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## JOHN CHARLES M'NEILL MEDAL—OTHERS TO BE GIVEN

County Schools Commencement One of Greatest Interest—A Great Time Expected at Sneed's Grove—Three Medals to be Given—No Literary Address—Whole Day Given to Various Contests.

The Program Committee has decided to have no literary address at the county commencement this year, and thereby leave more time for the boys and girls. They have given the whole day to the various contests of the students. From present indications there will be some close contests.

Public-spirited citizens have arranged to give us medals annually for excellence in the various literary fields. The best evidence of school spirit I have seen demonstrated in this county was when I spoke of this move. I talked it over with six distinguished men, and every man offered to establish a prize and give that prize a name, so that the passing years in giving history to the prize would make it more coveted by the pupils. As we have arranged for but three of these contests this year, but three medals have yet been established.

Judge Neal, the man who has risen to the highest distinction of any man in the field of public speaking in our county, that of Superior Court Judge, showed schoolboy enthusiasm when contests were mentioned. His life having been one of contests before the bar, he expressed himself as glad to give a medal to the best declaimer.

The essay medal for the high school department, to be known as the "John Charles McNeill Essay Medal," is given by a man whose name alone would be an inspiration to the boys. But he modestly declined having his name mentioned in connection with the medal, saying he wanted to do honor to our great writer as well as hold that writer's achievements up for the high school to emulate. He added that he would give a medal the boys would never be ashamed of. So, boys, distinguish yourselves in your efforts for the first "John Charles McNeill Medal."

The medal for the best essay in the grammar grades will be given annually by THE EXCHANGE. Our new editor, a live wire, vitally interested in everything which goes to the upbuilding of the people with whom he has allied himself, was thankful for the honor of presenting this prize. His paper stands for public spirit and literary excellence; therefore this medal will be appropriate.

The prizes to the various winners in athletics, in value not to be worth less than one dollar, will be presented by the business men of the county.

In talking with the people over the county, I find demonstrations of fine school spirit in the grown-up people as well as the children. Every man is behind his school, expecting to take one of these medals back to his district.

So I urge every man in the county to lay aside his work for one day, and with a good dinner basket come to Sneed's Grove on Friday, April 3d, that he may be counted among this band of men who are going to make old Scotland county go forward by leaps and bounds.

L. M. PEELE,  
County Superintendent.  
Gibson, N. C., March 23, 1914.

A coop of chickens has been received at the Lumberton post-office by parcel post.

### McKenzie Case Heard By Supreme Court Tuesday.

The case of Will T. McKenzie, the young Scotland county citizen who is under sentence of death for the murder of his brother-in-law, Peter D. Jones, was argued on appeal before the Supreme Court Tuesday.

Our readers are familiar with the case as tried in Robeson county and its results, an appeal to the Supreme Court having been taken. Messrs. T. J. Dunn and E. H. Gibson, representing the defendant, and W. H. Weatherpoon, representing the State, are the local attorneys who appeared in the matter at Raleigh, while Mr. R. C. Lawrence for the State and Mr. L. R. Varsar for the defendant, both of Lumberton, attended.

### Child Sick With Pneumonia.

Special to the Exchange.

Laurel Hill, N. C., March 23.—The people of Sneed's Grove and Laurel Hill church communities are very sorry indeed to learn of the illness of Master Nathan Norton, who is suffering from an attack of pneumonia. Dr. Wilcox, of Laurel Hill, is attending him. We trust that the case will only prove to be a slight one, and extend much sympathy to the parents. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Norton.

"Smashing the Vice Trust", a moving picture, was placed under the ban at Asheville last week by a committee of censors.

The Pasquotank Hosiery Company is a new organization at Elizabeth City. The factory will employ 100 hands, have a weekly payroll of \$2,500 and will make 300 dozen pairs of hose a day.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Secretary of State Bryan will be speakers at the progressive Democratic convention to be held at Raleigh soon.

B. B. Thompson was placed in jail at Wadesboro one day last week charged with shooting Jas. Flynn. Thompson claims that he shot in self-defense.

For breaking up tombstones in the Wadesboro cemetery Less Frye was last week fined \$50 by the Recorder.

A man (or brute) named Dixon of Cleveland county who had his wife cutting timber while he hauled wood, upon returning to the woods for a load, it is said, found that a tree had fallen on his wife in his absence. Lifting the tree off her body, he loaded up another turn of wood and drove to his house, where he got some planks and returning to the woods brought the dead body home.

The Anson Sanatorium, a new institution at Wadesboro, costing \$23,000, has been completed.

The North Carolina Confederate reunion will be held in Raleigh June 10th.

The State of North Carolina will receive \$100,000 as an inheritance tax from the estate of Geo. W. Vanderbilt at Biltmore.

Lem Leong, a Chinese boy of High Point, is causing a great deal of comment in that city. Leong has been objected to as a student of the city schools, and the question of his right to attend has been put up to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for a decision.

## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

If you have not paid your dues to THE LAURINBURG EXCHANGE, it is a matter that you should look after without delay. This is not a mere suggestion from us, but an earnest request that you pay us what you owe us: It is neither business, nor is it possible, for us to continue sending the paper, which costs us considerable money each week to produce, to you without payment of your subscription. If we had no expenses to pay, we would not be so insistent about this matter, but constant demand is made on us for money to pay our operating expenses—hence the necessity of our collecting what is due us.

Give this your prompt attention and help us to make your county paper what it should be.

THE PUBLISHER.

### STATE NEWS.

As a result of a mad-dog scare, forty-one dogs were killed in Monroe Saturday and Monday.

The twenty-fourth annual session of the Women's Missionary Union of North Carolina, is in session at Hendersonville.

The Trinity College Alumnae Association have inaugurated a movement to secure \$100,000 for a woman's college at Trinity.

According to Mr. John Motley Morehead, one of the State's leading Republicans, politics is dead in North Carolina for his party.

Late reports from the strawberry belt say that the crop was badly damaged by the recent cold weather, and that shipments will not begin to move before May 1.

Harrison Collins, a white man 24 years of age, of Shelby, is in the county jail awaiting trial on a charge of criminally assaulting Miss Sallie Davis in that city Saturday night.

Among the items carried in the Civil War claims bill reported to the United States Senate Friday, was \$1,800 to the trustees of the Presbyterian church at Lumber Bridge.

Dr. L. B. McBrayer, a noted physician of Asheville, has accepted the position of superintendent and medical adviser of the State Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Montrose.

A jury at Asheville who were trying a deaf mute for murder rendered a most peculiar verdict. A plea of insanity was offered by the defense and the jury returned a verdict that the defendant was sane, but not capable of answering to a charge of murder.

Rufus L. Johnson, a dairyman of Raleigh, plunged through the glass front of his delivery wagon Sunday when the wagon became uncoupled. In his plunge through the glass he was frightfully cut, one piece of glass entering his eye and pierced his brain, killing him.

Just for the satisfaction of knowing, Will Killian, a 14-year-old boy of Maiden, Sunday afternoon touched the wires of the Southern Power Company's line with a pole, and the result was that he found out that there was enough juice running along the wires to kill him.

Richard Dill, a 12-year-old boy of Newbern, proved himself a thoughtful, quick-witted hero in saving little Edward Brock, his 10-year-old companion, from drowning the past week. Dill, who is a Boy Scout, had read how to save drowning persons and when his companion plunged backward into Trent river, remembering the printed instructions, grabbed a pole and plunged it into the river where the young companion had fallen. Luckily, the young lad caught the pole and was pulled to safety. An effort is being made to get Dill a Carnegie medal for heroism.

### GENERAL NEWS.

Jealousy drove Anthony Plaviac, a Baltimore tailor, to kill himself and his wife Monday.

Fire at Bombay, India, Monday burned cotton valued at \$2,500,000.

Harry Thurston Peck, former Columbia University professor, died by his own hand Monday at Stamford, Conn.

A kid-glove bandit boarded a Southern train at Floville, Ga., Saturday, but was frightened and escaped.

The 15,000 depositors who had \$2,700,000 in Seigel's private banks in New York are likely to lose their entire savings.

Senator Borah says it is impossible for women to obtain votes by a constitutional amendment until the fifteenth amendment is repealed.

A new island 100 feet high and 200 feet in circumference was created in the Bonin group, Japan, during a volcanic eruption.

A Suffolk, Va., grand jury has returned a true bill of indictment against Guy T. Horner, a member of the Legislature, charging him with misappropriation of funds.

A bill introduced in the Mississippi Legislature to prohibit moving pictures showing hugging and kissing, wild west scenes, gambling, drinking, smoking cigarettes and vulgar dancing, was defeated by a vote of 24 to 4.

A German druggist who was called the "Bluebeard of Germany", was beheaded Monday. The crimes for which he suffered death were the murders of his father, his first wife and two of his children. He was also convicted of attempting to murder his second and third wives and several other persons.

Mexican Federal soldiers, who attempted to pursue with rifle bullets a defeated Constitutionalist force escaping to the United States and safety, met sharp resistance Monday from United States Cavalry on border patrol at McKee's Crossing, Texas. When three horses held by the American troopers had been shot down, the Americans returned the fire. The Mexicans withdrew bearing with them several dead and wounded.

Harry Davis, a crippled lad of 12 years, of Sewickley, Pa., had a very great desire to see President Wilson and prayed that he might. His mother wrote the President who immediately requested that Harry come. Monday the little fellow was carried on a stretcher to the White House and had his prayers answered, for President Wilson sat beside him and chatted and petted him. Before being carried away, the youngster asked about Mrs. Wilson and left flowers for her. The President's eyes filled with tears as the little man was carried away by the nurses.

## SCOTLAND HAS A GIRL MEMBER OF CORN CLUB

Scotland Corn Club is Composed Of Thirty-Seven Boys and One Girl—Scotland Probably the Only County in the State Who Has a Girl Member, Who is Miss Emma Lee McMillan.

### Revival to Begin at Gibson Sunday.

To the Editor of THE EXCHANGE:

Please announce that Dr. L. L. Nash, our Conference missionary evangelist, will assist the pastor in a revival meeting in the Gibson Methodist church next Sunday, 11 a. m., March 29. Both St. John and Gibson congregations are requested to unite in a great union service. We have today installed chairs in our classrooms and Sunday school auditorium. We expect to be able to seat all who come.

The public is cordially invited to attend the revival services. Come praying that we may have a great meeting.

O. W. Dowd, Pastor.  
Gibson, N. C., Mch. 23, 1914.

### Mrs. John Grubb Loses an Eye Through Operation.

For several weeks Mrs. John Grubb, wife of Mr. John Grubb of Laurinburg Rural Route No. 3, has suffered greatly from a diseased eye. Several visits were made to Charlotte where she was undergoing treatment. The left eye, the diseased one, continued to grow worse and as a result the right eye became affected and in order to save one the other was removed by operation last Friday in a Charlotte hospital. Mr. Grubb accompanied Mrs. Grubb to Charlotte for the operation and returning spent Sunday there with her.

It will be a source of great pleasure to the friends of both Mr. and Mrs. Grubb to know that the operation was successful in every way and that Mrs. Grubb was able to return to her home Monday night.

### Right, You Are.

Editor Treylon Browne, the new editor of THE LAURINBURG EXCHANGE, having been asked how he likes Laurinburg, answers: "We want to say that we like it fine, and expect to like it better the longer we stay."

Editor Browne is bound to like that town and the whole of Scotland county, as well as the counties surrounding Scotland. There is no finer section of the South, and so far as the people are concerned, we wish there were 5,000,000 like them in North Carolina. Lovely Laurinburg always looks that way to us.—Wilmington Star.

Williams Jennings Bryan Truitt of Elon College was awarded first prize, \$75, over seven competitors in the intercollegiate peace contest at Greensboro Friday night. Mr. Truitt spoke on the subject: "The Need of a Reign of Peace." Bryan and Peace seem to be the thing.

Vice President Marshall has accepted Charlotte's invitation to be its guest and deliver an address on May 20th.

Fire which originated in the Duke office building, Durham, Monday night, swept two of its principal business blocks causing a loss of approximately \$2,000,000, about half of which is covered with insurance. A bursting water main caused considerable delay in the fire fighting. The fire began before midnight Monday and burned until 8 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Rowland has sold bonds in the sum of \$30,000, the money to be used in installing electric lights and waterworks in that city.

Thirty-seven boys and one girl compose the Scotland County Corn Club. Scotland possibly has the only corn club girl in the State in Miss Emma Lee McMillan. The club is composed of the following: Miss Emma Lee McMillan, and the following boys: Dewey Woodard, William Mumford, Fred Currie, Thomas Peele, Dan Johnson, John M. Seals, David Stevens, Tom Gregory, Roger Martin McGirt, Irvin Farmer, Ozzie Wright, John McKinnon, Ralph Calhoun, J. Carl Parker, Leo Hasty, Gilbert A. Jones, Earl Gibson, James McIntyre, Claud Gibson, John W. Jones, William C. Webb, John C. Webb, John Wesley McKenzie, Alston Jones, Leonard Knight, Dan Wright, Willie Monroe, Ernest McLean, Lacy McLean, Johnson Matthews, Dan Watson, McNeill Watson, Dewey Brown, Elmore Gibson, Elbert Gibson, Grady Norton and Montford Brigman.

Boys wishing to join will have to hustle. It is corn planting time, and any boy wishing to join can send in his name to E. P. Josey, Laurinburg, and he becomes a member, provided he is between the ages of ten and fifteen years.

### Miss Wright Entertains in Honor of Visitors.

Special to The Exchange.

Gibson, N. C., March 24, 1914.—Miss Bernice Wright was at home to a few of her friends on last Friday evening, in honor of Misses Mattie Hunsucker and Louise Haynesworth, who were her guests for the week-end.

The amusement of the evening was rook. Hot chocolate and a fruit course were served for refreshments.

Those who enjoyed her hospitality were: Misses Anna Gibson, Eula Sizemore, Bertha Lever, Louise Haynesworth and Mattie Hunsucker; Messrs. Frank Adams, Archie Breeden, Douglas Baxley, Arthur Mills, Alfred Smith, Tom Pate, Jarvis Teague and Whiteford Odum.

The evening passed rapidly away and was enjoyed to the fullest by every one.

### Mason's Cross High School Wins Debate.

While the Laurinburg School lost their High School debate Friday night with both Lumberton and Sanford, the Mason Cross High School, one of the county's brag rural schools, was burying their opponents (the Roberdell school) under an avalanche of argument that brought to them a decision of victory, both at home and away from home.

A third school to form the triangle with Mason Cross and Roberdell could not be secured, and according to the rule of the society, the two schools, instead of three, must debate the question—hence the contest between these two instead of three schools. The Mason Cross school sent to Roberdell Messrs. Boyd White and Clayton Wright. At home Messrs. Jack and Guthrie Gibson delivered the winning arguments. This victory for the Mason Cross school gives them the right to send these four young men to Chapel Hill, where a final contest will be held and the winning team will be awarded the Aycock Memorial Cup, and here's hoping that the Mason Cross boys will bring the trophy home with them. The contest at Chapel Hill will be held April 3d.