

1928 Reunion, Bryan, TX

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LIONS CLUB ENTERTAINS VETERANS

PRESIDENT LOCKE BRINGS WORDS OF WELCOME FROM CLUB

Veterans of Hood's Texas and Green's Brigade were honored guests at the Lions Club luncheon today at the LaSalle Hotel, the Bryan and Brazos County Chamber of Commerce assisting as hosts. The program was in charge of the President, H. S. Locke, who brought words of welcome to the honored guests and introduced Sam E. Eberstadt, secretary of the Bryan and Brazos County Chamber of Commerce, who introduced Mrs. Libbie Cameron, life secretary of Green's Brigade. Mrs. (Continued on page 6) Cameron presided in the absence of Miss Katie Daffan, life secretary of Hood's Brigade who was indisposed. Speakers of the occasion were: Judge W. H. Browning, commander, Green's Brigade; Capt. W. E. Selman of Terrell, president of Green's Brigade; W. A. _abey, superintendent of the Confederate Home at Austin.

Other members that contributed to the entertainment was a song by Mrs. H. C. Wright of Austin, who is past 80 years of age, and yet has a wonderfully sweet voice.

Mrs. E. Davis of Houston, mother of Dick Dowling Camp, challenged Col. James Briggs to a buck and wing contest. Mrs. A. J. Buchanan played the piano and these two "young chaps" virtually brought down the house as they danced to "Turkey In the Straw." The program was closed with the Lion roar.

Present were: J. J. Pressley, Mrs. Pressley, Mrs. Urbanausky, J. J. Urbanausky, Mrs. H. C. Wright, J. O. Bradfield, Willard Chambers, W. D. Oney, J. E. Mathis, H. H. Young, R. B. Wood, A. S. Ware, M. M. Erskine, R. C. Franks, J. A. Clatter, Dupree Fountain, Henry Locke, A. F. Ainsworth, R. V. Armstrong, Henry A. Neywold, J. P. Goethl, W. E. Neeley, L. H. Barry, Mrs. W. T. Carrington, A. W. Taber, Mrs. A. D. Gardner, Eleanor Jane Watkins, Kathleen Bullard, Robert Hamner, H. C. Wright, U. M. Brock, T. S. Gossett, J. W. Dallas, Mrs. Jane T. Rogers, Harry S. Edge, J. Bryan Mill, Mrs. Albert Buchanan, Miss Juliette Wright, Jas. Briggs, Mrs. M. E. Davis, J. _ Ashford, S. G. Dycus, John M. Lawrence, Harry Estill, A. H. Polley, M. L. McCurdy, Tom G. Suber, John H. Roberts, Mrs. Austin G. Bryan, Miss Lucille Roberts, W. _ Cheabart, E. W. B. Lynch, W. A. Gustavus, J. K. P. Hanna, M. F. Vitopil, W. H. Browning, W. E. Lehman, Mrs. C. C. Camerson, Mrs. S. E. Eberstadt, S. E. Eberstabt, K. D. Prescott, F. D. Fuller, C. C. Redding, Charley Johnson, S. D. Snyder, W. T. Carrington, John E. Blair, J. M. Ferguson, C. M. Sessions, Mrs. C. M. Sessions, Mrs. C. F. Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth Bunton, Austin G. Bryan.

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Old-Time Negro Attends Reunion

Frank Simms, 85 year old negro, who was Col. Hood's cook during the war, is no strangers at the reunions of Hood's and Green's Brigades here.

Simms was born in Sumpter County, Alabama, October 14, 1843. He very proudly exhibits a picture of his master and mistress Jesse Simms and Mary Ann Simms. Uncle Frank also has two brass rings that were given him by the sons of the Sims [sic?] family. One of these was on a leather strap sent back by the boy that he served personally, while the young man was in the confederate army.

Uncle Frank came to Brazos county in 1882, and had been in Madison and Leon counties since 1852, except for the time that he was with the Confederate Army. He lives from the income he gets from his farm, and his pension. He prefers raising corn and does not plant cotton any more. He says that he considers the democrats to be the bravest men in the world and the Baptists to be the best Christians. He remains a Baptist, but says he is about persuaded to quit the democrats. The Bible is his favorite source of philosophy and he quotes it very accurately.

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Official Register Gives Record of Those Attending

The official register of veterans and visitors attending the joint reunion of Hood's and Green's Brigades in Bryan, Tuesday morning included the following: Hood's Brigade: E. W. B. Leach, Company L First Texas Regiment, San Antonio; James Briggs, Company H., First Texas, Fort Worth; John H. Roberts, Company E, Fifth Texas, Arcadia; J. O. Bradfield, Company E, First Texas, Austin; A. H. Polley, Company G, Thirty-third Texas Cavalry, Confederate Home, Austin; J. K. P. Hanna, Company C, Fourth Texas Infantry, Calvert; M. L. McCurdy, Company K, Third Arkansas Regiment, Austin; Charles Johnson, Company D, Louisiana Regiment, Austin; John B. Hood, Jonestown, Miss; Miss Katie Daffan, life secretary-treasurer, Hood's Brigade, Ennis; Captain Jim Dallas, Brenham, Texas.

Green's Brigade: W. T. Thedford, Company A, Seventh Regiment, Austin; W. D. Orsey, Company G, Fifth Texas Cavalry, Austin; Willis E. Selman, Company K, Fourth Texas, Terrell; Judge W. H. Browning, McNeely's Scout, Lampasas; K. D. Prescott, Company I, Eighth Louisiana Cavalry, Austin; H. C. Wright, Austin; Henry Maywold, Company C, Richards, Texas, Mrs. C. C. Cameron, life secretary-treasurer, Green's Brigade, Dallas.

Other visitors registered are: Robert Hamner, Austin; J. D. Pressley and J. J. Pressley, Cook's Point, Burleson county; Miss Eleanor Jane Watkins, San Antonio; R. L. Midkiff, and Isaac P. Midkiff, Bedias; Mrs. A. D. Gardner, Utopia; Miss Lucille Roberts, Arcadia; Miss Juliette Wright, Austin; Mrs. C. F. Smith, Rockdale; Mrs. C. M. Sessions, Rockdale; J. L. Ashford, Hempstead; Miss Elizabeth Wilcox Wallis, Rockdale; J. P. Goeteel, Austin; T. S. Gossett, Austin; A. W. Wallace, Dallas; C. F. Wellborn, Ott; Captain and Mrs. J. w. Dallas, Brenham; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carrington, Brenham; D. I. Boyd, Edge; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Urbanouski, Miss Jilia Urbanouski, Caldwell; J. W. Shaw, Rock Prairie; Captain J. F. Mathis, Reliance; Mrs. H. C. Wright, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barry, Navasota; A. W. Taber, Austin.

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