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COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK TO BE OBSERVED

December 3, 4 and 5 Are the Days Set Apart for This Work Throughout the State—Scotland Will Observe These Days and Committees are Now at Work Formulating Plans and Getting Ready.

Community service week in North Carolina will be observed throughout the State on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 3, 4 and 5.

Scotland county, which stands at the head of a great many things in North Carolina and the South, will join in the observance of these days.

Governor Craig has set apart these days and calls upon every man, woman and child in the State to lend heart, hand and brain to the service and development of North Carolina and of its every community and county, as days wherein the people shall meet, confer and work together for advancement along the three-fold lines of investigation, united labor for the immediate improvement of the community and wise planning for its future.

Thursday will be "Public Roads, Grounds and Building Day."

Friday will be "School and Neighborhood Improvement Day."

Saturday will be "County Progress Day."

All of the details of a program have not been perfected, but Mr. E. H. Gibson, chairman of the county committee, and Superintendent Peele, who is secretary to the committee, are working on this, and more announcements will be made later.

Dots and Jots From Sneads Grove.

Sneads Grove, Nov. 2, 1914.

Messrs. W. P. Snead, A. K. Jackson and C. R. Covington took in the fair at Fayetteville Wednesday of last week. They made the trip in Wm. Ford.

Mr. Stancel, of Allenton, N. C., has been stationed at Sneads Grove by the State Board of Health to look into the sanitary condition of the community.

Misses Irene and Janie Jackson entertained Tuesday evening of last week in honor of their cousins, Misses Bessie and Ethel Norton, of Raeford.

Mr. C. D. Norton visited relatives in Bladen county last Saturday and Sunday. Charles, we learn, is expecting to farm in Bladen next year. We regret very much to learn of his intended departure from our community.

Miss Mary Snead gave a halloween party last Friday evening.

Rev. D. B. Parker, our pastor, has only one more appointment, which is the third Sunday morning of this month, before he will go to conference. We hope, however, to have him back with us next year.

If you don't believe William Snead can drive his car up a telegraph pole, "ax Charlie Covington.

Mr. John Dawkins and sister, Miss Lizzie, of Hoffman, visited their cousin, Miss Frances Snead, Saturday and Sunday of last week.

Mr. J. P. Gibson, of St. John community, was a Snead's Grove visitor Sunday.

The farmers of this section are doing rapid business in gathering their cotton crop these early autumn days, in spite of the blues the European war has brought us.

I will ring off, hoping to "jot" a few more "dots" next week and to remain,

Yours truly,

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HORRIBLE CONDITION IN PITTSBURG.

Eight Thousand Children Found to be Drug Fiends. Some Only Ten Years Old.

Eight thousand boys and girls in the city of Pittsburg are victims of the heroin habit, according to a recent report rendered by Arthur G. Burgoyne, superintendent of the Bureau of Public Morals. It is alleged the baneful drug is sold openly to youthful consumers whose ages range from 10 to 20 years, the majority of whom are children in Pittsburg schools. The city council has taken preliminary steps toward a vigorous campaign against those who are said to be reaping a harvest from the sale of the drug.

Until two years ago heroin was the resource of hardened offenders to give them nerve for burglary and other crimes. To-day it is said to reach not only to the lower grades of Pittsburg schools but even to the cradles in homes where nurse girls are employed.

"For God's sake, get me two heroin pills or I'll die!" begged Martin McTighe, 19 years old, following his arrest in Pittsburg, when seen acting queerly on the street. To save the boy from complete collapse a physician gave him some of the drug.

After crushing the tablets and sniffing them eagerly, the boy underwent a startling change and talked volubly of his plight and that of others. He told how easy it was to get the drug and said he sniffed 200 of the pills in a day. A bottle containing 200 of the pills, which are a morphia concoction, usually costs 75 cents, and there is 50 cents profit in its sale. A few drug stores here are said to sell 200 bottles in a day, at a profit of \$100.

Following the confession of McTighe, the authorities pressed the inquiry and found that school-children have been caught sniffing the drug in class rooms and that nurse girls, themselves addicted to the use of the drug, blow it into the nostrils of crying children to quiet them.

More than half the victims of the drug in Pittsburg are believed to have acquired the habit within the past two years.

NEWS HAS FIRE.

Laurinburg News Suffers Loss From Early Morning Fire Yesterday.

Our neighbor, the Laurinburg News, suffered a severe loss by fire early yesterday morning.

About 6:30 o'clock, night officer Medlin discovered that a fire was raging in the office of the News and hurried to the home of editor Tillman, whom he notified. He then rushed to the fire department and soon the company was on the scene, quickly extinguishing the blaze.

The fire burned a quantity of paper stock on hand and damaged the newspaper press. Other stock and supplies were more or less damaged by water and smoke. The amount of damage, which was partially covered by insurance, cannot be determined until the insurance adjusters arrive and an inventory is made.

Editor Tillman requests us to say that just as soon as adjustments can be made, he will resume the publication of his paper.

The popular bride will be the one who insists that it be a cotton shower.

SCOTLAND'S SCHOOLS.

What Superintendent Russell Did for Scotland's Schools.

The following article about the noteworthy strides made by Scotland from an educational standpoint in the last few years during the administration of Mr. G. H. Russell as superintendent, was prepared by Superintendent Peele for the News and Observer and appeared in that paper on August 8th:

Scotland county, one of the most advanced counties in agriculture in the State, has made just as noteworthy strides in the fields of education during the last few years, though unheralded by any public eclat.

Five years ago Superintendent Russell said he would bend his energies toward securing (1) better school houses, (2) larger average attendance, (3) more proficient teachers, (4) and better salaries. An inventory of the succeeding five years shows that bonds have been issued for the building of two large graded school buildings—one at Laurinburg, costing \$25,000, and one at Gibson, about \$10,000. Twenty thousand dollars has been spent during the time in building and repairing rural white school houses, while \$8,000 has been spent in building negro school houses. Five years ago the average attendance of whites was 52.9; this year it was 1,444, while the average of attendance of negroes has increased at a greater rate. The number of teachers who hold college diplomas has been increased 300 per cent, while the average salary of all the teachers in the county has been advanced 35 per cent.

Four years ago, after much advertising, a very small audience was secured to witness a county spelling contest, in which a very few schools participated. This year one of the largest audiences ever assembled in the county met at Snead's Grove and interestedly witnessed various high class contests and county commencement. Every school in the county was represented in some contest, the one-teacher school striving as optimistically as the ten. For the stimulus of interest in our mother tongue, public-spirited citizens have put up prizes to be given annually for best declamation in high school grades for best essay in grammar grades and best essay in high school department.

There is local interest and a healthy school rivalry incident in every district. This is gradually manifesting itself by the incursion of local school tax and an occasional enlarged school district. Already one-third of the school districts in the county have local tax and run eight months in the year.

With good building all over the county, an efficient corps of teachers, and good, live school sentiment, I predict that next year will be one of the best years in the school history of our county.

These Scotchmen "say nothing but saw wood"; they are building up school communities and leave it for the world to find this out. It is self-development they seek, and not advertisement, so one has to come among them to appreciate their real worth as school-builders.

Gibson, N. C.

Celebrated Ninetieth Birthday.

At the family home in West Laurinburg, on October 24th, Mr. Daniel McCormick celebrated the 90th anniversary of his birthday.

With this wonderful old man was a number of his children and grandchildren, and the absence of Mr. Austin McCormick, of Wilmington, only prevented there being four generations present.

A special dinner was served, to which a few of Mr. McCormick's intimate friends were invited.

Among those from out of town were Mrs. C. H. May and daughter, Miss Ruby, of Morven, and Mr. Luther McCormick, of Maxton.

Mrs. May and daughter returned to their home Tuesday.

MISS STEWART ENTERTAINS.

Book Club Has Delightful Meeting With Miss Julia Stewart.

An invitation to any entertainment with Miss Julia Stewart as hostess is always eagerly welcomed by those fortunate enough to receive them, for always something out of the general run is sure to be on the program. Her entertainment of the Thursday Afternoon Book Club was therefore looked forward to with pleasure, especially as a little whisper had gone forth that she was to make her own program, something unique would be the result. And unique it was. The weather added its charms to the occasion and the guests thronged her rooms. Minutes of the last meeting were first read and then the exchange of books. Mrs. W. H. Neal then delighted the club with a budget of strange and funny happenings, the latter bringing forth peals of laughter. This was thoroughly enjoyed. Next followed singing by the "Pumpkins." Two little boys dressed in sheets and with pumpkin heads entered, and as they took their stand by the piano with backs to the audience, the heads, with their grotesque eyes, nose and mouth, turned and faced about, then the sweet boy voices, soprano and tenor, rendered "I Love You Truly," "Here's to the Good Old Frat Boys;" then an imitation of a steamboat bell and whistle. These were Masters Halstead and Clayton Covington, the younger singing tenor. This was very pretty and greatly enjoyed. Next followed "October," a gem from an Charles J. Neill, read by Mrs. T. T. Covington. Then in turn two mostly figures played very pretty instrumental solos and left the guests to puzzle over their identity. These were Misses Marie Covington and Irene Prince. Current Topics were read and then followed a most unique number, "Sowing of the Seed," by "Madam Grundy." Mrs. T. T. Covington, in grey wig and flowing dress, apron and sewing, represented the mischief-working old dame. Mrs. Bettie Shaw, Mrs. A. L. James, Mrs. H. O. Covington, Mrs. W. D. B. McEachin and Miss Julia Stewart were the recipient and bearers of the seed. This was very amusing and represented and represented a very common and to be deplored frailty of the humans. To hear the little innocent remarks to the old dame and then the twists she gave them in repetition and the renewed twist given by each one in turn was true to life. At the close "Madam Grundy" dropped her character of mischief-maker and gave some good advice in some original lines of rhyme. The ladies proved good actresses and, as the saying is, "brought down the house."

The guests were enthusiastic in their praise of the program. Miss Stewart served most beautiful as well as delightful refreshments, ice cream and cake, coffee, cheese crackers and sea foam candy.

Mrs. A. M. FAIRLEY,
Secretary Book Club.

Some Taters.

Mr. W. D. B. McEachin, who is one of Scotland's most extensive planters, has on exhibition in a window at the State Bank building some very fine sweet potatoes which he has just gathered. In the lot is one weighing 2½ pounds and two that will tip the scale at 5 pounds each.

Attached to the bale of cotton in the window, which the bank recently bought at 10 cents per pound, is a section of potato vine about eight inches long. From this vine hangs 18 potatoes.

Mr. McEachin told the EXCHANGE man that he gathered 255 bushels from 1½ acres. The potatoes are of the Nancy Hall variety.

Don't worry. There's always enough trouble to go around.

DEMOCRATS LOSE

GROUND IN STATE

Tax Amendment Apparently Defeated, Others in Doubt—Democrats Stayed at Home Instead of Going to the Polls.

Gudger Defeated by Britt—Scotland's Vote Light.

HORSES AND DOGS SOLD FOR FOOD.

Kentucky Butchers Admit They Have Been Selling Horse and Dog Meat.

The biggest and most influential butchers in Louisville, Ky., are under indictments charging them with trafficking in the flesh of worn-out horses, which they sold in the form of "hamburger" steak, and the carcasses of dogs, which they disposed of as opossum, coon or pork, depending on the size of the dogs. Al C. Koch and Joseph Oppenheimer, two convicted butchers, have made confessions in which they name the men with whom and through whom they dealt. Their statements are being used as the basis for further investigation on the part of the city health office.

It is alleged that during the past two years thousands of pounds of horseflesh have been sold in Louisville and vicinity and that dog meat has been passed on scores of unsuspecting customers as shoat meat. The health office is aiming to break up this practice.

The recent Kentucky state fair marks the beginning of the formal investigation into the meat scandal in Louisville. It is alleged that thousands of visitors to the fair were fed on "hamburger" steak which in reality consisted of horseflesh. Backing up this contention, Joseph Oppenheimer has declared that he sold 2,500 pounds of horseflesh each week throughout the spring of 1914 and up to the opening of the state fair.

Al C. Koch has made similar affidavits naming the men to whom he sold. In addition Peter C. Lippert, a horse trader, and George Reeves, another butcher, have made sworn statements corroborating the convicted men.

On one of his visits to a butcher shop with Koch, Reeves tells that the butcher asked for "shoat meat." Later he explained that by "shoat meat" usually was meant pork but that in this case it meant dressed dog meat. Reeves declared the butcher laughed over the fact that two health office inspectors passed as an unusually fine shoat a large dog that had been dressed and placed on the ice in his warehouse.—Grit.

Mrs. J. S. McNeill III.

Mrs. John S. McNeill, of Lumberton, daughter of Mrs. F. P. Coble of this City, has been quite ill for several days.

Mrs. McNeill visited her mother here two weeks ago and while here was not as well as usual and upon returning to her home in Lumberton continued to grow worse, and on Saturday last underwent a serious operation in which the appendix was involved. Mrs. McNeill was very ill for several days, and much concern was manifested by her relatives and friends here and elsewhere.

Her mother and sisters, Mrs. Theresa McIntyre, Mrs. Maude McIntosh and Miss Roberta Coble, were called to Lumberton Saturday and Mrs. Coble and Mrs. McIntosh will remain at the bedside until Mrs. McNeill recovers.

It will be glad tidings to the Laurinburg friends of Mrs. McNeill to know that her condition is somewhat improved.

By staying at home instead of going to the polls Tuesday, caused the Democrats in North Carolina to lose ground and the Republicans to gain.

The vote in Scotland, as in the State, was very light. The amendments carried in Stewartsville No. 1, which is in the Laurinburg precinct, but there is some doubt about them in the whole count.

Stewartsville No. 1 recorded eight Republican votes; Stewartsville No. 2, none; upper Williamson, 12; Lower Williamson, 2; Lower Laurel Hill, 6; Upper Laurel Hill, 3; Spring Hill, 3—a total of 34 votes in the county. Whitener received 32 votes, McCrary 34. Complete returns have not been made and the result as to the proposed amendments is in doubt.

In the Tenth Congressional District, James J. Britt, Republican-Progressive candidate, defeated J. M. Gudger, Jr., Democrat, by over 500 votes.

What was true in North Carolina was also true in the nation, the Republicans making decided gains, but the Democrats will control Congress by a small majority.

A Good Record.

Last Sunday morning at the Presbyterian Sunday School Mr. Lester Paylor was presented with a pin in recognition of his loyal and continuous attendance upon the Sunday School exercises. The pin was a six year pin, and testified to the fact that for six consecutive years he had been a regular attendant. To be a Sunday School scholar is a good record for any young man, but to have the distinction conferred upon Mr. Paylor—for six years without a miss—is indeed a record to be proud of. Mr. Paylor's younger brother, Mr. John Paylor, will in December receive the same badge of honor.

Death of Mrs. Jeff Gibson.

Just as we go to press we learn with much regret of the death of Mrs. Jeff D. Gibson of Williamson township. Mrs. Gibson was stricken ill about a week ago with pneumonia and died Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. The burial was made at the McNeill graveyard yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Gibson was a relative of our townsman, Mr. D. C. McNeill.

Some Pumpkins.

Mr. L. L. Parker, of Lanes Creek, tells The Journal he has a pumpkin vine which he believes to be the champion. It is sixty-three feet long and has produced fourteen pumpkins. The last one grew fifty-nine feet from the root of the vine. He is solid for pumpkin pie. Mr. John M. Deese, of Vance, reports one vine that has six, averaging twenty-five pounds each—one hundred and fifty pounds of pure pumpkin on one vine.

They are Passing.

The man who objects to every new project designed to help his town on the ground that present conditions "are good enough, let well enough alone," would be quite content to live with grass-grown streets, and with oil lamps to light them. Fortunately, as the spirit of local patriotism more and more asserts itself, so the number of such fossils gradually lessens.