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## OBION COUNTY SOLDIERS HOLD ANNUAL REUNION

Warren McDonald Camp met in annual convention and reunion at Hornbeak, Tenn., Thursday, Sept. 30, at 10:30 a. m. in the Methodist Church. Those present: Lieut. W. B. Stovall, J. H. Sandling, F. B. Taylor, J. C. Glass, J. G. B. Dean, J. A. Cloar, W. T. Harris, F. H. Clymer, C. H. Carroll, G. C. Fuller, W. J. Jones, N. D. Watson, Jno. Barnes, Col. F. M. McRee, Commander Dr. J. T. Lasley, Mayor P. N. Matlock, John Hudson, Capt. T. R. Inman, R. W. Powell and C. S. Thomas.

The camp was called to order by Commander J. T. Lasley and opened with song by choir and prayer by Chaplain J. A. Cloar. Minutes read and approved. The following communication was read from Leonidas Polk Chapter: "Leonidas Polk Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, sends greetings to Warren McDonald Camp at Hornbeak, Tenn., wishing God's choicest blessings be with you again, offering you our best service at all times in the future as in the past."

MRS. A. L. BREVARD.  
MRS. F. M. McREE.  
MRS. W. H. SWIGGART.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Commander, W. J. Briggs; First Lieutenant, J. H. Leeper; Second Lieutenant, J. H. Sandling; Chaplain, J. A. Cloar; Color Bearer, F. M. McRee; Adjutant, R. W. Powell. Election of officers for Company B. Election held by Colonel Moore, Captain, C. G. Thomas; First Lieutenant, W. B. Stovall; Second Lieutenant, J. H. Leeper. The company was ordered to meet at their armory Oct. 5 so as to entrain at 7:55 a. m. The camp thru its committee makes the following reply to Mrs. A. L. Brevard, Mrs. W. H. Swiggart and Mrs. F. M. McRee: "Your letter of greeting to Warren McDonald Camp No. 936, U. C. Veterans, received with many thanks and we do invoke the choicest blessings of our Heavenly Father to rest upon you and the entire membership of your chapter and may He lengthen your days for your many good deeds." By committee.

P. N. MATLOCK, Chair.  
Col. Hume R. Feild sent greetings and love to Warren McDonald Camp by Adjutant Powell. The camp thru its committee directs the following message to Col. Hume R. Feild: "That we appreciate his love and remembrance of our camp. We venerate and love him as only soldiers can love and appreciate so gallant and true a soldier and officer."

E. N. MOORE,  
P. N. MATLOCK,  
H. MOFFETT,  
Committee.  
The Camp ordered its Adjutant to furnish a copy of this reply to his greeting and love.

The Camp postponed the delivery of the welcome address until 1 p. m. Dinner being announced the Camp marched in twos to the academy where they were bountifully fed. At 1 p. m. the Camp assembled again. All during the morning's proceeding the Camp was inspired by songs by the choir, led by Rev. Walker, pastor of the M. E. Church. Promptly at 1 p. m. a song was rendered by the choir and the Rev. Walker delivered the welcome address. He is the son of a Confederate Veteran. Being a son, he had visited the National Park at Shiloh where he drank in the very spirit of the soldiers who were engaged in that bloody carnage. He was eloquent in his welcome. He closed his speech by a recital of Finch's poem, "The Blue and the Gray," pronouncing a blessing on the heads of the veterans.

Dr. F. M. McRee responded to the welcome address. The Doctor was feeling fine and in good trim. His response was a gem, so appropriate to the occasion. His recollection of the Shiloh battle, and he knew how to tell about that conflict. The sad fact he mentioned was that we are falling rapidly. "We have no power to recruit our shortening columns." Passing, passing, passing, yes and rapidly. Very soon we will not have the one to answer the roll call. The call would be answered for even on this earth, unless whispering from over yonder may reach human ears, but thank God we will not be forgotten.

Song by choir, "Dixie," and also a house full of soldiers and ladies and gentlemen.

By request the commander added A. L. Brevard to the memorial committee.

Song by choir, "Marching to Zion."

Report of memorial committee read, approved and committee continued.

Prayer by Rev. Walker preceded the reading of the report of the memorial committee. Song by choir.

Names of the deceased were read one at a time and eulogies pronounced by the commander and citizens. Some of the eulogies were very touching.

Motion carried to appoint committee to receive flag from J. J. Collins, deceased, who, before he died, made a request that the Camp be presented with the flag. J. J. Collins was the Camp's first color bear-

er. Committee, F. M. McRee, F. B. Taylor and C. G. Thomas. Motion carried to appoint a committee on resolutions. Col. E. N. Moore, Dr. McRee and A. L. Brevard were named.

After supper we were entertained by the citizens, Prof. Willingham preaching. It was enjoyable. He got many of the veterans to be remissent and tell things that were not in history. J. H. Sandling and H. C. Carroll got the blue ribbons for the most laughable war anecdotes. Devotional and patriotic songs were interspersed or sandwiched in between stories and speeches. Adjourned till 9 a. m.

At 9 a. m. the Camp was called to order and opened by prayer by Elder John R. Williams. At this hour the clouds with their rain had rolled by and for the first time of our reunion the sun shone out brightly and things were looking cheerful. The boys looked gay. They had had three square meals and slept in good beds with plenty of cover that made them feel fine.

A motion carried to have a book written to contain a history of the ex-Confederate soldiers that now reside in Obion County and of those who volunteered from Obion County. Motion carried that Adjutant R. W. Powell collect the material for and write this book at once. The following persons subscribed to enable the adjutant to go over the county and get every Veteran's biography: Dr. F. M. McRee, \$10; E. N. Moore, \$10; Jno. White, \$5; J. H. Sandling, \$5; C. G. Thomas, \$5; J. H. Leeper, \$5; A. L. Brevard, \$5; W. T. Harris, \$5; Jno. Cavanaugh, \$3; Sam Bratton, \$2.50; T. J. Easterwood, paid, \$1; P. D. Hornbeak, paid, \$2; P. N. Matlock, \$5; F. B. Taylor, \$2.50; Captain Tom Johnson, \$5; J. W. Darnell, paid, \$1; B. W. Flemming, \$5; Ab Fields, \$2.50; Jno. Barnes, \$5; Geo. W. Carm, \$1; W. J. Morris, \$2.50; T. R. Inman, \$2.50; Mrs. Katie Leathers, \$1; Len Keith, \$2.50; C. H. Carroll, \$1.

Motion carried to appoint a committee to ask the County Court to make an appropriation for the purpose of getting a record of every Confederate soldier in the county, for this book, who resides in the county or volunteered from the county. Committee, Mrs. A. L. Brevard, Mrs. F. M. McRee, Mrs. W. H. Swiggart, E. N. Moore, F. M. McRee, Sam Bratton and T. P. Finch.

Report of committee appointed at Troy, Tenn., the second Sunday in May, reported as follows, committee discharged: This report was received by a unanimous standing vote to rescind that part of the action of the Camp that said not to instruct our delegates to the Memphis reunion. Motion carried to instruct for F. M. McRee to vote for him for Major-General to command Tennessee Division, U. C. V. Union City and Hornbeak were put in nomination for our next annual reunion, Oct. 8, 1916. Union City was selected.

The names of the choir and preacher, who did so much on this occasion in song and prayer, should appear with ours: Rev. A. N. Walker, Laura Ramage, who was elected maid of honor for the Memphis reunion, Ellen Ramage, Leona Jackson, Nellie Ramage, Mrs. Minnie Hays, J. S. Reeves, T. S. Kendall and the little girl that sang "Just Before the Battle" and others whose names I did not get.

REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.  
To the officers and members of Warren McDonald Camp No. 936: We, your committee on memorial, would respectfully submit the following report: Since our last annual reunion the following comrades have answered the roll call: Pope Herring, J. C. Cox, Hugh McDonald, Wm. McDaniel, Wm. Hutchinson, Jas. Collins, C. H. Watts, Jas. Rucker, Ed Jones, Jass Pride, J. W. McAfee, J. J. Collins.

Comrades, we have met to-day in remembrance of our dead comrades. We think they know and fancy they have places in our memory. These memorials are a beautiful way of saying something about our dead comrades who have gone into the great beyond and we should not forget them.

We can drop a flower to their memory and twine a garland of fond remembrance on the tresses of comradeship as Confederate soldiers and pause for a moment in the busy rush of life and feel for the touch of a vanished hand and listen for the sound of a voice that is still.

We thank you, good Lord, for memory; for the wonderful gift that mock the gloom and despair of death; for that strange power which enables us to summon from their silent halls the departed spirits of our comrades and commune with them once more.

As we stand under its magic spell, how the past seems to live again; how the dead shake off their shadows, and how dear faces look out of spirit windows and loved forms rise to greet us from the still and pulseless dust.

We think the Lord for the desire to remember our comrades who have crossed the great divide; for a comradeship the ties of which death cannot sever; for a comradeship bigger and better than time; for the love of a day that is gone, which brings us here in this our annual reunion to take part in these memorial services and to speak with hallowed reverence the names of the departed comrades, and to speak of their homes and their service as soldiers in the defense of the South in a true and tender regard.

This is their memorial and there

can be no greater. Bronze will rust and some day decay, but the temple of loving remembrance in the human heart is beyond the reach of decay. Here we enshrine the memory of our dead comrades to-day.

They were brave men. They lived four years, 1861-1865, on the edge of peril and bore their part in that great conflict. They bade wife, daughter, mother, sister and sweet heart good-bye, and went forth to battle, not knowing that they should ever meet again on earth. But they put their trust in God and knew if they should fall in battle they had an eternal home in Heaven.

Let us make the Christian doctrine of death a part of this memorial service. Death is only an incident in the progress of life. It leads us into a fairer and better world. We cannot prevent death nor force it to disclose its date, but we can decline despair because of its presence. We can gaze past its shadows to the everlasting morning. Our dead comrades have not ceased to be. The places in the rank of our comradeship which seems vacant are filled with immortals. As we call the roll of the dead there seems to be no answer, but it is not because there is no response but because our ears are not keen enough to hear the inaudible. Certainly the streams of the spirit would flow hard by our common life and ever and again to the heart that is quiet enough to hear the inaudible, there comes the suggestion of the life beyond the grave. The greater part of the Confederate army have crossed the river of death and part are crossing now, but real comradeship stands ever with unbroken ranks.

In this great faith let us dry our tears and comfort our sorrows. In this triumphant creed, let us boldly stand and toll with the undimmed conception that man is not an accident, but the child of God with an eternal destiny journeying along a road whose vistas are endless.

Whether death comes soon or late, wherever it meets us, let us be able to greet it with quiet serenity with some of the triumphant hope of Saint Paul when he said "This mortal shall put on immortality."

Comrades, life is like the day. Its sun descends the western sky; its shadows lengthen to salute the coming night; reminds us that very soon we too must cross the turbid waters of the dark river of death to the shores of the unknown land. But "beyond the shadows and the darkness" by faith we can almost see the shores of the land of the immortal glories and hear the glad shouts of our loved ones who have passed before us.

Comrades, happy we will be if when the day is ended and the shadows of night fall softly around us, it can be said of us we have been faithful into death; therefore, there is laid up for us a crown of life.

Comrades, we are passing out of the shadow. Into a fairer and purer light; Stepping behind the curtain, Getting a clearer sight.

Laying aside the burden, Of this weary mortal coil; Done with the world's vexations, Done with its tears and toil. Yes, passing out of the shadows, Into eternal day; Why! oh why do we call it dying, This sweet going away? Respectfully submitted,

P. N. MATLOCK,  
T. R. INMAN,  
W. B. STOVALL,  
Committee.

AGAINST THE TAGS.  
We, your committee appointed at Troy, Tenn., the second Sunday in May, 1915, make the following report: We, as camp and company of Obion ex-Confederate soldiers, recommend that we do not approve or order tag days or public collections for the benefit of the members of said organizations, for the reason that said organizations have always received accommodations and special privileges, especially on transportation and special entertainments. We do this to inform the public that this camp and company does not approve of such method.

F. M. McREE, Chair.  
R. W. POWELL,  
P. N. MATLOCK.  
RESOLUTIONS.  
Warren McDonald Camp wishes to extend their sincere thanks to the citizens of Hornbeak and vicinity for their free-hearted hospitality for the old Veterans of this camp, and we pray that God will bless them all.

We thank the choir for the nice music on this occasion, and also the ministers for their valuable help and influence. And we especially thank the good people who took us into their homes and treated us so kindly.

E. N. MOORE,  
F. M. McREE,  
A. L. BREVARD.

No more business before the Camp, Captain Tom Johnson and Captain Inman each made speeches brimful of enthusiasm and were lively cheered. Adjourned for dinner and then mixed with the boys and citizens, saying good-bye, returned to their homes full of good feeling for the people of Hornbeak and vicinity.

R. W. POWELL, Adjutant.

FOR SALE—My farm 2 1/2 miles southwest of Union City, 85 acres, 77 acres in cultivation, 8 acres in woods lot. Also stock and tools sufficient to run the place and other stock and tools for sale. For further information see

J. T. DENNING.

## 400 DEAD IS TOLL OF STORM ON GULF COAST

Territory Between New Orleans and Mobile Reports Casualties. New Orleans, Oct. 3.—Four hundred dead and property loss variously estimated at over \$25,000,000 sums up the result of the storm that swept a big part of Louisiana and Mississippi all of Wednesday and Wednesday night. Wires have been down ever since the first blow of the storm, railroads have been tied up and the news has been trickling in slowly because the points which suffered the most have been inaccessible by boats.

The death toll in New Orleans and immediate vicinity was 27. Most of the others who perished were in the unprotected fishing villages in the Barataria section and in the waters lying between the Mississippi and Louisiana State lines.

Thousands of persons have been left homeless by the hurricane, but New Orleans and the States of Louisiana and Mississippi are fully able to afford all the relief needed. More than 75 boats, loaded with food, medicines, bedding and physicians, have been dispatched to various points.

The telephone and telegraph wires leading to the places which suffered greatest are being gradually restored and every hour or so messages are received telling of additions to the death list. The estimate of 400 dead is conservative and it is feared that within the next 24 hours a hundred more will be added.

## SPLENDID RECORD ON HANDLING TRAINS.

Ninety Per Cent of Trains Made Schedule Time for the Year. Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 6.—For the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1915, the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway operated 39,420 passenger trains of which 35,473, or 90 per cent, made schedule time, and 31,536, or 80 per cent, were on time at all stations.

During the year 32,834 strictly local trains were operated, of which 29,457, or 90 per cent, made schedule time, and 85 per cent of which were on time at all stations. Of the 6,590 limited or fast trains operated, and which depended upon connecting roads, 86 per cent were on time at all stations.

Damage Suit at Hickman. C. T. Bondurant filed a suit for \$10,000 damages against Dahnke-Walker Milling Co. et al., last week. This suit is the result of another suit filed by Dahnke-Walker Milling Co. against Mr. Bondurant, which alleged breach of contract, in refusing to deliver about 14,000 bushels of wheat at a contract price of \$1.04 a bushel. An order of delivery was made by Circuit Clerk Morris and Bondurant gave bond for the wheat and shipped it to Nashville. In Circuit Court last week the original suit was dismissed by Dahnke-Walker Milling Co. and a new suit filed, which alleged damages were due them by reason of the fact that the wheat was worth more than they contracted to pay for same, also furnishing sacks and damage to same.

Mr. Bondurant is now suing for damages, alleging that he is damaged that much by reason of worry, great expense and interference with shipping his wheat. The case will come up at the January term of court.—Hickman Courier.

Dr. Pratt Killed. Humboldt, Tenn., Oct. 3.—Dr. J. J. Pratt, who exhibited an educated horse at the Tri-County Fair here all this week, was killed early last night when the large tent pole fell on him, striking his head, while taking the tent down. This untimely death brought a most gloomy end to an otherwise pleasant fair week. Dr. Pratt was a most estimable citizen of the McKenzie vicinity and, at great labor, had educated a horse to understand the English language almost as perfectly as a human being. He was a double first cousin of J. R. McAlister, of this place. The remains were taken last night to McKenzie for interment, accompanied by his daughter, who had spent the week with him here.

Special to Martin. Quite a number of Union City citizens went to Martin Monday night and heard M. R. Patterson speak. A special train was used and about 75 people went from here.

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