

CAMERON

A Bit of Moore County History in Cameron Community

Mr. D. M. Phillips, on route two, who at the present is operating one of the largest dewberry farms in the south, and who was home for the week-end, was in town Monday and showed the correspondent an old English coin that was found at the "old muster ground." The coin is so battered and worn that it is difficult to decipher; the date is 1739, Rex Britania. From the date, the figure-head of the king that is stamped on one side must be that of George II. Perhaps the lady on the other side of the coin is that of Wilhelmina Caroline, of whom J. McN. Johnston, in that wonderful multum in parvo "A Thousand Years With Royalty," says: "The reign of George II. would have come down to us without a feature to redeem it from infamy, had not his queen, Wilhelmina Caroline, fondly remembered as 'Caroline the beloved,' shed a glory about the court of this king that has done much to dispel the gloom created by her mean spirited lord, for—

"As unto the bow the cord is,
So unto the man is woman."

The site of the "old muster ground" is up on route two on the farm of J. A. Phillips, of Cameron. A tenant farmer of Mr. Phillips has a house on or near the exact spot. Before the Civil war, the muster ground was on the estate of "Big" Neill McNeill. A man by name of Gilmore lived near the muster ground; I remember distinctly the old Gilmore gate, and the old Gilmore field, for at that time the place was a part of the estate of my grandfather, Jack McNeill. A daughter of Gilmore married Col. Matthews, a whig of the revolution. Col. Matthews was the father-in-law of "Big" Neill McNeill. Neill Kay McNeill was the younger son of "Big" Neill, and inherited the ancestral home; he kept a store at the old muster ground. This store was burned down on the night I was born. However, I've no recollection of the conflagration, but remember hearing my mother tell that black mammy Jean saw the sparks from the burning building, and came into the room to announce that judgment day had come, for the stars were falling. Koy McNeill rebuilt the store at the home place; he owned quite a number of slaves, was a planter merchant, and turpentine operator. He was a captain in the Confederate army, was promoted to major, and afterwards to colonel, but always retained the title of major. He was a warm and personal friend of General Lee. When Major McNeill moved to South Carolina, he sold out to Moses Britton, who lived there for many years, a successful business man and a leading citizen in the county. When Britton moved to Cameron, he sold out to John C. Ferguson, whose children are the present owners of the estate and the site of the old muster ground. They, the present owners, are Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Phillips and Miss Mary Ferguson, of Cameron. Both men, Moses Britton and John C. Ferguson, were Confederate soldiers, and served with distinction in the Confederate army.

So much for a bit of Moore county history revived from the finding of an old English coin. Among the descendants of Col. Matthews of revolutionary fame, other than McNeills, who live in this section of Moore county, are J. F. Cole, of Carthage; Joel Cole, on Cameron route two; Carlton Matthews, of Lemon Springs; A. J. Keith, and Mrs. John B. Cameron, on Cameron route one.

Mumps and measles! Measles and mumps!

Mrs. Mary Blue and grandson, Mr. Marcellus Cameron, of Southern Pines, were callers Sunday afternoon at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Tally and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Borst.

Miss Kate Arnold and brother, Mr. Tom Arnold, Messrs. H. A. McNeill, Neill A. Graham and twin sons, John and James, motored to Fayetteville Sunday for a visit to relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McLean, of Aberdeen, were in town Saturday to see Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Petty, who are both quite feeble. Mr. McLean called at the home of the correspondent, bringing the sad information of the death of the little four-years-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Talbot Johnson, of Aberdeen, who passed away in a hospital at Baltimore.

Mrs. Alfred Graham and little daughter, Nellie, on route two, came over to spend the week-end with her father, Mr. J. W. Norman and sister,

Miss Nonnie Norman.
Mr. Ed Thompson on route 1 had the great misfortune to lose his barn and contents by fire with all the fertilizer he had purchased for the year's farming about 10 o'clock Sunday night. Fortunately he saved all his stock. Origin of the fire unknown.

Miss Margaret McQueen met with her class at the school house Thursday.

Mr. R. L. Poindexter, of Sanford, was a business visitor in town last week.

Mrs. Ida Buie and daughter, Miss Vara, of Cypress community, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Phillips, of Raeford, were visitors on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Phillips.

The Merry Makers met Friday evening with Miss Jacksie Muse who, after the work of the club was completed, served block cream and cake.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cameron and children, Virginia, Johnnie and Opal Thagard, spent Sunday with Mrs. Cameron's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coore on route 1.

Misses Lucile Rogers and Lady Loving were dinner guests Sunday of Mrs. Ben Gullidge on route 2.

Mr. D. J. McNeill, of Union Home Farm, was a business visitor in town Saturday.

Mr. Rufus Swett, of Hamlet, spent Sunday with his father, Mr. T. G. Swett.

Mrs. Laura Rogers was a guest on Sunday of Mrs. Holt on route one.

Hon. R. L. Burns, of Carthage, spoke Sunday night at the Methodist church in the interest of the super-annuated preachers of the Methodist Church.

There have been twenty accessions to Cameron Methodist church since the beginning of the year, 1924.

Mr. John B. Cameron, on route 1, and Mr. Stacy Brewer, of The Pilot, two of the leading citizens of Moore county, were in town Monday.

Messrs. J. S. and W. M. McLaughlin, from Carthage, were in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Ruth and F. C., Jr., of Raleigh, spent the week-end with Mrs. Ruth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Swett on route 2.

Prof. and Mrs. D. W. Matthews, of Vass, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Irvin and Mrs. Mildred Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Snow are spending some time in Asheville.

Miss Annie Pierce came up last week from Greenville, where she is a student, to nurse at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. D. J. Pierce, who has been critically ill, but whom we are now pleased to report improving.

Mrs. H. P. McPherson and Miss Thurla Cole were the appointed delegates from Cameron to the Presbyterian at Fayetteville. Mrs. McPherson represented the ladies and Miss Cole the Young Ladies' Auxiliary.

Mr. Jimmie Armstrong, of Lee border, was in town Monday, and said he had "pitched" his crop. He expects to make 200 bushels of corn, all the dewberries he could manage, and all the garden truck he could eat.

Mr. John Keith spent Sunday with home folks in Addor.

Mr. Travis, of Colon, was the guest last week of Mr. John Keith at the Greenwood Inn.

Miss Kate Arnold, high school teacher, was the charming hostess to the senior class of '24 of Cameron high school, Friday, April 11th, from eight to eleven o'clock p. m. Many interesting games were played, also several very interesting and clever guessing contests were presented by the hostess, and prizes were awarded to those scoring the highest. The guests were requested to go out and taste a part of the cold world, which consisted of block cream and cake in the class colors of pink and green, and decorated with the class number '24 in pink and green. As the guests departed, each assured the hostess how delightful the evening had been.

Mr. D. W. McNeill returned Monday from a business trip to Smoaks, S. C.

Mr. J. A. Phillips, who has purchased the Isabella McIver homestead on route 2, has planted there a large dewberry farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sinclair were in town Monday to see Mrs. Sinclair's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Petty.

Mrs. T. C. Gaddy is on a visit to friends and relatives in and around her old home, McFarland.

Mrs. Sallie Currie on route 2, was a business visitor in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McNeill, Miss

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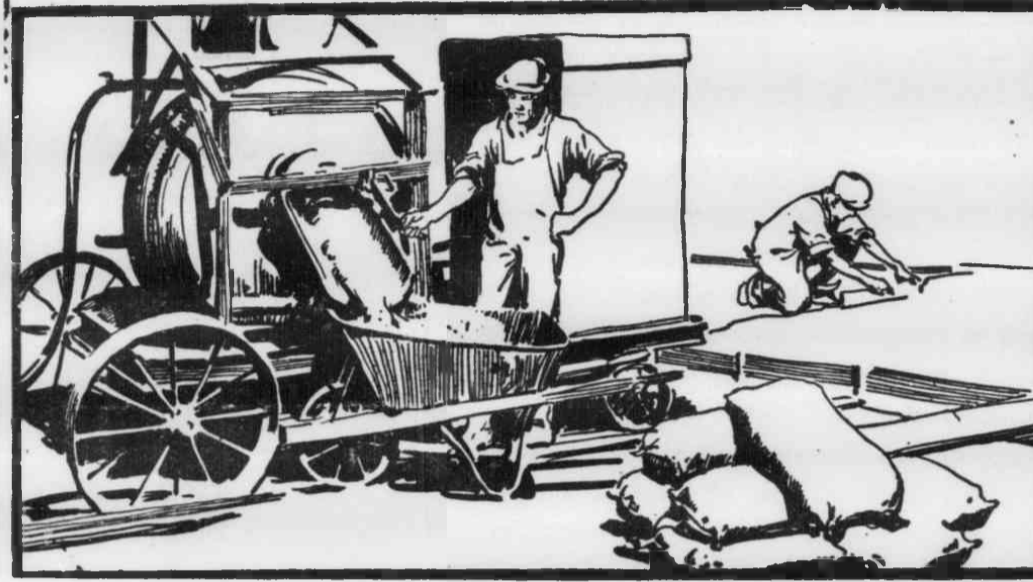
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