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\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

MR. PRESTON TO THE VETERANS

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY ATTEND MEMORIAL

Mr. Preston Takes General Robert E. Lee as Subject for Able Address—Court House Full to Hear Him—Dinner Served in the Yard at the Waverly—Graves Decorated.

Hon. E. R. Preston was the speaker of the day at the observance of Memorial Day here Wednesday when 150 veterans of the sixties gathered to mingle in social intercourse, exchange war stories, partake of a delicious dinner served by the daughters of the Confederacy of which Mrs. Julia Jenkins is president, and decorate the graves of their dead comrades. The beautiful court house was crowded with people. Every seat was occupied and many were standing for an hour or more, listening to Mr. Preston tell of the life and character of General Robert E. Lee. His speech was very appropriate to the occasion and suitable to the veterans, daughters, sons and children of the Confederacy. It was a powerful speech full of oratory and vivid descriptions of experience of the great leader in the lost cause. He related the story of Lee's life particularly in Lexington, Va., when president of Washington College. Everybody enjoyed Mr. Preston and spoke kindly of his address.

Delicacy caused him to refrain from referring to Stonewall Jackson, his grand-father having been a brother-in-law of Jackson and he having married Miss Julia Jackson Christian, only grand-daughter of Jackson.

Mr. Preston was introduced by Senator O. Max Gardner in the most glowing terms. Mr. Gardner is also an orator of note and his short introduction was appropriate and appreciated.

Dinner was served in the pretty yard at the Waverly Hotel. There was plenty to eat for the 150 veterans and many wives that attended. In the afternoon they visited the graves in the cemetery that were decorated by the ladies yesterday. Both the local motion picture shows allowed free admission to veterans and ran war-time pictures.

MR. HOWERTON RE-ELECTED

School Board Re-elect Popular Superintendent of The Shelby Graded School.

Prof. R. T. Howerton, Jr. has been re-elected by the school board as superintendent for another year of the Shelby Graded School. This action will be learned with interest and approval for Mr. Howerton is an able man and has given wonderful satisfaction to the patrons. He has been at the head of the school for the year just closing, the children making perhaps the greatest progress they have ever made under his able supervision with assistance of eleven capable lady teachers. Shelby is proud of Mr. Howerton as an educator and is glad to have him guide the children along educational lines for another year. He is a graduate of Trinity College with a splendid mind, good habits and polished manners. The teachers will be elected later.

Mr. William Peeler, one of the leading citizens of No. 2 was here Wednesday.

M. E. CONFERENCE IS IN SESSION

ABOUT EIGHTY DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE

Secretary's Minutes Of The Shelby District Methodist Conference Reported In Detail—Pastors Report Their Charges In Good Condition—Special Attention To Laymen's Movement.

Eighty or more delegates are attending the forty sixth session of the Shelby District Methodist Conference which convened in the Central Methodist church here yesterday morning at 9 o'clock with Rev. S. B. Turrentine, presiding elder in the chair. Incoming trains Thursday brought more delegates from Cleveland, Gaston and Lincoln counties composing the district. J. Frank Armstrong was elected secretary. A committee on public worship was announced as follows, Rev. E. E. Williamsan, Rev. C. H. Clyde and Mr. J. S. Martin.

The following committees were appointed: on license and receiving preachers; Rev. G. D. Herman, M. B. Clegg and W. V. Honeycutt;

On Orders; J. A. Boyles, J. F. Armstrong and E. N. Crowder.

On place for holding district conference: J. W. Strider, W. W. Ramsey, J. Q. Rhyne.

PASTOR'S REPORTS

Pastor's reports on minute questions were made as follows: Bessemer city: Spiritual state fair, 16 received by certificate; canvas made of every member three Epworth Leagues.

Belwood: Spiritual state fair; every member canvas incomplete; church repairs being made.

Cherryville; about 20 received by certificate; no work being done by missionary committees; Sunday schools very good; 30 per cent of families take some one of our church periodicals.

Rev. G. D. Herman and Mr. R. B. Miller addressed the conference on the importance of circulating religious literature among our people. The conference adjourned for the delegates to attend memorial exercises.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The conference met at 2:30 P. M. Wednesday. After devotional services conducted by Rev. L. L. Smith, the minutes of the morning session were read and approved and the arrival of delegates noted. At this point Rev. C. A. Jenkins and Rev. C. J. Woodson of the Baptist church were introduced.

The committee on committees reported by its secretary Rev. W. S. Hales as follows: committee on quarterly conference records, T. J. Rogers, James Wilson, J. F. Harrelson, F. W. Bradley, O. I. Hinson, R. S. Harmon, T. O. Plyer, W. L. C. Killian, J. H. Robertson and W. M. Boring. On temperance and other social interests; W. S. Hales, J. A. Peeler, E. C. Baker, R. B. Babington, William McIntosh, B. F. Fuicher, J. S. Martin, J. Q. Rhyne, L. B. Camp and N. M. Modlin.

OTHER CHURCH REPORTS

Pastor's reports on minute questions were again taken up and Main street Gastonia, reported through its pastor, Rev. G. D. Hermon, fine Sunday school; prayer meeting good; 200 women and children in missionary societies; support a missionary; received in profession 26; certificate 24; fine Bible class; good league; monthly paper published by board of stewards. West End and Franklin Ave-

HOUSE PASSES FARMERS' BILL

REPUBLICANS FIGHT HARD AGAINST IT

Minority Bombarbs the Measure With Amendments for Nine Hours, But Democratic Ranks Stand Firm—Free List Bill Passes by 236 to 109—Eighty Three Amendments Killed.

Washington, May 8.—Nine hours of continuous pounding at the hands of the Republican minority of the House of Representatives failed to make a single change in the first Democratic tariff bill, that places on the free list agricultural implements, meats and many other articles. The bill passed the House tonight by a vote of 236 to 109, the Democrats voting solidly and mustering 24 Republicans with them.

This came after the Democrats had voted down or ruled out of order more than one hundred amendments and had demonstrated again that the Democratic majority was a compact and smoothly working machine for the enactment of legislation. Minority Leader Mann threw amendment after amendment into the debate, ranging all the way from free rice to free lead and pig iron; but those that were not ruled out of order were cheerfully voted down by almost solid Democratic vote.

The Republican leaders, including Speaker Cannon, Mr. Mann and Representative Payne, former Republican leader, roundly denounced the Democrats for denying freedom of debate and amendment.

The Democrats smiled through it all; and on the motion of Mr. Underwood they continued to turn down the Republican amendments.

Will Leave Shelby

Their many friends will learn with regret that Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Calton will move from Shelby as soon as they return from Hot Springs, Ark. Mr. Calton has purchased a large track of land in Person county and will found a new named Caltolina. He is very much elated on seeing in the papers a few days ago that a railroad will be constructed through the big plantation.

At Sharon Sunday

Memorial exercises will be held at Sharon Sunday and everybody is invited to attend. Dinner will be served on the ground and Rev. C. H. Clyde will preach in the morning while Rev. S. B. Turrentine, presiding elder of the Shelby district will preach in the afternoon.

due; spiritual conditional fair; 60 admissions; two Baracca classes, one Bible class.

Ozark and Lowell; spiritual state somewhat above average; additions about 40; congregation growing; fine League; hope to build one new church and repair another.

Kings Mountain and El Bethel; spiritual state hopeful; Sunday School doing well; hope to build a new church; 80 new subscribers to Advocate.

Rev. S. B. Turrentine made a most helpful talk on the work of the missionary committee.

Rev. C. F. Sherrill of Matthews was introduced to the Conference.

Rev. W. S. Hales preached a powerful sermon Wednesday night to a church that was filling.

READY TO CLOSE AT PIEDMONT

BICKETT AND MURPHY AT COMMENCEMENT

Exercises to Last Four Days—Forteen to be Graduated—Dr. Murphy Preaches Annual Sermon Sunday and Attorney General Bickett Delivers Literary Address Wednesday.

The fifteenth annual commencement of the Piedmont High School begins Sunday and lasts until Wednesday night. Exercises surpassing any that have ever been held there will be carried out while two of the State's leading men have been engaged to come, Dr. Joseph L. Murphy, president of Claremont College who will preach the annual sermon Sunday and Hon. Thomas W. Bickett, attorney general of North Carolina who will deliver the literary address Wednesday morning at 10:30. Dr. Murphy has a reputation of being a fine preacher and Mr. Bickett is one of the State's great orators.

PIEDMONT IN DEBATE

Monday night, May 15, beginning at 8 o'clock by four of Piedmont's strongest debaters. Piedmont has won a reputation of doing some of the finest debating of any high school boys in North Carolina. They have stood well in oratorical contests, winning the Hoey medal twice in succession, but their greatest strength lies in debate.

On Tuesday at 2:30 P. M. there will be a declaimers' contest and exercises by the school at 8 P. M. These exercises will consist of songs, drills, pantomimes, recitations, etc. Wednesday is commencement day proper and Mr. Bickett will deliver the literary address at 10:30. In the afternoon at 2:30 the graduating exercises will take place and diplomas will be awarded to 14 pupils. Wednesday night at 8 o'clock the dramatic club will give a very amusing play. The exercises will be enlivened by music by a good band.

NEXT TO LARGEST

Every year, save one, the enrollment has increased over the preceding year. This year in point of enrollment Piedmont is next to Buie's Creek Academy in Harnett county, which has the largest number of any private preparatory school in North Carolina. So this institution is now not only the largest private preparatory school in this county but it is the second largest in the State. Within the last two years it has enrolled pupils from Pennsylvania to the Republic of Mexico and has refused scores of pupils on account of lack of room. Notwithstanding, the school has not the State behind it nor any denomination to look to for support, because of the fact that she has labored these many years for the educational advancement of all our boys and girls, she has an enviable record in the past, many friends in the present and glorious prospects for the future.

The Water's Memorial building will be nearing completion by commencement. It will not be large, but it will be a gem of its kind.

Col. Ashley Horne of Clayton was made chairman and William E. Springer of Wilmington, secretary of the building committee which has before it the location and erection of a \$250,000 State administration building.

GREAT MISTAKE OF THE TENANTS

PUTS OFF THINGS THAT SHOULD BE DONE

Landlord and Tenant Should Co-operate—Higher Ideals in Life—Study Every Phase of Your Farming and Put it Into Practice—To Which of the two Great Classes do you Belong?

(J. D. MORRIS.)

There is no question worth consideration with intelligent, industrious people which does not have two sides for discussion, or in other words a lopsided question is not worthy of consideration, because the same mind loves equity, therefore the more intelligent mind sometimes likes to deal with hair-splitting questions. We recently had something to say about the tenant system, so far the consideration of those who read the article and pronounced the sentence of the landlord as worthy of a week's vacation in Hades, we prefer other evidence before sentence is passed upon the tenant. We presume all men innocent until proven guilty.

PUTS OFF HIS WORK.

Logical: Does it pay to make new terraces where the loose rich soil is washing off and going down the ravine into the creek thence the river? Does it pay, and is it necessary to keep up the old terraces that are in the proper place in the field? Yes, the tenant says, but it is winter now, just wait till spring. He goes on with his dog hunting; kills a few birds on some man's land that he positively knows objects to having his birds destroyed. Next day you can see him at the country store hanging around, lolling about till noon, then as the peeps in his stomach begins to raise a disturbance he purchases a quart of ground peas and the hulls begin to fly. His poor wife at home, no wood, a number of little thinly clad children, only a few handfuls of meal and no meat. She, poor, pitiable creature, does all the turns around the house and in the house, while he drolls and saunters around.

HIGHER IDEALS IN LIFE.

Spring comes, he begins to butcher, goes to the house two or three times between meals to get something to eat, in a few days begins to complain, head aching and can give you symptoms of every disease known to the human race. He is not able to make new terraces nor fix up the old ones, but his cheeks remain rosy red and he comes oftener and regularly for his family supplies. Fall comes, he has no crop scarcely and leaves you in debt and your land almost ruined.

PART OF THE COMMON WEALTH.

Mr. Tenant, are you profited by not making enough on your farm to pay your bills and your rent? Remember you are a part of this great commonwealth of ours and it is as much your privilege and your duty to build up the community and country in which you live and forward prosperity as the land owners or anybody else. Do you want your children to go around with their heads hung down because their old daddy was a drone in the community? What is the matter with you any way? You need to have higher ideals in life. The landlord is your best friend when you are dutiful and worthy. He commits hundred and thou-

GOV. KITCHIN NEXT THURSDAY

TWELVE TO GRADUATE AT GRADED SCHOOL

Closing of Very Successful Year—Rev. S. B. Turrentine to Deliver Annual Sermon Tuesday Night—Class Day Exercises Wednesday Night—Enrollment For Year Has Been 530.

The most notable feature of the commencement exercises of the Shelby Graded School commencement which begins Tuesday night will be the literary address by Governor W. W. Kitchin Thursday morning May 11 at 11 o'clock. Governor Kitchin makes his second trip to Cleveland and many people will gather in the large auditorium to hear him. Tuesday night Rev. S. B. Turrentine, presiding elder of the Shelby District, Methodist Conference will preach the annual sermon at 8 o'clock. There will be special singing by the best voices of the city.

Wednesday night will be class exercises. The class history will be read by Miss Ettie Abernathy, the poem by Miss Elizabeth Andrews, then a piano duet by Misses Berta Lee Suttle and May Kendall, the class prophesy by Miss Kate Summey and the last will and testament by Miss Helen Miller. Miss Ava Aycock, the accomplished music teacher will sing a solo, following which will be a recitation by Miss Margaret Anthony and a class song. The program of the night will close with a play, "String of Pearls."

Thursday morning at 10:30 three members of the graduating class will read essays before the Governor delivers his address, then when he finishes, diplomas to the 12 graduates will be awarded.

The Shelby graded school has had a most successful year under Prof. R. T. Howerton, Jr. as superintendent and his 11 teachers. The enrollment has been about 530. The teachers are, Misses Loula Lee, Selma Webb, Helen Hunter, Mollie Ivey, Eunice Roberts, Gertrude Honeycutt, Ora Flack, Nannie Tiddy, Ollie Hamrick, Agnes McBrayer, and Mary Gray Sandifer.

OPINION AFFIRMED

Supreme Court Hands Down Decision in the Case of City of Shelby Against Cotton Mills—Shelby Wins.

Attorney O. M. Mull received a telegram yesterday from Raleigh saying the Supreme Court had affirmed the decision of the Superior Court in the well-known water shed case from Cleveland county, wherein Shelby asked that the Lawndale and Double Shoals cotton mills install collecting tanks in which to purify the raw sewerage before it was emptied into the river from which Shelby draws its water supply. The case has been pending for some time. The mills were enjoined from emptying the raw sewerage until it could be settled. At the last term of the Superior Court here it was argued before Judge Biggs who decided in favor of Shelby. The case was appealed and yesterday the Supreme Court handed down its final decision affirming Judge Biggs' opinion. The mills will install collecting tanks approved by the State Board of Health.

Mr. G. S. Cobb, a prominent citizen of Hickory Grove, S. C. was a pleasant visitor this week.

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