

OLD MENS' CLUB MET AT ODESSA

The Day Was Not Particularly Favorable But the Attendance Was Good and Odessa Entertained in Royal Style.

The Old Men's Club met in semi-annual session at Odessa Saturday, June 1st, being held at the Methodist church.

President Christy called the club to order at 10:30, the opening song by the choir being "How Firm a Foundation."

Rev. W. H. Suddath offered prayer, after which the song, "Land Beyond," was rendered by the choir.

Thirty-five members answered roll call, as follows:—N. W. Alkire, I. W. Carson, Jos. H. Christy, Robert Duncan, Sylvester Everett, W. L. Glover, Z. G. Graves, A. M. Guyton, C. W. Jackson, John B. Jones, Wesley Johnson, James C. Kelly, John H. Kelly, George H. Johns, C. J. Lewis, A. L. Maxwell, John Meyer, T. A. Murry, Geo. W. Payne, Sterling Powers, John Reddick, D. J. Rumbaugh, Chas. L. Simpson, B. C. Shelton, Coleman Schooler, Washington Skelton, Wm. L. Smith, Albert Scott, G. W. Snyder, R. M. Taylor, Alex. Thompson, C. S. Whipple, Jas. M. Winn, B. F. Wood and W. G. Wagoner.

The meeting place, Odessa, being the home of President Christy, he asked Vice-President Jones to preside.

After a few appropriate remarks, he introduced to the audience Mr. Chas. W. Wagoner,

over the little family and transformed the virgin forests into fields of wheat and corn. You converted the massive oaks, elms and walnuts into churches and schoolhouses. You helped to build our towns and cities, and you made possible our beautiful homes, from which have gone out over this broad land the fairest women and the bravest men known to refined society. Some of you are still tilling the same old fields, you are drinking from the same old springs, climbing the same old rocks, resting beneath the same old shade trees and fishing in the same old streams. How different everything appears to you now! Yet it is still the same old country resurrected from the days of the oxen and transformed into the day of the locomotive and the automobile. I congratulate you, my friends, that you have lived to see this bright day for your old country. I am glad that you can mix and mingle together this day and talk of good old times. After years of toil and labor, of sunshine and shadows, you have come to be our country's richest assets. It is said that a tree is known by its fruits, a nation by its great men. And so it is that a town or a country may be judged by its quality of old men. Bustle and hurry, mistakes and failures go with the young, but wisdom, and in time progress, is with you men of age and experience.

"Some of you older men get discouraged and disheartened at times, and you feel that you have lived out your three score years and ten, and sometimes you find yourself thinking that there is nothing left in life for you. But history tells us that some of our greatest men were men of age. I would have you remember that it was a very old man who built the ark and thus saved a small remnant of the human race. You all remember that sacred history tells us that when Moses was a very old man that he brought the Children of Israel out from the land of bondage and gave to them the laws of God. When Tennyson was an old man he wrote that beautiful poem "Ulysses." Many of our great statesmen were old men when they left their records in the annals of time. My friends we are today proud of your gray hairs and bald heads. And we are delighted with your Old Men's Club. This splendid crowd of your sons and daughters who are here to make you happy today is only an expression of our high regard and love for you. I come to you with this statement—that there is still a place and mission in life for you all.

"Since your last meeting some of our good friends and members of your club have answered to the roll call of eternity. Perhaps some of you will soon answer to this roll call of eternity and join your comrades on the other side. In closing, let me give you the pledge of your sons that they will ever defend the records which you have thus far made, and they themselves will live up to the traditions of their fathers. In the name of these good women, both young and old, I will implore the blessings of the All Wise One upon you and as the dews of life's evening are condensing on your brows, may you linger long in the twilight, with loving hands to lead you and loving hearts to bless.

"Again I say welcome and may happiness be yours."

Following this address, the choir sang "In the Sweet Bye and Bye."

Minutes of the September meeting read and approved.

Memorials on the death of James M. Goodwin, Benjamin Elliott, Charles H. Vandiver and Joseph U. Hutchison were read, approved and ordered spread upon the minutes, as follows:

Col. Benjamin Elliott

The subject of this sketch was born in the Valley of Virginia, in the year 1830, where he grew to young manhood and in 1849 he came to Missouri. During the same year he joined the "forty-niners" and crossed the plains to the newly discovered gold fields of California.

He returned to his native state, Virginia, in the year 1850, and in 1851 he again came to Missouri, where he settled in the western part of Lafayette county on what is known as "Texas Prairie." He resided there until the commencement of the Civil war.

He was married to Susan B. Gibbs January 18th, 1861, and to this union was born one son, Benjamin Elliott, Jr., who with his widowed mother survives him, and are honored and respected citizens of Odessa today.

Col. Elliott enlisted in the Confederate service in 1861, and organized what was known as Elliott's Battalion and attached himself to Shelby's Brigade. He was elected colonel of the battalion, which was afterward increased to a regiment. This rank he held until the close of the war. His command was characterized as having as much zeal and as much courage from the Colonel, who commanded it, to the most humble private in the ranks, as any like number of men who donned spurs and drew sabre for the cause in which they enlisted.

In 1894 Col. Elliott joined the Missionary Baptist church, of which he was always a consistent member. He served Lafayette county as sheriff two terms, and as such gave general satisfaction. He died August 13th, 1911.

In many respects Col. Elliott was a model citizen. A man of decided views, firm to maintain his convictions, one always knew where to find him and what to expect of him. In the Old Men's Club of Lafayette County he was an honored and respected member.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. CHRISTY
I. W. CARSON,
Committee

James W. Goodwin.
James W. Goodwin was born in Rappahanock County, Virginia, February 1, 1834; a son of James and Elizabeth (Corder) Goodwin. His mother died when he was only two years old.

James Goodwin, his father, was born January 10, 1804, and engaged in the saddle and harness business in Virginia.

In 1839 he moved to Missouri, and spent the winter in Cooper county; then came to Lafayette county and settled in Davis township. James W. Goodwin attended the common schools of this and Marion counties and grew up on a farm.

In 1854, at the age of twenty, he began to farm for himself, but he remained with his father until 1858, when he moved to a 200 acre farm he had bought. To this he continued to add until he became one of the largest land holders in this county. He became a successful cattle feeder as well as a successful farmer.

On December 6th, 1857, Mr. Goodwin was married to Lucy Corder, daughter of John and Sallie (Renny) Corder. His wife died in May, 1909. Three children survive, John F., Mrs. Minnie Barnett and Mrs. R. L. Smith, all of whom at the time of their father's death were residing at Marshall, Mo.

The family are members of

the old Southern Presbyterian church. Mr. Goodwin gave most of his time to his farm and its operations, but took little part in politics.

He was an entertaining talker and had many friends. He passed away June 3rd, 1911. Thus the name of James W. Goodwin is dropped from the Old Men's Club and transferred to another roll.

W. H. BELL,
CHARLES J. LEWIS,
Committee.

Joseph U. Hutchason.
Joseph U. Hutchason was born in Greensburg, Green county, Kentucky, July 13, 1823, and fell asleep in Jesus at Higginsville, Missouri, June 30, 1911.

Funeral services were held in the Second Baptist church of which he was a member, and interment was made in the city cemetery.

On October 15, 1846, he was married to Miss Emily F. Carter and to this union were born eight daughters and three sons, of whom six daughters and two sons are now living. His dear wife was called to her heavenly home in 1893.

Mr. Hutchason professed his faith in Jesus, and united with the Baptist church in early boyhood and maintained a consistent Christian life to the end of his pilgrimage. He had a clear faith and a buoyant spirit. His was a life of helpfulness and good cheer, and good will to all men; and this inheritance, with other good things he leaves to his children who so kindly cared for him in his last days. The sympathy of all the friends goes out to the sorrowing ones.

A good man has fallen from our ranks to join the army about the throne on high. May it be a helpful stimulus to us to press on to the crown that awaits every true and faithful soldier of the Cross.

Respectfully submitted,
C. W. JACKSON,
JOHN F. NEILL,
Committee.

Higginsville, Mo., May 20, '12.

Major C. H. Vandiver.
Major Charles H. Vandiver died at the home of his brother, George, in Higginsville, Thursday, September 7th, 1911.

Major Vandiver was one of the prominent citizens of Lafayette county and had been a resident of this county since the early 80's. He was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, now West Virginia, May 1st, 1840. In 1861 he enlisted in the Confederate army and served until June 26, 1864. In a raiding party at Petersburg, Virginia, he was struck by a shell and lost his right arm. He was lieutenant under Stonewall Jackson and during his service seven horses were shot from under him, and he was wounded three times.

At the close of the war he studied law and later became editor of a newspaper at Keyser, West Virginia. After coming to Missouri he became active in politics and was elected to the state senate, representing Cass, Johnson and Lafayette counties. He introduced the bill making the Confederate Home a state institution, and later was a member of the board of managers.

He was a zealous member of John N. Edwards Camp No. 733, United Confederate Veterans, and was chaplain of the camp for sometime. Major Vandiver was a noble character and he was held in the highest esteem by his many friends. He possessed a sense of humor that made him a true entertainer. He was not married.

G. B. FLETCHER,
J. B. JONES,
Committee.

Feeling and appreciated talks were made by Messrs. I. W. Carson, Washington Skelton, C. W. Jackson and D. J. Rumbaugh.

The next order being the reception of new members, the names of A. W. Laughlin, Dr.

A. W. Milster, J. W. Holman, Henry Hader, J. R. Smith, J. W. Caldwell and Jacob Mercer were presented, and they were admitted by unanimous vote the biography of each being as follows:

A. W. Laughlin was born in Cales county, Illinois, March 8, 1840; came to Missouri in 1887; twice married; five children by first wife and two by second; served as sergeant-major of the 17th Iowa infantry; taught school 13 terms; member Cumberland Presbyterian church; farmer; postoffice, Odessa.

Dr. A. W. Milster was born in Perry county, Missouri, March 18, 1838; married in 1862; wife died in 1894; father of five children; four living; graduated at St. Louis Medical College in 1863, practicing six years; entered ministry in 1871; member of Presbyterian church; postoffice, Higginsville.

J. W. Holman was born at Greenton, Lafayette county, Missouri, December 10, 1833; member of Cumberland Presbyterian church; wife dead; father of four children; one living; farmer; postoffice, Odessa.

Henry Hader was born in Province of Prussia, April 8, 1841; came to Missouri in 1857 and settled in Lafayette county; served in the Union army; married October 13, 1866; father of nine children, one dead; member of German Baptist church; postoffice, Higginsville.

J. R. Smith was born in Warren county, Ohio, June 2, 1840; came to Lafayette county in 1865; married Miss Anna M. Furgerson in 1869; wife dead; father of six children, one dead; served three years in the Army of the Cumberland; member of Baptist church; farmer; postoffice, Mayview.

Here a recess was taken for dinner. It was a feast—the fat of the land being served, in quantity for a regiment. The entertainment was elegant and bounteous, everything that palate could suggest in the way of eatables was served with a graceful and lavish hospitality, charming all present. It was a typical Missouri dinner, and it is needless to add that it was enjoyed by the club members and the large crowd of guests and friends. Thus again has the cultured, hospitable matrons and maids of good old Odessa "shown" that they are experts in the art of entertaining and making one and all feel at home and welcome.

After dinner the session was resumed, Rev. Snyder ably and pleasingly "talking," after which the choir sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

These nine members having died since the September meeting, committees to prepare memorials were appointed as follows:

On the death of William Lale—G. W. Snyder and J. H. Kelly.

On the death of J. N. Johnson, Sr.—Ed Evers and W. L. Glover.

On the death of E. M. Wagoner—A. L. Maxwell and David McClure.

On the death of John McAlister—Chas. L. Simpson and J. R. Smith.

On the death of Frank W. Davis—Rev. John Meyer and J. C. Kelley.

On the death of B. Steudle—Wm. L. Smith and T. T. Puckett.

On the death of Benj. F. Vaughan—W. A. Redd and Wilson Malone.

On the death of B. M. Lewis—W. H. Bell and J. M. Winn.

On the death of J. N. Gorsuch—D. J. Rumbaugh and I. W. Carson.

Charles A. Graham and J. J. Warden, committee on death of W. L. McGinnis, not furnishing their report will prepare same for the September meeting.

Dr. A. W. Milster made a touching and highly appreciated talk.

An invitation was extended

Stop That Itch!

I will guarantee you to stop that itch in two seconds. A 25 cent bottle will prove it. No remedy that I have ever sold for Eczema, Psoriasis, and all other diseases of the skin has given more thorough satisfaction than this.

D. D. D. Prescription for Eczema

I guarantee this remedy.
CRENSHAW & YOUNG.

asking that the September meeting be held at Aullville and the same was accepted by unanimous vote.

The choir sang "Savior Pilot Me."

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that words fail to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation of the generous, bounteous entertainment accorded the Old Men's Club on this occasion. The "goods delivered" need no words from us, being in strict accord with the proverbial hospitality of the cultured and progressive citizenship of Odessa and vicinity. We simply say "Thanks," and shall ever hold in fond remembrance this meeting as unsurpassed within the club's history.

Resolved, that we not only appreciate, but are under lasting obligations to the young ladies furnishing us the enjoyable music, and to Mr. C. W. Wagoner for his able and touching address of welcome.

The meeting closed with prayer by Dr. Milster, and the club adjourned to meet at Aullville Saturday, September 28, 1912.

WANTS

FOR RENT—The West side of the Bour flats.

FOR SALE—Buff Orpington eggs for setting. Phone 78.

FOR SALE—Three Wheeler & Wilson sewing machines. Call phone 145.

FOR SALE—A neat little home in a pleasant neighborhood. Apply at 1511 Franklin avenue.

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FOR SALE—6 horse power boiler and double action 2 inch steam pump, good as new.
FRANK KRIEHN.

FOR SALE—Baby chicks R. Reds and Buff Orpington day old 10 cents, older 15 cents. Phone 25.

FOR SALE—1 book case, 1 hat rack, 1 gas cooking stove and a lawn mower. Apply to Mrs. O. O. Crawford.

FOR SALE—At a reduced price a new surrey. Also eggs for setting—Buff Orpington and R. I. Reds. Phone 25.

FOR SALE—Both R. C. and S. C. R. I. R. Cockerels and eggs in season. Phone 447.

MRS. J. B. LOGAN.
Lexington, Mo.

FOR SALE—Farm of 80 acres 4 miles south of Lexington on rock road. Enquire of Chas. Lyons, Lexington, Mo., or B. F. Graves, Bolivar, Mo.

For Rent.
Four rooms, bath and fixtures, 1118½ Main street, after July 1. Apply to G. W. Hyde.

Send your lace curtains to us this spring and avoid the work and bother of doing them at home, besides securing better results.

We wash them very carefully, starch them just enough to make them hang and drape right. They will be perfectly square with the corners even and the scallops perfect. Our charge is small and the service prompt.

Crawford's Laundry and Dry Cleaning House. Phone 130.

Pansma and Straw hats cleaned, bleached and trimmed. John Wistenberg.



JOSEPH H. CHRISTY
President of Old Men's Club

who most beautifully and feelingly, on behalf of Odessa, extended a hearty welcome, as follows:

"I count it a pleasure to extend to this Old Men's Club the outstretched hand of welcome in behalf of the citizens, the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of our city. We count it a high honor to again have the privilege of entertaining such an organization as this.

"To me there is no grander sight than this splendid body of frosty haired men. Old Father Time, with his scythe and hour glass, has rolled back year after year and numbered them with the countless ages that have past, and each year has added whiter locks to your temples and deeper furrows to your brows, and each year some of you older ones have gone, one by one, until you now stand among us like solitary oaks in the midst of a fallen forest, hoary with age, but still living as the monuments of splendid American manhood and American valor.

"I would like to stand with bowed and uncovered head and listen to the stories of each of your lives. No historian can ever give a true account of them. Only the All Wise One can know the influence that you have exerted. Some of you still wear the scars of conflicts that have past. Many of you came to this county a half century ago. You endured the hardships of early pioneering. You changed the forests into modest homes. By your earnest efforts and dauntless courage you kept watch