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Hair is to be parted in the middle, a London authority on hairdressing declares. Her Hitler, who parts it on the side, and Signor Mussolini, who hasn't enough left on top to part, will lead the revolt.—Hartford Courant.

Why not write your congressman to suggest to the president that he appoint Hugh Johnson minister to Germany.—Minneapolis Journal.

"France and England must not drift further apart," says a politician. Channel-swimmers will endorse this.—Punch (London).

A New Industry

J. M. Crawford, local business man, is to be congratulated on bringing to North Wilkesboro a new industry, his hosiery mill, which he is installing in the Palmer warehouse building.

It has been several years since the installation of the last manufacturing plant here, but there is nothing that adds more prosperity to a town and community than new payrolls and ways for bringing money in. Here's wishing Mr. Crawford every success in his new enterprise.

An Improvement

The state board of elections in ordering that North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro and Mulberry townships be split into more voting precincts is doing something that should meet with the approval of all citizens who are in favor of fair elections.

This decision by the state board was rendered after lengthy investigations into alleged "irregularities" in the primaries held on June 2 and 30.

North Wilkesboro township during the past ten years has had far too many voters for one voting precinct and plenty for three, into which the state board has recommended that it be divided.

North Wilkesboro has upwards of 2,000 voters. This is too many names for one registrar to keep up with, too many voters for one crew of precinct officials to count on election night, and, to make a long story short, too much work for anybody connected with holding the election. Likewise, Wilkesboro and Mulberry have too many voters for one precinct each and these are to be divided.

Dividing the three townships will do much toward facilitating elections and remove some of the causes for the "gross irregularities" which the board of elections found were obvious in the county.

Home Construction

A large number of prominent industrialists, along with an army of public officials and economists, are of the opinion that stimulated residential construction offers the best chance of accelerating the pace of recovery.

Construction is a local industry. The money that is spent goes first to local people—to workers, contractors, building supply houses. Every business in the community is benefited, from the corner grocery to the electric utility. Every pocket-book feels the fattening effect of construction dollars.

The great drive to boom construction is getting under way now. Private capital that has been tied up in no-productive channels is going to work. A vast need for housing exists, in both urban and rural localities—there has never been so great a potential demand for better and more modern homes.

So far as the individual citizen is concerned, he is now being offered an unprecedented opportunity to build on extremely favorable terms. Almost all the costs involved—from paint to interest charges—are well under previous levels. It is the part of wisdom to make the fullest possible use of that opportunity.

Highway Number 16

After some delay by the state highway and public works commission and quite a bit of anxiety on the part of interested citizens, announcement is made from Raleigh to the effect that the first section of highway number 16 between Millers Creek and Glendale Springs will be let on September 12.

In justice to the state highway officials it is learned that the delay in letting the contract was not due to lethargy on their part or any desire to leave off the project. It took some time to work out the plans and to iron out difficulties with the federal bureau of roads.

There is no cause for anxiety now because funds for this project have been allocated for several months and now that contract is going to be let this week, work should soon be under way.

Number 16 is a very essential highway to two counties, Ashe and Wilkes. The road will benefit Ashe greatly because of the fact that it provides a direct outlet for that county to North Wilkesboro and the industrial Piedmont section of North Carolina. It is Ashe county's nearest route to market.

It is a very important highway for Wilkes because of some of the same reasons it is for Ashe. It passes through progressive communities filled with farm products and raw materials for market. It is a great scenic route and will be one of the most direct connections with the Great Smoky Mountain scenic parkway.

It is learned from reliable sources that it is very probable that the great scenic parkway will use a part of the new survey on number 16.

Highway authorities are enthusiastic over the new survey on the Millers Creek-Jefferson highway, declaring that it is the best survey yet to cross the majestic Blue Ridge. There will be no blind curves and no excessively steep grades, according to the engineers.

The Book

the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains four great treasures.

By BRUCE BARTON

A CENTURY ROLLS BY

So rapidly has the shadow of the Cross extended that in less than a single century it falls across the emperor's throne. Let us turn back to the Bible record and trace the dramatic steps by which this incredible success was won.

The book of the Acts of the Apostles opens significantly:

The former treaties have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and to teach.

That sentence tells us first that the book was written by the same man who wrote the book of Luke and to the same man, Theophilus; and, second, that the writer, in common with the other disciples, regarded the three brief years of Jesus' public work as merely the beginning of His larger life and influence. So the events proved.

Jerusalem of those days was a populous and crowded city, and the disciples were countrymen from an outlying province. Yet, after a brief period of bewilderment, they organized themselves and became immediately a center of power. Thousands of men, some of them prominent in the city's life, came out to their meetings, confessed to the crime that had been done in the murder of Jesus, and became His trusted followers.

Jesus and the original twelve had pooled their revenues in the "bag" which Judas carried, and he had paid all the expenses. For a time the Jerusalem community attempted to operate on this basis and, while there was no hard and fast rule, the sentiment was in favor of a common purse, and most of the group acceded to it. This led to the first tragedy.

A man named Ananias and his wife Sapphira wanted credit for having given their all, but they kept back half of the price of the land they had sold. Peter called Ananias to account, and he brazenly repeated his lie. Peter looked hard at him and said:

Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

Whilst it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men but unto God.

And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost; and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

Three hours later Sapphira came in and repeated the lie and met a similar fate. The incident profoundly impressed the young community. It appears from the narrative that the disciples were not required to give up their property and that some of them did not do so and suffered no reproach. But the sham of pretending to do so met with tragic rebuke.

The fastest runner in the world recently got married. It's no use, boys.—Thomaston (Ga.) Times.

Old-line Republicans want a new line.—Atlanta Constitution.

Full Account of McNeill Reunion Held At Millers Creek Sept. 2nd

By JOHNSON J. HAYES
At Millers Creek, N. C., on Sunday, Sept. 2, members of the McNeill family from Wilkes, Ashe, Watauga, Caldwell, Forsyth, Guilford and other counties met for the first reunion of that family ever held in Wilkes county. The meeting was called to order and presided over by Johnson J. Hayes, a son of John and Sarah (McNeill) Hayes, who stated that the purpose of the meeting was to bring together all data for the purpose of preserving the records of our ancestry and their descendants; to make us better acquainted with each other, and to know our relationship. He said he thought our ancestry worthy to be remembered and preserved, and that their deeds would inspire all of us to nobler action.

The principal speaker of the day was Honorable Robt. H. McNeill, attorney at law of Washington, D. C., but he is the son of the late Rev. Milton McNeill, who was the son of Larkin and a grandson of the original Rev. George McNeill, our first ancestor to settle in Wilkes county. Rev. George McNeill was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1720, came to America, and as a Baptist preacher helped to establish many Baptist churches throughout this section. He died on June 7, 1805, and was buried on what is now the Powell place across the creek from Geo. Welch's at Parsonsville.

Robt. H. McNeill, in a masterful style, presented the historical background of the name, calling attention to the outstanding accomplishments of the McNeills in England, Scotland, Canada and the United States, in the ministry, in law, in poetry and in art. The hundreds of people present were visibly delighted to know that their clan had accomplished such noteworthy deeds.

James Larkin Pearson, the poet laureate of North Carolina, whose mother was a sister of Rev. Milton McNeill, and who has worked quietly for 25 years on the family history, spoke very entertainingly and instructively on the early McNeills, giving us all available information concerning Rev. George McNeill's children, there being eight of them. He said some of these children went to Tennessee and some to North Carolina; that he was unable to furnish authentic information concerning them, but he demonstrated that James, Thomas and Joseph, sons of Rev. George, were the ones to transmit their blood into the thousands in North Carolina and Tennessee and with whom those present were akin and from whom they descended.

The McNeill women of this generation demonstrated they still knew how to cook and to present a real picnic, for the 200 feet of tables were loaded with chicken, roast beef and lamb, boiled ham, pies, cakes and pickles, and enough of it to feed everybody.

The principal speeches in the afternoon were made by Senator Peter Thurmond McNeill, of West Jefferson, Mr. Augustus (Gus) Eller, of Bina, Ashe county, Eugene Shaw, attorney at law of Greensboro, N. C., and Rev. Seymour Taylor, pastor of the Methodist church of Wilkesboro. Each of them is a lineal descendant of the McNeills and each presented interesting data concerning his particular branch of the family. Senator McNeill is a son of Gaither, former sheriff of Ashe county, who was a son of Peter McNeill. Peter was born in Wilkes county but settled in Ashe and raised a large family. Mrs. E. E. Eller of North Wilkesboro being his daughter. Peter McNeill was a son of John and Rachel Eller McNeill, Rachel being a sister of Capt. Simeon Eller. Peter was a grandson of James and Mary Shepherd McNeill and a great-grandson of Rev. George McNeill.

Mr. Gus Eller was a son of James Eller and a brother of A. H. Eller of Winston. James Eller was the son of Capt. Simeon Eller and Fannie McNeill Eller. Fannie was a daughter of James and a granddaughter of Rev. George McNeill. The marriage of Fannie McNeill to Simeon Eller makes the lineal descendants of Simeon Eller akin to the McNeills. Mr. Eller told many interesting things concerning the early Wilkes people of which he had personal knowledge, for he lived with his father at the place where Charlie Hayes now lives on Purlair Creek.

Interesting accounts of Franklin, Jesse, Laura, McNeill Canter, Alfred McNeill, William (called Big Billie), Peter, Emaline, Caroline and Susan (wife of Jimmie D. McNeill), and Polly (wife of David Eller who died during the Civil War), all sons and daughters of John and Rachel Eller McNeill, were given respectively by Kyle Hayes, lawyer, Glenn McNeill, Claude Canter, Postal Service, all of North Wilkesboro, Senator Peter Thurmond McNeill

and J. J. Hayes.
George McNeill who married Susan Vannoy had as large a family as his brother John. Rev. Seymour Taylor, a grandson, told the outstanding facts concerning this family, while specific information concerning George's children and their descendants was furnished by H. C. Kilby of Wilkesboro on James H. (Jimmie D.); James Larkin Pearson, of Boomer, N. C., on Jesse A. (Tess); Rev. Seymour Taylor on Rebecca who married James Taylor; Eugene Shaw, lawyer of Greensboro, N. C., on Polly, wife of Rev. W. W. White; Miss Annie McNeill, teacher, Wilkesboro route 1, on Thomas Winslow McNeill (father of Mrs. L. Bumgarner and Mrs. O. F. Eller of Wilkesboro); Nancy who married Jesse H. McNeill was included with his descendants, and John G., father of Banner, was given by J. J. Hayes.

Mr. Chelsie Eller, county superintendent of schools, supplied the data concerning Rebecca McNeill, sister of James and George, who married Rev. John Humphrey Vannoy. Their daughter, Louisa, married Mr. James Eller, the father of Dr. Albert Eller; Chelsie also discussed Rebecca's brother, Eli McNeill.

Mr. Rufus Eller, Wilkesboro route 1, reported on Oliver (Ollie), brother of John McNeill, and his children, among whom were Calvin, father of Chas's mother, and Alpha, who married Anderson Eller, the parents of Rufus.

J. J. Hayes supplied the information concerning John McNeill's brother, William (Squire Billie) and his sister, Nancy, who married Edward J. Dancy. Squire Billy still has one child living, Mrs. Evaline Nichols, aged 84, whose mind is very active and whose memory is excellent. Nancy Dancy was the mother of Mary, who married Calvin McNeill, and of Amelia, who married Joseph Nichols, and of Rufus Dancy.

Joseph McNeill, a son of the original Rev. George, and Joseph's descendants, were furnished by T. J. McNeill, of Roaring River. This Joseph was the father of Larkin, who married Nellie Ferguson, and of Rev. James McNeill, and of William McNeill, (known as Little Billy). This William was the father of Geo. Bartlett, James Oliver, Thomas Irvin and Mary Evaline, wife of W. H. Stout, of Texas; while Larkin's children were John McNeill, who married Rebecca Ferguson, the late Rev. Milton McNeill and Louisa, wife of William Pearson, and mother of James Larkin Pearson. Rev. George McNeill's other son, Thomas, who married Mary Hanna, daughter of Rev. James Parson, and his descendants were discussed by J. J. Hayes. His children were Polly, wife of John Parsons (the father of Franklin and Gordon); Sally, who married William Blackburn (father of Adolphus, Finley and Adelaide, who married Calvin Tomlinson); James, who married Fannie Dula (father of Eda, who married George W. Bradley; Mary Ann, who married Bennett Welch; Fannie, who married Joe Jones; Martha, who married John Thompson, and George, who married Mary Miller); George W., Senior, who married Levisa Triplett (father of John, who married Frankie, sister of Scott Yates; Sally, who married Alfred Proffit, the father of R. L. Proffit; Sallina, who married Wesley Green; Albert, who left this country, and Thos., who lives in Caldwell county; George William, Jr., who married Sally Messick; James, who died in Alabama; Rufus, of Boomer R. F. D., who married

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Cora Foster; Alice, who married Jackson Wilson, of Zionville, N. C.; Mary, who married Joe Goodman, and Alverta, who married Senter Stansbury, of Zionville. By unanimous vote, the reunion will be held next on the first Sunday in September at Millers Creek. A permanent organization was effected. Johnson J. Hayes was made chairman, Chal O. McNeill, of North Wilkesboro, was made vice chairman, James Larkin Pearson was made secretary, and T. J. McNeill, of Roaring River, was made treasurer.

Female Of The Species

"Well, I must be off. I've an appointment with mother." The second woman gave an astounded laugh. "My dear," she said, "is it possible that you have another living?" "Yes, oh, yes," said the first woman; and then she laughed in her turn. "And do you know," she said, "I don't believe she looks a day older than you!"

Out Of Date

She was trying to be nice to the little girl whose mother was a great friend of hers. "I hope you are getting on well at school," she said. "Now, I wonder if you can spell 'horse'." "I could if I wanted to," replied the little girl. "But don't you think it's rather old-fashioned?"

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