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ANNUAL REUNION WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED

About Three Hundred People Attended Reunion at Meyer's Mill.

With only the memory of departed comrades to temper the joyousness of the occasion with a touch of sadness, twenty Confederate Veterans answered roll call at the twenty-first annual reunion of Camp George W. Morrall, held at Meyer's Mill Friday. With them were gathered some three hundred of their relatives and friends, who took a great delight in honoring these old heroes of an army whose ranks are being fast thinned by the Grim Reaper.

A perfect Southern day blessed the occasion and the sweet smells of the woods, answering to the call of nature's Spring awakening, gave the added touch of the holiday spirit. Beginning early, by train, by automobile, by buggy, by wagon, the guests began to arrive, and when the meeting was called to order by Veteran J. Staff Halford, the neat little pavilion was filled to overflowing and people gathered around it under the trees.

The Rev. A. E. Evison, of Barnwell, made the opening prayer, and was followed by a beautiful rendition of "Auld Lang Syne" by a chorus of voices. The Rev. E. H. Clark, of Augusta, who has three charges in that section, greeted the veterans in a manner that convinced his hearers that he was not repeating mere empty words, but that those present were truly glad of the opportunity of being with men who had suffered so much for a cause they knew was right.

"The Bonny Blue Flag," stirringly sung, was the next number on the program, after which Adjutant J. A. Meyer read the following resolutions to departed comrades:

"Comrades: It becomes my sad duty to announce to the Camp that since we last assembled death has claimed eight of our Veterans, including our honored Commander. I need not assure you that, one and all, they met 'the last of foes' with the same serene courage and confidence with which they faced him on many a battlefield. They died like Confederate Veterans, and eulogy can rise no higher. Therefore, I offer as a resolution, that in the death of John H. Lafitte, W. Gilmore Simms, M. A. Turner, F. H. Creech, Richard Rountree, T. S. Dunbar, Jas. J. Green and B. H. Benson, this Camp has lost eight cherished comrades and South Carolina eight splendid citizens. That we extend to their afflicted families our sympathy, and the county papers be requested to publish this resolution."

The Resolutions were adopted by the Camp.

Capt. S. W. Trotti, of Williston, spoke in reply to the resolutions of Adjutant Meyer.

Miss Griffin and Mr. Evison next sang a sacred duet, "Hark, hark, my soul," and this was followed by an address of welcome by Miss Susie Dunbar, which was greatly enjoyed by her hearers. The memorial address, by Col. Alfred Aldrich, was well prepared and delivered in his usual eloquent style, and no doubt as he spoke of the days of the sixties, there passed in review before the minds of the gray haired members of the Camp pictures of the battlefields upon which so many brave souls were given in sacrifice for their country's sake.

A duet, "O Morning Land," by Miss Griffin and Mr. Evison, was followed by the address to the Sons of Veterans, delivered by Col. Butler Hagood, of Barnwell. Col. Hagood made an excellent talk and it is to be regretted that it cannot be reproduced in full in these columns.

Following the announcements by the adjutant, the exercises closed with that grand old song, "Dixie."

At roll call the following Veterans answered to their names: J. A. Meyer, C. B. Anderson, E. A. Furse, S. W. Trotti, W. M. Parker, J. W. Walker, W. M. Bailey, L. F. Cave, B. F. Baxly, John J. Green, J. B. Rountree, J. W. Usery, F. F. Dunbar, Judson Greene, Robert Muns, J. S. Halford, C. B. Still, Alfred Aldrich, H. B. Cave, D. C. Ready. The other members who were unable to attend were: G. W. Anderson, M. O. Wall, Marion Johnson, M. E. Stallings, John Owens and R. J. Dunbar.

The members of the camp went into executive session, at which time Veteran J. Staff Halford was elected Commander to succeed J. H. Lafitte, deceased. The following were elected delegates to the reunion in Aiken, which is to be held this week: J. W. Usery and J. A. Meyer; alternates, J. W. Walker and J. J. Green; sponsor, Miss Susie Dunbar. Delegates to the reunion in Chattanooga, which meets May 27-29: J. W. Usery and Alfred Aldrich; alternates, J. A. Meyer and J. B. Rountree;

INSTABILITY THE CURSE SAYS STATE SUPERVISOR

Prof. W. K. Tate Points Out Faults in Present System in S. C.

Columbia, S. C. April 15, 1913.

To the Editor of The People:

We have once more reached the annual period of unrest in the teaching profession of South Carolina. The rural schools are beginning to close, and even the town and city schools are looking forward to commencement exercises. With the closing of the year's work comes usually the feeling of uncertainty on the part of the teachers as to the position for next year. This is often accompanied by the anxious search and furious applications for positions. If the past years are any indication as to the future, from 50 to 75 per cent of our teachers will change places at the beginning of the new school session. This instability in the profession, from whatever causes it results, is the greatest curse under which the schools of the State are now suffering. It is absolutely impossible for a community to build up a school or for a teacher to develop ability or acquire a reputation as long as three-fourths of our teachers teach one year in a place.

The fault sometimes lies with the teacher who, from a lack of interest in his work or from a desire for new surroundings, is unwilling to cultivate the field which he has entered long enough to reap the harvest. The worst recommendation which a teacher can present to a board is a batch of letters showing that he has taught at five or six places in as many years. The teacher should at least wish to remain long enough in one community to become thoroughly identified with the interests of the people. It is impossible for him to adapt his teaching to the needs of a community when he does not remain long enough to become acquainted with these needs.

The fault sometimes lies with the school board who labors under the mistaken impression that a teacher loses his influence as soon as he enters on friendly relations with his pupils. Sometimes the board does not appreciate the fact that a teacher becomes more valuable with experience and deserves substantial recognition of increasing proficiency. A school board should show its appreciation for a good teacher by at least a small annual increase in salary. Last year many school boards of the State paid the tuition fee and a part of the expense of their teachers at the Winthrop Summer school when these returned to their positions for another year. I should like to commend this plan to all the school trustees of the State. A few dollars added to the first month's salary next year as a partial reimbursement for expenses incurred on account of Summer School attendance will be returned manifold in increasing efficiency and enthusiasm.

Allow me to suggest also that school boards reflect their teachers immediately after the close of the school so that they may become settled at once and may make their plans for the new year.

W. K. Tate,
State Supervisor Country Schools.

Still-Hair.

A Gretina Green affair occurred here Sunday afternoon when Miss Essie Still, daughter of Mr. Tom Still, and Mr. Gaston Hair were happily married by Judge of Probate John K. Snelling. It is understood that the young couple "stole a march" on their friends, who were very much surprised to learn of their marriage. Both parties live near Blackville and their friends in that section wish them a long life of unalloyed happiness.

sponsor, Miss Frankie Griffin. This completed the business of the day.

And then such an abundance of good things for the "inner man" as greeted the eyes of the guests of Camp Morrall! A most elaborate menu had been prepared and carried out as only Southern cooks know how. To enumerate the many delicacies would only awaken green envy in the breasts of the unfortunates who were not present, so statement that the reputation for hospitality of the Meyer's Mill people has not been impaired will have to suffice.

After dinner, an excellent address was delivered by Col. J. Whitner Reid, secretary of the State Farmers Union, to the farmers. He was followed by Col. Alfred Aldrich, who spoke in the interests of the Southern Cotton Corporation.

The arrival of the train ended a long to be remembered day and with regret in their hearts that another year will elapse before another reunion, the Veterans and their guests returned to their homes.

LIVE NEWS OF A SOCIAL NATURE FROM FAIRFAX

"Miss Fearless and Company" to be Presented Friday Evening.

Fairfax, April 19.—Miss Louise Weekley of Ulmer visited friends here this week.

Misses Susie Albergotti and Flora Kenney spent the week-end at Brunson, Miss Julia Folk returning with them.

Mrs. W. L. Bruks is visiting relatives at Holly Hill.

Mrs. Bess Lancaster and children are visiting relatives at Blackville.

Misses Jennie DuRant, May Brunson and Edna Kearsse have been active in inaugurating an embroidery club. It is called the "Swastika Embroidery club."

Quite a crowd went from here to attend the oratorical contest at Brunson, and were not surprised that Ethel Simpson won the gold medal. Sadie Hartin won great applause for her lovely musical performances.

Mr. W. T. Burton of Savannah visited here this week.

Mr. W. H. Byrd and M. C. Bull of Columbia were here recently.

Miss Marie Weekley of Ulmer visited her sister here this week.

Mrs. Kenney of Johnston is spending some time here with her daughter.

Mr. H. J. Russell of Atlanta was a recent visitor.

Prof. L. O. Watson of Clemson college spent the week-end with Mr. G. D. Sanders.

Miss Grace Zimmerman of Cameron is the guest of Miss Margaret Youmans. A moonlight picnic to Bostick's pond, with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Youmans as chaperones, was given in Miss Zimmerman's honor.

The high school boys and girls will produce "Miss Fearless and Company" Friday evening.

DAMAGE WILL REACH HALF MILLION DOLLARS

Fire Destroys Plant of Atlantic Coast Lumber Corporation.

Georgetown, April 21.—The plant of the Atlantic Coast Lumber Corporation, said to be one of the largest lumber plants in the world, having a capacity of one-half million feet per day, was almost completely destroyed by a fire which broke out this morning at about 5 o'clock. Fanned by a strong wind from the north which increased as the flames made headway it seemed that nothing in the pathway of the flames could escape, but one of the mills which was located north of where the fire commenced and another which was not directly in the direction in which the wind was blowing remain standing.

Two mills, together with the power house and two dry kilns and a vast amount of lumber, some 10,000,000 feet, were destroyed.

The loss is estimated at about one-half million dollars, completely covered by insurance.

FEDERAL JUDGESHIP FOR JUSTICE WOODS

Information Received in Columbia That Appointment Will be Made.

That Charles A. Woods, associate justice of the supreme court of South Carolina, will be appointed federal judge of the Fourth circuit, comprising the States of West Virginia, Virginia, North and South Carolina, is now certain.

William E. Gonzales, editor of The State, who returned Monday from Washington, where he went after attending the educational conference at Richmond, stated that Justice Woods would be appointed. Capt. Gonzales said that he did not care to state the source of his information other than to say that it came very direct, but said that the appointment will probably be made in the next few days.

Ulmer News.

Ulmer, April 21.—Miss Annie Deer has been home for a few weeks on account of illness. She left last Friday morning accompanied by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Deer, for Ruffin, where she is teaching.

Mr. John Brant is very ill. Hope he will soon be improving again.

Mrs. A. R. Tuten, who has been very ill for two weeks, is now improving. Trust she will soon be well again.

Mrs. W. R. Tuten and little daughter, of Fairfax, visited Mrs. A. R. Tuten last week.

Miss Rachel Brant is visiting her brother, Mr. J. L. Brant, at Fairfax.

A marriage contract is as much of a gamble as buying futures on margin.

WOULD DO HONOR TO ILLUSTRIOUS SONS

The Rev. W. M. Jones Pays Splendid Tribute to Major Holmes.

One of the most unpleasant features of death is expressed in the proverb, "Forgotten as a dead man out of mind." When Garfield lay dying of Guitau's bullet he turned to Blaine, his secretary of state, with this question, "Will men remember me when I am gone?" Every silent shaft in a cemetery is a mute appeal to be remembered when they are gone. Yale University has in its memorial hall after the names of its sons who fell in the civil war this sentiment, "that their high devotion may live in all its sons". One of the striking weaknesses of present day South Carolina is its tendency to forget the great men of its past. We are one of the older states and rich in the deeds of great men and noble women, and yet we allow their memories to be buried with their bones. As compared with some other states there is a lamentable poverty in that there are but few statues, busts, and portraits in public places of those who made us what we are. In the state of Virginia every county courtroom has become a portrait gallery of that county's illustrious dead. The unveiling of each portrait becomes the occasion of reminding a younger generation of the inspiration they have received from the past. Historical material is preserved and collected and from it are written county histories. Our own shortcomings in this respect convey a reflection on us that is difficult to escape.

Barnwell County has had the influence of many men and women, but it never received a purer and nobler impression than that which came from the life and influence of Maj. Jno. W. Holmes. Barnwell County has reason to be proud of its sons. American fiction has no more illustrious name than Wm. Gilmore Simms. Foreign missions has no more devoted son than Dr. Shuck, who lies buried in the Barnwell churchyard. But this is not the place to tell of its soldiers, jurists, statesmen, educators, and ministers who have claimed the county as the land of their birth or adoption. But in the truest patriotism, in the warmest love and in lifelong service to the county none can excel Major Holmes. He had a character and personality all his own, but all that he was, he gave to the people of his adopted county. Modest, shrinking, and retiring as a woman, yet his was the heart of a lion in standing for the ideals of the life he so well exemplified. Beneath his unobtrusive personality was a great heart that loved the people. No man would shrink from eulogy more than he, yet his own heart was his best eulogist, for in his editorial and news columns, in his homely advice and friendly contact with the people of his county he showed how he loved the plain people. Probably no man in the county ever had a larger circle of friends than he had, yet it was solely because he put so much into his friendship for them. He never compromised a principal to gain or keep a friend, but his unerring tact and gentleness of spirit and speech never gave a wound to even the most unlearned or sensitive of men. His heart was right toward all men, therefore he always said the right thing. It helps to assuage our pride and personal conceit to know that none of us are absolutely essential to this world or that small part of it which is our work. Major Holmes' place in life will in a measure be ably filled. Yet the writer is but one of many who feels that word "friend" has been most splendidly spoken in the life and influence of Maj. Jno. W. Holmes.

The impress of himself he has left on our memories would be more than he would ask in his self-effacement, but it is not as much as we should give him. Among other things he identified himself in early life as teacher in our schools. It would be but a small measure of appreciation of the man if the people in some of our school districts, preferably the one in which he taught, should petition the county board of education that the name of that district be changed to the John W. Holmes District. Instead of the prosaic names of school districts that now mean but little, there would be an everlasting appropriateness in changing them to commemorate the lives of Barnwell's illustrious sons. We could name them after Gen. Hagood, Wm. Gilmore Simms, Bishop McTier and others. But I hope to live to see the day when from the walls of our courtroom will look down on our people the portraits of the most illustrious sons of Barnwell county, and among them the honest, kindly face of my friend, Major Jno. W. Holmes.

W. M. Jones.

The man who has piled up a fortune never wastes any time wishing he was rich.

"RIAH MAS" ATTENDS CAMP MORRALL REUNION

Could Find No Poor People—Only Peace and Plenty and Beauty.

Long Branch, April 21.—We attended the reunion at Meyer's Mill on the 18th as did all others any where near. Barnwell was the best represented of all other sections. We cant say why, it may be respect for the few remaining vets. or they may have hungered and thirsted after Cue and cold drinks. We only know why we went which we are not obliged to tell.

We found on our arrival that Four of the largest Swine that we ever saw stretched over a cue hole lost their lives during the process of preparation and all other things in proportion. There is no hard times in that good country, and no poor people that we could find or hear from; peace and plenty & Beauty abounds, the latter among the Ladies but we could not say where the inheritance came from. it did not come from Dave Ready our old time friend or Joe Cochran. While they look well to do. they could not compare with the Women the prettiest we ever saw in group. The Singing by Rev. Evison of Barnwell and Miss Francis Griffin of Robbins could not be surpassed then the address of Welcome by Miss Dunbar, we will say this that two finer looking young Ladies and two with better manner and who could acquit themselves in a more graceful gentle manner does not exist. Then the speeches by Cols Aldrich & Hagood fitted the occasion to a T. but that dinner. our recollection of the day dont do us as much good as what we forgot while enjoying the entire program. We forgot the the Short ration at Home and for the time being did not care whether anybody was at work. or if there should come by R F D a "please remit" or any thing else that might have happened after our departure. Our Troubles came in this way, not being able to eat all that was set before us and thinking how bad we would need it next day, we have no doubt but the fragments surpassed any thing mentioned in the New Testament.

Riah Mas.

A NUMBER OF PARTIES GIVEN IN BLACKVILLE

Entertainments and Dances Much Enjoyed in that Hospitable Town.

Blackville, April 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Wragg entertained a number of young people in honor of Miss Marion Mack of Northon Tuesday evening.

An automobile romance and a contest of old sayings amused the guests. A box of stationery was presented to Miss Mack and a tie to Pat Coggins. Ice cream and cake was served.

Mrs. Altman entertained the Busy Bee Embroidery club on Tuesday afternoon.

Last Friday evening the Blackville orchestra gave an informal dance in the spacious dining room of the Shamrock hotel. Quite a number of visitors from Bamberg, Barnwell and Allendale attended.

Misses Vera and Hattie Rena Milhous were hostesses to the Priscilla Embroidery club on Wednesday afternoon. Misses Clara and Marion Mack were visitors to the club. Mrs. Pauling, Misses Mack, Eva Rich and Hattie Rena Milhous rendered several musical selections. A salad course and ice cream and cake was served.

Mrs. J. Sorentroupe of Orangeburg is the guest of relatives here.

Mrs. Lewis Williams of Orangeburg is the guest of Mrs. T. L. Wragg.

WORK COMMENCED ON NEW BAPTIST CHURCH

It is Hoped that New Building at Hilda Will Soon Be Completed.

Hilda, April 22.—Mrs. Sarah Blume and little son of Savannah are visiting Mrs. Blume's brother, Mr. Mc-D. Eubanks.

Miss Leila Eubanks spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Ellen Jones.

Mr. Clifton Eubanks of Govan spent Sunday with his parents here.

Misses Jessie and Edna Dyches visited relatives in Bamberg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Walsh, of Blackville, attended preaching here Sunday.

The work of erecting the new Baptist church building here will begin shortly and before long the people hope to have it completed.

Miss Mozelle Dyches is visiting relatives at Lees.

Mrs. W. W. Snelling, of Lowell, Fla., is spending some time here with her sister, Mrs. H. S. Mellichamp, who is quite sick.

GOLD MEDAL GIVEN FOR THE BEST COMPOSITION

School Boys and Girls Only Are Eligible To Enter the Contest.

A gold medal to the school boy or girl between the ages of 10 and 15 who writes the best composition, not to exceed 800 words, on the maintenance of earth roads, is to be awarded by Logan Waller Page, Director, Office of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. All compositions must be submitted to Mr. Page before May 15, 1913, and the medal will be awarded as soon as the compositions can be graded. The composition may be based on knowledge gained from books or other sources, but no quotations should be made.

After many years' experience in dealing with the public road situation of the country, it is Mr. Page's belief that ignorance on the subject of repair and maintenance of roads is as much the cause of their bad condition as any other one factor. It is expected that the competition will bring about a better understanding of the subject of repair and maintenance in the rural districts.

Many children living in rural districts have experienced the disadvantages of roads made impassable through a lack of proper maintenance and it is expected that their interest in the competition will stimulate greater interest among the parents. Bad roads have prevented many children from obtaining a proper education and have prevented doctors from reaching the side of rural patients in time to save their lives.

Any child between the ages mentioned, attending a country school, may compete. Only one side of the paper must be written on; each page should be numbered; the name, age and address of the writer, and the name and location of the school which he or she is attending must be plainly written at the top of the first page. The announcement of the competition has been sent to the superintendent of schools in the rural districts. No further information can be obtained from the Office of Public Roads. This announcement should be plain to everyone, and all children will thus start on a basis of equality.

HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK IN LIVELY ALLENDALE

The Details of the Memorial Day Exercises Have Been Arranged.

Allendale, April 19.—The Women's Reading club held its regular meeting Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Warren. The subjects for discussion for the afternoon were a trip through Ireland and the government of England.

The local chapter, U. D. C., met at the home of Mrs. F. H. Boyd on last Thursday afternoon.

The details of the memorial day exercises were arranged and the committee on laurel wreaths and Memorial day, May 10, reported a very interesting programme for that day. The exercises will begin at the town hall and will be concluded at Swallow Savannah cemetery.

Mesdames Chas. Wilson and Otis Brabham were elected delegates to the district convention which meets at Fairfax in May.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. J. Allen Patterson entertained at a tea in honor of Mrs. W. H. Duncan of Barnwell. The decorations were roses and candles. Two courses were served.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Patterson and Dr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Patterson left Wednesday for Columbia to attend the Allen-Crawford wedding. While in Columbia they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Buice, of Green street.

Mrs. W. R. Darlington, Miss Agnes Tison and Miss Lucy Darlington will visit Barnwell this week as the guests of Mrs. W. H. Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot Riley, Miss Isabelle Patterson were guests at the Allen-Crawford wedding, Columbia.

Miss Eva Mae Owens is visiting friends in Savannah.

Mrs. Price of Walterboro is the guest of Mrs. Chas. Wilson, her sister. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mauldin of Hampton are visiting at the home of Mrs. I. L. Tobin this week.

Miss Symmie Silver of Augusta and Geo. Silver of New York spent last Friday here with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Jordan.

Peoples to be a Delegate.

Attorney-General Thomas H. Peoples of Blackville, is one of five delegates to the International Purity Congress, which meets in Minneapolis, Minn., November 7 to 12, named by Governor Blease last week.