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PLEASANT REUNION OF ORR'S REGIMENT

Mrs. Sign, of Abbeville, Delivered Address

MEETS IN ABBEVILLE NEXT YEAR

John Eskew Re-elected President—Music, Speeches, Resolutions, Car Ride.

With a trolley ride over the city this afternoon, which was enjoyed by a large number of veterans and their friends, the 49th annual reunion of Orr's regiment came to a close. The next reunion will be held in Abbeville, the veterans today having accepted an invitation extended by telegraph from the Mayor and Civic association and the Daughters of the Confederacy of that city.

The meeting this morning was called to order by Mr. John Eskew, who has held the office of president for several terms. He introduced Rev. Mike McGee, who served as chaplain to the regiment, throughout the four years of service, and who has from year to year been re-elected as chaplain of the Survivors association of the regiment. Rev. Mr. McGee made the invocation.

The "Bonnie Blue Flag" was beautifully rendered by a chorus consisting of Mrs. Cora Ligon, Mrs. J. R. Vandiver, Mrs. T. A. Hatfield, Mrs. J. O. Wilhite, Miss Mab Bonham, Mr. R. R. King and Mr. J. D. Rast, with Miss Zenobia Welch at the piano.

Capt. G. Cullen Sullivan on behalf of the city of Anderson, welcomed the veterans in a happy and earnest address. Capt. Sullivan said that the young southerner who is not impressed with a gathering of this kind and who is not inspired to nobler things and who does not derive strength and encouragement from the old soldiers while mingling

among them is not worthy of the name of southerner. Just so with a city, said the speaker. A city that does not appreciate the honor of entertaining the veterans is not worthy of existence. Capt. Sullivan said it gave him particular pleasure, and he considered it a privilege to welcome this gallant old command, especially so since his grandfather had served in it. The speaker said that he had served, though only for a short while and not in actual warfare, in a corps commanded by a Lee, "not the immortal Lee," but by Fitz Hugh Lee. This brought forth applause. Capt. Sullivan said that in this command was a division commanded by a union soldier. He mentioned this to show how the south and the north had become cemented, although the "Great War" is not so many years gone by. Capt. Sullivan said that some one asked Fitz Hugh Lee what could he count on in the Second South Carolina regiment should it become necessary to send this regiment in a fight with the Spanish troops. Gen. Lee replied, "I knew their fathers and their grandfathers. That is sufficient for me."

"March of the Southern Men," was sung by Mrs. Ligon and chorus. In a brief little speech, but full of earnestness and sincerity, Mrs. J. R. Vandiver extended a welcome to the veterans on behalf of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

This was followed by "Maryland, My Maryland," sung by the chorus, and which was joined in by many of the old soldiers. Tears came to the eyes of many of them, the song carrying them back to their camp scenes nearly 50 years ago.

Mrs. Gertrude Hemphill Sign of Abbeville, daughter of the late Gen. R. R. Hemphill, a member of the regiment, made a response to the addresses of welcome, as follows:

"The compliment of inviting one of my father's daughters to respond to the address of welcome each year at the annual reunion of Orr's Regiment of Riflemen, has in due season conferred this privilege upon me, and I consider no honor equal to that of being counted comrade to these brave men, and speaking in their behalf."

"We sincerely thank you for your most cordial welcome, Mr. Mayor and

Mrs. Vandiver, and for the many evidences of your pleasure at having us with you. We know that what you have done and what you will do, emanates from a sentiment bred by patriotism, love and loyalty, and we are glad the great deeds of the 60's are not forgotten and that we can depend on these annual reunions to refresh our memories and preserve the history of a just and righteous war.

"The custom of holding our reunions in the various counties contributing men to this famous regiment is a splendid plan to throw the spot light of reminiscences on each community, thereby bringing out glimpses of the individual heroism which gave immortal fame to the army of northern Virginia.

"Anderson's part will be our pleasant retrospect today, and while we renew those friendships soldered by shot and shell and tried by the fires of many battles; while we recall with tenderest memories those who have 'crossed over the river and rest under the shade of the trees'; all the time we will be truly glad we are in Anderson. Anderson—the gem of the Piedmont, today, yesterday and always the home of the brave."

By request Mrs. Cora Ligon sang again "Conquered Banner." Mrs. Ligon sang this beautiful song at the reunion held in Wallhalla one year ago, and so charmed were the veterans that they insisted that she sing it again today.

Mrs. A. E. Bleckley, in her inimitable happy way, extended additional thanks for the welcome accorded the survivors. Her address was interspersed with local references and to references to veterans in the gathering. These called for applause frequently.

Widows of Gallant Men
Mrs. D. A. Ledbetter of Townville, widow of Lieut. Col. Ledbetter, who with many of his men lost his life in the second battle of Manassas, and Mrs. George McDuffie Miller of Abbeville county, widow of the last colonel of this regiment, were introduced to the convention, and were given prominent seats near the chairman.

A Business Session
The convention then resolved itself into a business session. The minutes of the 49th reunion, held at Wallhalla last year, were read and approved. The election of officers to serve the ensuing year was entered

upon and resulted as follows:
Officers Elected
John Eskew, president. Re-elected.
John T. Green, vice president. Re-elected.
J. W. Holleman of Wallhalla, secretary.
Rev. Mike McGee, chaplain. Re-elected.

Sixteen Deaths in the Ranks
Mr. A. M. Gorton, chairman of the memorial committee, reported the deaths of 16 comrades, as follows:
Company A, Capt. Henry Holcomb McThomas, Harrison Dillard.
Company B, None.
Company C, Bob Wilson, S. H. Frieles, Dad Snyder.
Company D, Sergt. Jas. H. McConnell, J. J. Gilmer.
Company E, J. E. Hunicut.
Company F, None.
Company G, Captain James Pratt, Madison Langston.
Company K, Lieutenant D. R. Greer, J. R. Harper, Asbury Bigby, Isaac Harper.
Company L, U. L. Gambrell.

Abbeville Extends Invitation
After the report of the memorial committee read and approved, the chairman announced that the convention was ready for business not on the programme. W. T. McGill read a telegram addressed to him and to Mrs. Sign extending an invitation for the regiment to meet in Abbeville next year. The invitation was accepted by a rising vote amid enthusiasm.

The Orators
Mr. McGill addressed the convention briefly, and at the conclusion of his remarks introduced Hon. J. E. Boggs of Pickens, who with Mr. T. Frank Watkins of this city, were the orators chosen for this reunion.
Mr. J. B. Adger Mullally of Pendleton also spoke.

An Elaborate Dinner
After the singing of "Dixie" by the chorus and by the veterans, the line of march was formed and the veterans were called on to march to the Bailes building on South Main street where the members of the three chapters of the Daughters of the Confederacy, the R. E. Lee, the Dixie and the Palmetto had prepared a bountiful dinner.

The veterans are being given a trolley ride over the city this afternoon, and they will leave for their homes late today and tomorrow.—Daily Mail.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED

Quite a Number of Teachers of the County Attended the Organization Meeting. Much Interest Manifested.

A County School Improvement Association was organized by the teachers of Abbeville county Saturday afternoon. A number of teachers from the different parts of the county were present and manifested considerable interest in the new organization. Officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Miss Mattie Winn, Donalds; Vice-President, Prof. M. M. Wilkes, Lowndesville; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Ellie McIlwaine, Abbeville, S. C., and a Constitution was adopted as follows:

Article I.
Section 1. The name of this Organization shall be "The County School Improvement Association."

Article II.
Section 1. The purpose of this Association shall be:
1. To arouse the interest of the people of the County in the improvement of their schools.

2. To establish a local Association in every School District in the County.

Article III.
Section 1. Any white woman interested in this work may become an active member without the payment of any fee; any white man may become an associate member upon the payment of a fee of 50 cents.

Article IV.
Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be: A President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer. There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the officers and four other members.
Sec. 2. All officers shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting.

Article V.
Section 1. This Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as shall be designated by the President.

Article VI.
Section 1. This association shall send, through its Secretary, an annual report of work of county and associations to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Association, two weeks before the annual meeting of

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