members of the U. D. C. had prepared a sumptuous menu which all present thoroughly enjoyed.

After the feast and while the old soldiers were enjoying their smoke, General Forbes Glenn, of Raleigh, made quite an interesting talk. Gen. Glenn, now retired from active service in the army, spoke of the fighting spirit which animates every soldier and declared it was such a spirit that protects our homes and our nation, and that while the women, God bless them, wanted to do away with war, he would not have the fighting spirit eliminated. He made a comparison of the manner of recent war fare and that the Confederate soldiers were familiar with.

Mr. F. H. Brooks who introduced Gen. Glenn, had assembled some facts concerning the veterans present, which he gave in an interesting way. Their ages added together totaled 1,515 years making their average age being 79.14. The youngest are Mr. Stephen Rains and Dr. J. H. Wells of Kenly who are 76 years old and the oldest are Messrs. J. A. Woodhall and J. H. Whitehurst of Smithfield township, who are 85 years old. The other veterans present on this occasion were: Messrs. A. J. Ellis, of Wilson's Mills, age 82; W. M. Bass, Bentonville, age 82; B. F. Long, Smithfield, Route 2, age 81; Simeon Massey, Smithfield, Route 1, age 81; A. R. Richardson, Wilson's Mills, age 81; John S. Eason, Princeton, Route 1, age 80; D. F. Adams, Four Oaks, Route 1, age 80. H. F. Peedin, Princeton, age 80. C. H. Benson, Benson, Route 1, age 79; W. R. Massengill, Four Oaks, R. F. D. age 79; Elish Wallace, Smithfield, Route 1, age 78; J. T. Barham, Smithfield, age 78; C. R. Tomlinson, Wilson's Mills, age 78; Israel Stephenson, Smithfield, Route 1, age 77; and Rev. Robert Strickland, Four Oaks, Route 1, age 77.

In the morning the old soldiers together with members of the U. D. C., went to the cemetery and placed flowers on the soldiers' graves. Rev. D. H. Tuttle conducted a devotional service there.

A COLD RECEPTION

They were newly married, according to the New York Sun, and on a honeymoon trip. They put up at a skyscraper hotel. The bride-groom felt indisposed and the bride said she would slip out and do a little shopping. In due time she returned and tripped blithely up to her room a little awed by the number of doors that looked all alike. But she was sure of her own and tapped gently on the panel.

"I'm back, honey! Let me in," she whispered.

No answer.

"Honey, honey! It's Mabel! Let me in!"

There was a silence for several seconds. Then a man's voice, cold and full of dignity, came from the other side of the door.

"Madam, this is not a beehive. It's a bathroom."—Selected.

County Agent T. B. Brandon recently helped to overcome an outbreak of hog cholera in Martin County by treating 288 hogs for 13 farmers.

Severe Storm Does Damage In Johnston

Storm in Cleveland Township Mr. J. V. Tomlinson, of Garner Route one, was in the city yesterday and told us of damage done by the storm in Cleveland Township Sunday. The rain and wind in a small area was quite severe, damaging the home of Mr. Billie Renn, and blowing down his cotton gin, and all his out houses. Good-sized trees were wrung off by the force of the wind and a number up-rooted.

Hail Causes Damage

Mr. R. A. Joyner, of near Clayton, spent Sunday in Wayne County with relatives. He said that a severe hail and rain storm visited the section around Grantham's store Sunday afternoon. The storm lasted about fifteen minutes and the hail was in large pieces about the size of a walnut. He said that the peach crop there was damaged about fifty per cent.

STORM DOES DAMAGE IN PLEASANT GROVE

Mr. Edwin Coates, of Pleasant Grove township, was in the city yesterday and reported a storm which swept over his section Sunday afternoon. Trees and houses were blown down and a heavy rain fell.

MAY BLIZZARD IN DULUTH

Duluth, Minn., May 8.—With streets and sidewalks covered with slush and the air filled with blinding snow flakes, driven by a piercing nor'easter, Duluth today was experiencing one of the most disagreeable May storms in years. The weather forecast gave no promise of relief before tomorrow.

The gale has been raging on Upper Lake Superior since Monday and at least thirteen ships, including the Huronic, a Canadian passenger steamer, today were wedged tight in an ice jam, at the head of the lakes. Seven freighters, all light, stuck just off the Superior entry, worked their way through to the harbor late yesterday when the ice pack on that side loosened slightly.

Best Man Subs For The Groom

Fall River, Mass., May 12.—Rather than see the wedding guests disappointed thru the failure of the bridegroom to appear for the ceremony, the best man at a "marriage" here volunteered to marry Maria Carevalho in his place.

He proposed right before the wedding assemblage, was accepted on the spot, and now the bride is honeymooning with the best man, while the bridegroom has left the city for good, he says.

Maria got word on the eve of the wedding from her sweetheart that he would not have anything more to do with her, but fearing to disappoint the guests with the ceremony so near, she said nothing until they were all assembled. When she broke the news Manuel Botelhe, a former sweetheart, whom she had asked to be best man as consolation prize, spoke up hurriedly took her before the city officials for the necessary papers, and the marriage rites were performed.

HANDSHAKING AN OLD IDEA

Even Homer, Aristophanes and Virgil mentioned the social custom of handshaking hands. English speaking races took it up vigorously apparently as none are more adept in that custom that British and American. Many others, like the French and Italians have variations in their form of greeting which the English speaking countries do not. At the conformation of a bargain it appears in II Kings, 10:15. It is nevertheless practically relegated to the Anglo-Saxon races today.

A good hand-shake is one of the finest graces one can indulge in when it comes from the heart. A welcome should come from the heart, therefore, the hand-shake is the comparison piece of genuine howdy-do.

—The Uplift.

DISTRICT MEETING OF COTTON CO-OPS

Messrs G. W. Watson and J. P. Parker Nominated For Directors; Vote To Be Taken June 10th.

POLL HOLDERS SELECTED

Ballots are being sent to members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association in order that they may choose the Board of Directors, and the members in the Fifth District will choose between G. W. Watson of Kenly and J. P. Parker, of Smithfield nominees selected at a meeting held in the court house here, Friday afternoon.

The Fifth District is composed of Johnston and Wilson Counties, Wilson being entitled to two delegates and Johnston to ten. Those representing Wilson were Dr. I. M. Lamm of Lucama and Mr. F. W. Boswell of Wilson. Those representing Johnston County were J. P. Parker, S. P. Honeycutt, W. H. Flowers, N. H. Lucas, W. V. Blackman, P. H. Joyner, W. M. Woodall, J. M. Peele, P. A. Boyette and I. V. Pittman.

At the District Convention, Friday, J. G. Lawton, field agent, acting as temporary chairman, called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the meeting. Mr. F. W. Boswell was named permanent chairman, and Mr. P. A. Boyett of Kenly was elected secretary. The chairman then called for nominations. Mr. N. H. Lucas of Benson nominated Mr. J. P. Parker of this city; Mr. P. A. Boyett nominated Mr. G. M. Watson of Kenly; Mr. J. P. Parker nominated Mr. J. H. B. Tomlinson of this city. The vote was taken with the following results Watson, ten votes; Parker, 9; and Tomlinson five. The two highest Messrs. Watson and Parker were declared the nominees. These two will now be voted on by members of the Fifth District on June 10th. The Headquarters for the district is at Smithfield and the ballots, which are being sent to each member, must be in by six o'clock, June 10th, ballots received before the tenth will be placed in a locked box in the post office until the day of voting. Poll holders elected at the District Convention to serve with the chairman and secretary were: Messrs N. H. Lucas and N. H. Flowers of Benson and J. M. Peele of Clayton.

WIFE OF SECRETARY WORK DIES WHILE ON AUTO RIDE

Washington, May 9.—Mrs. Hubert Work, wife of the secretary of the interior, died suddenly here today while driving in an automobile.

The wife of the interior secretary had been out for a drive about the city and was returning to Wardman Park hotel when her death occurred. Only the driver of her car was with her at the time. Death was believed to be due to apoplexy.

Election Is Called To Vote On Uniform Tax Rate For County

Johnston County is to vote on the County wide plan of running its schools, was the decision made at a recent meeting of the County Board of Education, and accordingly the County Commissioners at their regular meeting the first Monday in May called an election to take place as soon as details can be worked out. Before this election shall take place, however, elections will be held in two districts, Meadow and Pleasant Grove, to determine whether or not high schools shall be erected in these districts. These are now practically the only two sections in the county where a high school is not within reasonable distance of the pupils.

Sixty-five per cent of the voters of the districts outside of Smithfield, Selma, and Clayton (not included in the county-wide plan)

Convicts Fail In Effort To Escape Camp

Trusty in Camp Near Here Holds Two at Bay Until Help Arrives; Sentenced Is Reduced For Act.

PLAYED OFF AS SICK

Bill Murchison, white and Shelly Webb, colored, convicts of the convict camp near here, who are serving road sentences, made an attempt to break out the camp Friday. It is reported that early Friday morning, after pleading that they were sick, they were allowed to remain at the camp when the others left for their work. Soon after they left Murchison and Webb asked Hart Dublin, the cook, colored, to go to a nearby store and get some cigars for them. Dublin mistrusted that there was mischief on foot and instead of going to the store went out and hid behind Stephenson's gin to watch for developments in a few minutes he heard a noise and hurried back to the camp where he found the two prisoners knocking out brick from around a window with a piece of lumber.

Dublin took a pistol which the superintendent had forgotten and left on the kitchen table that morning, and in spite of their pleas, forced them to stop their work while he sent a boy who was passing for help. Dublin's sentence has been reduced a month because of his faithfulness to his trust.

It is said that when the superintendent returned Murchison had a pole in his hand and the negro had a razor in his pocket. It is thought that they were expecting to be whipped and were prepared to fight.

Murchison was convicted some time ago in Recorder's Court and is serving a six months term on the roads while Webb is serving a three year term.

Johnston County Bar Meets

A special meeting of the Johnston County Bar Association was held in the Court house here Friday afternoon, the purpose of the call session being to set the calendar for the special term of Civil Superior Court to begin here June 9. A good crowd was present, every town in the county being represented. After the business session, those present repaired to Holt Lake where they enjoyed a "fish fry."

Plow Turns Up Historic Coin

Rothweil, Germany, April 17.—A Roman coin of the year 15 was recently turned up in a field near this city by a plowman. It was coined under the reign of Emperor Tiberius On one side is a head of Augustus crowned with a laurel, while on the other side is the figure of the emperor's mother, Livia, with a sceptre in one hand and a flower in the other.—Associated Press.

TO NOMINATE PRECINCT OFFICERS

Ordered by the Board of Elections for Johnston County that all Precinct officers be nominated by a Convention to meet at their respective voting places on some date prior to August 15, 1924, said township officers will not be nominated at the primary June 7th, 1924, but will be nominated at a convention called, not later August 15th, 1924. In each Township. By order of Board of Elections.—J. W. Stephenson, Chairman May 12, 1924.

Meet After 35 Years Separation

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Vann of Selma, and three sons, Stewart, Emery, and Avery, and little daughter, Mary Susan, visited Mr. Vann's sister, Mrs. W. H. Howell, in Stantonsburg Sunday. Mrs. Howell and Mr. Vann were formerly of Sampson county. Mrs. Howell has lived near Garland until about a year ago when he moved to Selma.

The brother and sister had not met in about thirty-five years and none of the members of the two families had ever seen each other. That unexpected meeting of brother and sister was pathetic and yet a happy one. The long years of separation seemed to draw them closer to each other. Mrs. Howell has been a widow for a year. She lives with her daughter, Mrs. Jesse Benne t.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Vann and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Holland, and little son, Radford, all of Smithfield, were also present. Other guests besides the family were Mr. Ludie Howell, of Newton Grove; and Miss Sarah Holland (of Auryville).

The weather being unfavorable, dinner was served in the large dining room in picnic fashion. It was thoroughly enjoyed by every one. Mrs. Howell returned with her brother for an indefinite visit.

Written by a guest.

WHEN THE GREEN GETS BACK ON THE TREES

In the spring, when the green gits back in the trees,
And the sun comes out and stays,
And yer boots pulls on with a good tight squeeze,

And yer think of your barefoot days;
When you ort to work and you want to not,

And you and yer wife agrees
It's time to spade up the garden-
lot,

When the green, you know gits Well! work is the best o'my ideas
Whe nthe green, you know gits
back in the trees—

When the green gits back in the trees, and bees
Is a buzzin aroun' ag'in
In that kind of a lazy go-as-you
please

Old gait they burn round' in;
When the groun's all bald where the
hay-rack stood,

And the crik's riz, and the breeze
Coaxes the bloom in the old dogwood,
And the green gits in the trees,
I like, as I say, in sich scenes as
these,

The time when the green gits back
in the trees!

When the whole tail-feathers o' Wint-
ertime
Is all pulled out and gone!

And the sap it thaws and begins to
climb,
And the sweet it starts out on
A feller's forred, a-gettin' down

At the old spring on his knees—
I kindo' like jest a-loafin' roun'
When the green gits back in the
trees—

Jest a-potterin' roun' as I-durn please
When the green, you know gits
back in the trees!

—James Whitcomb Riley.

IMPORTANT NEGRO MEETING

All farmers are requested and urged to attend a County-wide meeting May 17th, at the Johnston County Tr. School, Smithfield, N. C. at 11 o'clock. A special message will be delivered to you by District Agent, L. E. Hall. A county organization will be formed for promoting local agricultural development.

REPORT OF SEVENTH GRADE EXAMINATION

Seventy-one Out of 132 Taiking The Examination Pass; List of Those On The Honor Roll.

MISS RUTH MEDLIN LEADS

Miss Mary E. Wells, assistant county superintendent of schools, has furnished us the following report of the seventh grade examination given in Smithfield on April 12 which should interest a large number of our readers:

On April 12th the children of the six months schools in Johnston Co. took the examination for promotion to high school. There were 132 white children taking this examination. Of this number 71 passed. The Honor Roll is as follows: Ruth Medlin of the Elevation school led with an average grade of 87 1-5, Laurae Austin of the Pleasant Grove school came second with an average of 86 4-5 and Annie Barnes of Spilona stood third; her average being 85 4-5. The other pupils on the Honor Roll were as follows: Letha Broadwell, Corbet Hatcher, Glen Woodall—Powhatan School, Leslie Leslie Langdon—Brogden, Seba Barbour—Elevation, Mary Adams, Ogburn, Eunice Batten, Corbett-Hatcher and Rachel Snipes, Corbit-Hatcher.

Three pupils made averages of 90 or above in Arithmetic. They were as follows: Ruth Medlin—Elevation, Melvin Lassiter, Spilona, and Charlie Parrish—Piney Forest.

Two averaged above 90 in English, Laurae Austin, Pleasant Grove; and Elijah Phillips, Corbit-Hatcher.

The highest grade in Geography was made by Keith Stirling, Pleasant Grove. Others averaging above 90 in this subject were: Melvin Gardner, Brogden; David Langley, Brogden; Letha Broadwell, Corbett-Hatcher; Dalton Hartley, Brogden; Elton Hartley, Brogden; Glen Woodall, Powatan; Annie Barnes, Spilona; Charlie Hicks, Corbit-Hatcher; Elijah Phillips, Corbett-Hatcher; and Lillian Braswell, Fitzgerald.

In history Letha Broadwell of the Corbit-Hatcher school led. Others averaging above 90 in this subject were as follows: Keith Stirling, Pleasant Grove, Laurae Austin, Pleasant Grove; Elton Hartley, Brogden; David Langley, Brogden; Annie Barnes, Spilona; Albert Langley, Spilona; Edmond Braswell, Royall; Seba Barbour, Elevation.

In spelling three pupils made 100: Leon Parrish, Sandy Ridge; Clara Creech, Elevation; Ruth Medlin, Elevation. Others averaging above 90 in this subject were: Robert Barefoot, Holly Grove; Leslie Langley, Brogden; Eunice Batten, Corbett-Hatcher; Letha Broadwell, Corbit-Hatcher; Rachel Snipes, Corbett-Hatcher; Sarah Dodd, Allen; Vara Langdon, Spilona and Laurae Austin, Pleasant Grove. The words given on the spelling examination were as follows: beginning, believe, chief, description, destroy, didn't disappointed, foreign, generally, government, judgment, necessary, principal, probably, quite, quiet quietly, respectfully, receive, sincerely, won't Wednesday, wouldn't, February, library.

In Arithmetic the following problem was given: "After spending one-third of my money for a dress, one fifth for hat and one-fifteenth for shoes, I have \$18.00 left. How much had I at first and how much did I spend for each item?" Of the 132 pupils taking the examination, only five were able to solve this problem. Their names are as follows: Charlie Parrish, Piney Forest; Leon Price, Pleasant Grove; Perry Moore, Corbett-Hatcher; Melvin Lassiter Spilona and Ruth Medlin, Elevation. Another problem read as follows: "My salary this year is 20 per cent more than last. If I receive \$1,080.00 this year, what was my salary last year?" Only four of the 132 pupils taking the examination worked this problem. The four working it were as follows: Almon Parker, Holly Grove; Maud Wilder, Emit; Lee Ryals, Four Oaks; and Ruth Medlin Elevation.