

McNeills Gather In Annual Reunion At Millers Creek

Interesting Program Carried Out In Second Family Association Meeting

(By JAMES LARKIN PEARSON, Secretary)

The cloud-draped skies and the drizzling rain on the morning of Sunday, Sept. 1st, was not enough to discourage the loyal McNeill family or to interfere with its annual meeting at Millers Creek. Even before the clouds passed off and the rain ceased, the members of this widely-scattered Scotch family were packed into their closed cars and coming from all directions toward their annual meeting place on the Boone Trail Highway six miles west of North Wilkesboro.

By ten o'clock the hill was well covered with cars and people, and many were the glad greetings and handshakes while brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, cousins and distant relatives met and mingled, renewing old family ties and making new ones.

The George McNeill Family Association, numbering thousands of people in Western North Carolina and other states, is made up of the descendants of one man—the Rev. George McNeill—who was born in Scotland in 1720, came to

America about 1745, and died in Wilkes county, North Carolina, June 7, 1895. He has been estimated that his living descendants, if they could all be gotten together at one of these annual gatherings, would make a vast army of 40,000 or more. Thousands of them live in Western North Carolina, while other thousands are scattered all over the country—North, South, East and West. The George McNeill Family Association was organized for the purpose of locating and contacting these thousands of scattered cousins, getting them acquainted with each other, and preserving the history and traditions of a notable family.

At about 11 o'clock as many people as could be crowded into the Millers Creek high school building listened with eager attention to the opening address by the president of the association, Judge Johnson J. Hayes, who stated the purposes of the gathering and stressed the importance of family loyalty and good blood in character building and citizenship. Judge Hayes, in the course of his address, rendered tender and glowing tribute to a number of the outstanding characters of earlier generations, including the late Rev. Milton McNeill, of Wilkesboro.

At the close of the president's address, a number of visiting cousins from out of the State were recognized and asked to speak briefly. One of these, Mr. Gaither Whittington, of Hedrick, Iowa, told of a McNeill Family reunion which he attended two weeks ago in Iowa, those of the Iowa meeting being of the same family blood as the Millers Creek gathering. It was an interesting link, and just the sort of thing that the home association is working toward all along the line. Other visitors from out of the state who were recognized and welcomed were Mrs. Nora Weaver and son, Aberdeen, Maryland; Mrs. Ollie Gill, Alta Vista, Va., and Mr. Albert Higgins, Blackstone, Va.; Mr. George McNeill, Washington, D. C.

The meeting adjourned for the dinner hour, and the bountiful feast that was spread on two long tables under the shade trees was abundant proof that the McNeill women are good cooks. The

five or six hundred people present had an hour of feasting and visiting together which will long be remembered.

Immediately after dinner, Attorney Robert H. McNeill, of Washington, D. C., spoke for an hour to a crowded house, and the breathless attention given to his address was eloquent testimony to his ability and charm as a speaker. At some points he brought his audience to tears, and then relieved the tension with a few typical Scotch jokes.

Dr. J. I. Foust, President Emeritus of W. C. U. N. C., Greensboro, and who, as Judge Hayes said, "had the good sense to choose a Wilkes county McNeill for his wife," was recognized and cheered as he and Mrs. Foust stood smiling before the audience.

One of the interesting things that came to light during the day was the following: Somebody discovered in the crowd a young married couple, the wife having been a McNeill before marriage, and she had in her charge two little girls — twins — about two years old. The husband had in his arms two little boys—twins—about one year old. This happy father and mother of two sets of little twins were asked to stand up, and the house roared with cheers.

Mr. Jay Anderson, of North Wilkesboro, who has made a great name for himself at Wake Forest College as musician and musical director, rendered several of his best musical numbers during the day, and was chosen to direct the music at next year's meeting.

Mrs. Floyd Jennings, of Pores Knob, who is an artist of rare ability, exhibited a copy of the McNeill Coat of Arms and made a brief and interesting talk concerning it. Mrs. Jennings has painted several copies of the McNeill Coat of Arms for members of the McNeill Association.

It had been hoped to have present at this 1935 meeting the MacNeill of Barra, the hereditary chief of all the McNeills in the world, whose home is in New York City; but it was not possible to get him here this time.

However, the management is beginning right now to lay plans to have him here next year, the first Sunday in September, 1936.

Among the visitors from out of the State were the following: Mr. Gaither Whittington, Route 1, Hedrick, Iowa; Mrs. Nora Weaver and son, Aberdeen, Maryland; Mrs. Ollie Gill, Alta Vista, Va.; Mr. Albert Higgins, Blackstone, Va.; Mr. Walter A. McNeill, Cranfill, Tenn.

Among the visitors from out of the county were: Robert Taylor, Clement McNeill and Ed Bingham, Boone; Eller McNeill and Floyd McNeill, Rutherford; Augustus Eller and Cicero Eller, Bina; E. A. McNeill and family, Jefferson; W. E. McNeill, Jefferson; Thurmond McNeill, Rufus McNeill, Jones McNeill and Charles McNeill, West Jefferson; Mrs. Laura Black, Jefferson; William C. McNeill, Charlotte; Dr. J. I. Foust and Mrs. Foust, Greensboro; Roby Bullis and family and Ray Bullis and family, Sanford; Woodrow McNeill, Le-noir; William C. McNeill, Charlotte; G. T. Proffit, Kipling; Miss Hazel McNeill, Troy; Miss Juanita McNeill, Salisbury; Mrs. Opal McNeill McClain, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Jessie McNeill Grimes, Thomasville; Mrs. Minnie Hayes Phillips, Jonesville; Mr. J. M. McNeill and family, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Joseph Wardin, Charlotte.

Addition names from outside the state: Mrs. Stella Taylor Boswell, Union Level, Va.; Robert H. McNeill, George McNeill and Miss Evelyn McNeill, Washington, D. C.

A business meeting was held at which officers for the coming year were chosen, and committees appointed. C. O. McNeill was elected president, and James Larkin Pearson, secretary and treasurer.

The following committees were named to serve during the next year:

Program Committee: R. H. McNeill, Washington, D. C., chairman; Thurmond McNeill, West Jefferson; E. E. Eller, North Wilkesboro; Rev. Seymour Taylor, Wilkesboro; Ed Bingham, Boone; Johnson J. Hayes.

Committee on Publicity: James Larkin Pearson, Boone, N. C., chairman; James C. McNeill, Purlear; C. C. Hayes, Purlear.

Committee on Grounds: Alonzo McNeill, North Wilkesboro, chairman; R. L. Proffit, Goshen; T. J. McNeill, Roaring River; Iredell McNeill, Millers Creek.

Committee to Nominate Officers: E. A. McNeill, Jefferson, chairman; Eller McNeill, Rutherford; Dolphus Taylor, Harley; Miss Minnie McNeill, Millers Creek; Kyle Hayes, Wilkesboro.

Committee on Music: Jay Anderson, North Wilkesboro, chairman.

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Jester Speaker At Kiwanis Meet

Baptist Evangelist Gives Observations of Trip To Three Countries

Dr. John R. Jeter, former pastor of the First Baptist church of Winston-Salem and who is now in the midst of a series of evangelistic services at the First Baptist church here, delivered an interesting and inspiring address before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club in meeting Friday noon.

The program was in charge of S. V. Tomlinson. Rev. Eugene Olive presented Dr. Jeter, who used as his subject, "Some Observations of a Trip Abroad." The trip about which he talked carried him into three continents and 11 countries in 10 days. He discussed the general conditions apparent abroad, especially the rapid recovery from the holocaust of the World War and the curse of nationalism that is so apparent in many nations.

He also discussed conditions in countries ruled by dictators: Italy under Mussolini, Germany under Hitler and Turkey under Pascha Kemal. He stated that although some material progress is being made under dictators, the finer things of life are in those countries being pushed to the background and that no ultimate peace, happiness and prosperity could be effected under such conditions.

In the meeting Friday R. W. Gwyn was a guest of J. H. Whicker, Robert Morehouse a guest of H. H. Morehouse, and Attorney A. H. Casey was a guest of Rev. H. K. King. Secretary T. E. Story read a letter addressed to the local club from the international secretary, urging that plans be made for observance of "Constitution Week," September 14-21.

Wilkes Marriages

Marriage licenses have been issued during the past several days to the following from the office of Register of Deeds, Old Wiles:

Aug. 24—Coy Green and Hattie Ball, both of Stony Fork. Aug. 27—Walter W. Gray and June E. Snow, both of Charlottesville, Va.

Aug. 28—Delce Jolly and Larcle Shepard, both of Roaring River.

Aug. 31—Carey Moore and Cecil Moore, both of Wilkesboro. Sept. 1—H. T. Cannon, Jr., of Guilford College, and Pauline Bumgarner, of route 1, Wilkesboro.

Navy Taking Recruits In This Territory

R. C. Ross, Machinist's Mate first class, U. S. Navy petty officer in charge of the Navy Recruiting Sub-Station, Salisbury, N. C., announces that his station is now receiving applications from young men who are interested in a Naval career.

Machinist's Mate Ross says that the quota of apprentice seamen allowed this district for September has been increased, this increase will afford the young men of this section an excellent opportunity to make the Navy a career.

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The anniversary observance is scheduled to commence on Friday, October 4, and to culminate on Universal Bible Sunday, December 8.

In addition to a national committee of 26 members, approximately two hundred prominent laymen across the country have been organized into eleven regional committees and are now completing plans for special observances in their respective areas.

The influence of the Bible upon the life, literature, art and civilization of the English-speaking peoples of the world will be reviewed. The observance in many communities will include a survey showing who have the Bible and where it is used. In many of the communities public mass meetings will be promoted and in thousands of individual churches addresses, series of sermons, pageants and special services are planned.

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