

SHAFT AT OAKLAND TO BE 61 YEARS OLD ON MEMORIAL DAY

The Confederate monument at Oakland cemetery, towering 65 feet into the air, will be 61 years old when the annual celebration of Confederate Memorial Day, with its parade and other features, culminates in services at the foot of the monument next Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Arthur McD. Wilson Jr., president of the Ladies' Memorial Association, which has arranged the program for this year's observance, said yesterday that unveiling ceremonies for the monument were held on April 26, 1874. General Clement A. Evans offered the prayer, Colonel Robert A. Alston introduced the speaker of the day, who was Thomas Hardeman.

The monument is made of Stone Mountain granite and was carved by William Gray. Generous individuals gave the stone and transportation costs while the Ladies' Memorial Association, which has fostered the annual tribute to the Confederate heroes, dead and living alike, ever since 1866, paid the \$8,000 required for dressing, polishing and erecting the monolith.

This year the celebration will include a great parade through downtown Atlanta, with leaders in military and civilian life taking prominent part and with more than 30 bands and drum and bugle corps in the line of march.

Included in the program at Oakland cemetery, which will be held at the foot of the monument, will be solos by James Villard Calhoun, tenor of the choir of the First Methodist church and a well known singer in concert and on the air. Mr. Calhoun is the son of the late Judge Andrew E. and Mrs. Carobel Heidt Calhoun, nephew of the late Dr. Abner Wellborn Calhoun and grandson of the late Andrew B. and Susan Wellborn Calhoun and the late Dr. John W. and Mrs. Eliza Agnes Villard Heidt.