

The body of Brigadier General Richard D. Sims, 52 was found hanging to a tree near Asheville, N. C. Wednesday. He had been a patient at an Asheville sanitarium for some time. General Sims' horse was found nearby

and officials said he had apparently ridden under the tree, knotted the rope around his neck, tied the other end to a limb, and then spurred his horse out from under him. Sims was for many years purchasing agent for the

District of Columbia.

A resolution was introduced in the house authorizing and requiring the war department to lend army tents to the people of cities and towns this summer for housing purposes.

WATEREE MILL NEWS

On Sunday last one of the most impressive services ever held in Camden took place at the unveiling of a tablet erected to the boys of the Wateree Mills who gave their lives so that the World might be safe for Democracy.

A large crowd listened as if fascinated to the speaker of the day. On the platform were distinguished guests, the mother and relatives of the boys in whose memory so many had gathered.

At three thirty assembly was blown and a platoon of ex-service men fell in and marched from the field adjoining the mill to their places on the platform with that same old time snap that only a year or so ago brought forth from the hearts of the French admiration and cheers.

The Rev. W. E. Furcrom invoked the divine blessing upon the exercises of the day and that which the exercises represented.

A company of school children sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee".

Mr. S. Harold Greene of Lockwood, Greene & Co. was then introduced by Mr. H. K. Hallett and in a few well chosen sentences urged that the ideals for which so many men had died should not be forgotten but that we who remain should live on and perpetuate those principals which were dearer to these boys than their lives.

The speaker of the day, Hon. W. B. deLoach threw back the curtain, revealing in his clear cut, sincere manner, the events which are now history. He compared the ideals of Germany with those of the United States. He led his hearers from the training camps of the United States, over the seas and into the trenches and then vividly pointed out the breaking of the Hindenburg Line and the backward rush of the Germans. A wave of sorrow passed over the throng as he spoke of Flanders Fields but when he spoke of the deeds of valor and the principals for which the men fell, sorrow gave way to pride with the realization that these men had not died in vain but had given their all that true Christianity might live.

When the banner which covered the tablet was lifted taps were played and the exercises brought to an end.

One hundred and ten employees of the Wateree Mills have joined the Mutual Sick Benefit Association.

On Saturday April 3, 1920, the Board of Aldermen met at the Park View Hotel for the first monthly dinner. After a hearty repast Mayor H. K. Hallett introduced the first speaker Alderman Lewis Anderson, who began his remarks with a few well told stories and then vividly told of his experiences in different mills. He spoke about conditions of the past, the advantages of the present and the possibilities of the future hitting the key note of his speech when he referred to the benefit derived from the meeting of the President, Officials and Operatives sitting at the same table and chatting on questions of mutual interest. He inferred that the primary difficulty between labor and capital was a fact that these two main factors of business were not acquainted with each other.

Alderman Ben Robinson was then introduced. He illustrated the fact that a cheap mill and village were drawing curbs for any people who were ambitious and proved it by a personal illustration. He said that he and Mrs. Robinson drove through the Wateree Mill village to town on week ends they were impressed by the neatness and progressiveness of everything pertaining to the mill, so much so that finally he just had to give up the farm and come back where things were happening.

Alderman G. B. DeBruhl and B. T. Davis, ex-soldiers told of their home coming after the war and finding the village far beyond their expectations and the mill adhering to those sanitary standards set up by the United States Army.

Each and every Alderman spoke, expressing their pride in having Mr. Kendall with them.

The last speaker, Mr. H. P. Kendall of Boston in a few characteristic expressions told of the honor he deemed it to be at the first dinner of the Governing Board. He said that it was his intention to bring back to his mills the ideas that he found in the south and in some cases to adopt these principles.

At the Hobkirk Inn April 1, 1920 Mr. H. P. Kendall entertained the Overseers and their wives of the Wateree Mill. The tables were beautifully decorated in banquet style. Mr. Kendall acted as toastmaster, introducing Mr. L. Ballou of Boston. Mr. Ballou told of the many pleasant surprises he found on this, his initial trip to the south. He said as a mill man he realized the problems in combining production, cleanliness, and good fellowship. He knew that to reach seventy five per cent on one or all of these factors was a mans job but he sincerely felt that the Wateree Mill could boast of having a ninety per cent mark on the three combined factors.

The Overseers were called upon by Mr. Kendall and gave a good account

of themselves not only as mill men but as public speakers.

Miss C. D. Southard who is one of the best teachers in the country along educational lines briefly spoke of the illiteracy of South Carolina and in her enthusiastic manner pointed her hearers to the brighter day which is dawning when illiteracy will eventually be wiped out.

The toastmaster, Mr. Kendall expressed his happiness on having so many guests, all of whom he knew had their faces turned toward that goal which means success.

On Saturday last Coach Hallett called out his baseball candidates for the first time this season. Most all

members of last years team reported there a wealth of new material among whom are Frank Marble of Greater Boston base ball fame, Frank Barnes who carries himself as a base ball player, second nature to him, Gordon Grant, formerly of Harvard University and Hollis Cobb who has several years played with the New Hampshire state league. Coach Hallett is very much encouraged for the prospects of the coming season. The uniforms have already been ordered. The shower baths and locker rooms are completed.

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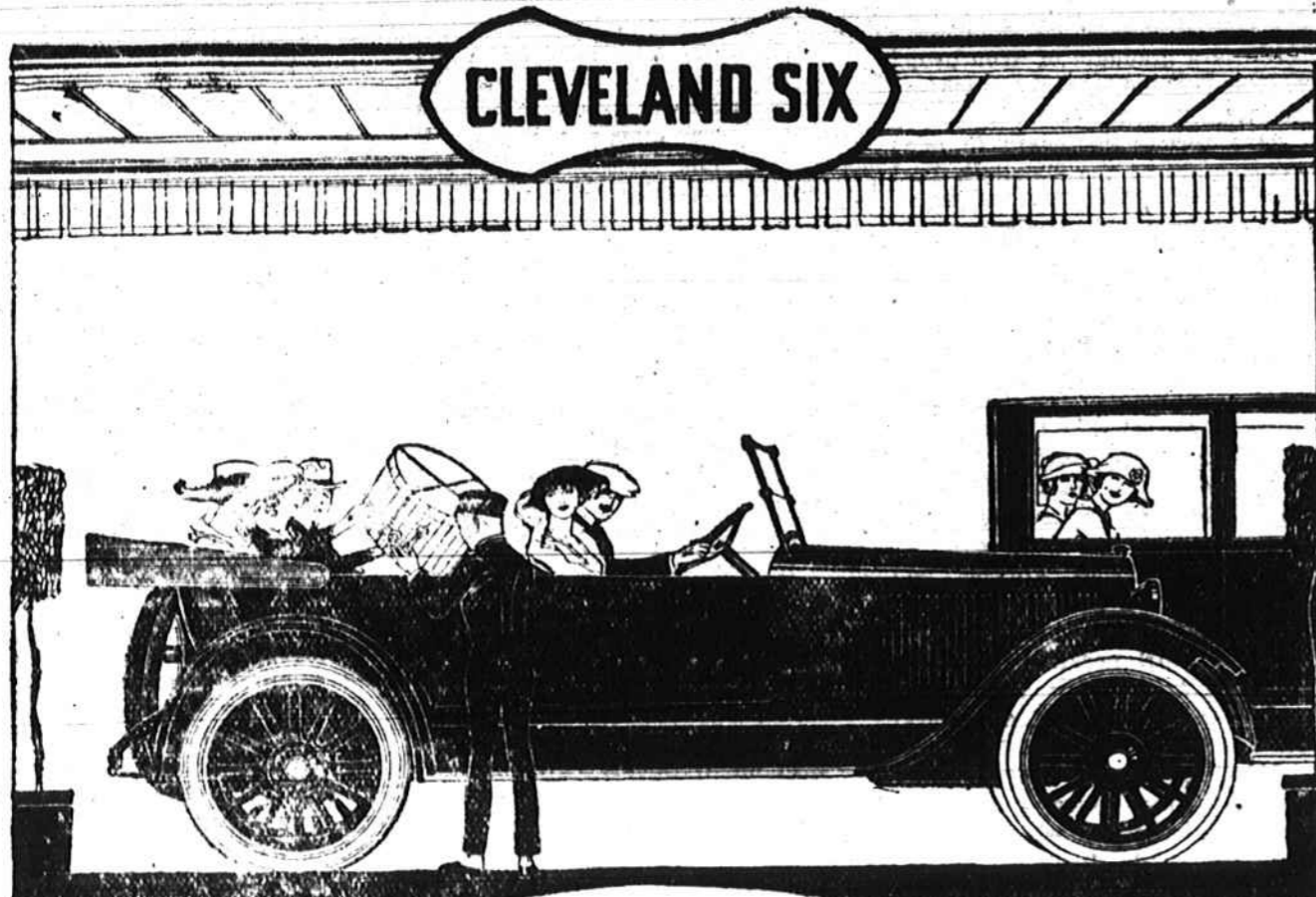
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