

DIXIE COMRADES AWAIT 'MUSTER' FOR '31 REUNION

Confederate Veterans' Fast
Thinning Ranks to Form
On June 3.

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ATLANTA, Ga., May 22.—Veterans of the Confederate army, all of them nearing the end of life, are looking forward with the same old eagerness this year to joining comrades at their annual southern reunion.

They have planned for the same trip, faithfully, every year since the custom was begun in the nineties, and all of them plan to attend the gathering until the time comes to join their fellow soldiers who are dead.

The trip across the southern states will be hard on the 2,500 veterans who will assemble in Montgomery, Ala., on June 3, of this year.

'Rather Die at Reunion'
But many of the old soldiers have said: "We would rather die at a reunion than anywhere else in the world." Frequently they get their wish.

There are no more of the colorful leaders of the Confederacy at the gathering, and at the annual muster not a general answers the roll call.

There are a few colonels, a few majors and captains. The rest are men who joined the gray ranks as boys during the last days of the Civil war. Men older at the time have already passed away, for the war was fought two-thirds of a century ago.

Visit Southern 'White House'

The reunion this year will be in the old Capitol of the Confederacy where Jefferson Davis and a cabinet of southern leaders sat and directed the Confederate states' fight for existence.

The men who fought from 1861 to 1865 for secession from the Union will visit the historic old Capitol

Butler Co-Eds to Celebrate



Costumed for Butler university's annual May day celebration Saturday, co-eds pictured here are (left photo) Miss Katherine Sue Kinnaird, 207 West Forty-fourth street, symbolizing "Fire," and in the group photo, foreground, Miss Dorothy Jane Atkins, 4056 College avenue, "Fauna," kneeling, at the left, Miss Mary Charlene Noblitt, 935 Eastern avenue, "Flora," standing, Miss Louise Cox, Peru, "Stella," and right, kneeling, Miss Jane Walker, 3126 Bellefontaine street, "Water."

MORTICIANS NAME GADD

Indiana Undertakers End Annual Convention with Election.

Re-election of Bert S. Gadd, Indianapolis, as Indiana Funeral Directors' Association president, marked close of the fifty-first annual convention Thursday at the state fairground.

John Paul Ragsdale, Indianapolis, was re-elected secretary. Other officers:

Claude F. Fix, Shelbyville, first vice-president; W. J. Wright Jr., Bensalem, second vice-president; John S. McGowan, Indiana Harbor, secretary-at-large, and Harry A. Wyatt of Rushville, J. E. Burns, Hammond, and George A. Craft, New Albany, executive committee.

where the Confederate congress held its deliberations.

They will see the old home which served as the White House of the southern nation.

Symbolic dances depicting efforts of the elements to produce the month of May will precede the May queen's entry at May day ceremonies on the Butler university campus Saturday afternoon.

Approximately 200 students will take part in the May day pageant, written by Mrs. Alice Bidwell Wensberg, professor of English at the university.

Miss Mary Louise Minnick, as May queen, will be attended by a court of fourteen co-eds. Following the coronation ceremony, students from Butler Teachers' college and the Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music will bring their contributions to the May queen in the form of pageants representing the work they do.

The pageant will be given in a natural amphitheater in the wooded section of the Fairview campus, starting at 2:30. The event is open to the public.

MME. WALKER'S HUDSON VILLA WILL BE SOLD

Auctioneer's Hammer Will
Echo Rise of Famed
Negro Woman.

The auctioneer's hammer will swing Saturday, May 30, in Irvington-on-the-Hudson, near New York City, and as it strikes it's "sold" on a villa and estate it will echo a business romance that made a washerwoman a millionaire and gave Indianapolis and the nation the principal benefactor of the Negro race.

The hammer will swing down on the Villa Lewardo mansion of Madam C. J. Walker, Indianapolis philanthropist, who died May 25, 1919, in New York City.

With the death of Madam Walker, her holdings, estimated at \$1,000,000, were left to her daughter, Lella Wilken Robinson Wilson. The daughter is president of the Madam C. J. Walker Manufacturing Company, offices in the Walker theater and in New York City.

Madam Walker's holdings, including the villa, were placed in the possession of the Walker company.

The company planned to convert the villa, with its \$25,000 pipe organ, into a high-class hotel for Negroes. But announcement of Saturday's auction in New York, declares the abandonment of the hotel.

Last year many paintings, tapestries and other lavish outittings of the villa were sold at auction. Madam Walker's riches were gained through a hair-dressing preparation. Born in Delta, Mo., she lived in Denver, Colo., and St. Louis, Mo., and coming to Indianapolis, started her manufacture of cosmetics and hair preparations in a plant at 640 North West street.

The preparation became a sales frebrand and her bank balance mounted.

The World war ensued and Madam Walker established herself in the hearts of the Negro wearers of the khaki with visits to cantonments and contributions to patriotic drives.

Her riches erected the Walker theater. The theater is known as one of the finest in the nation for the Negro race.

She was a donor to Flanner House of Indianapolis, the Negro Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. in addition to other charities.

And even with her death at the age of 53, her charitable work is continued by her heirs, the Madam Walker company, for one-third of

the company's yearly profits are given to charity.

The villa to be sold Saturday was one of New York's show-places. Its grandeur rivaled that of the city's Four Hundred.

Mrs. Walker was the owner of blocks of real estate in Indianapolis in addition to New York state properties.

F. B. Ransom is manager of the

Indianapolis offices of the company on the fourth floor of the Walker Theater building.

Business Man Dies

By Times Special
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