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## THE NEAL REQUEST TO OXFORD ORPHANAGE IS ATTACKED BY "WIDOW"

Mrs. McCoy "bares" Her Life To Get Neal Millions.—North Carolina Lawyers Out-Maneuver Omaha Lawyers and Case Will Be Tried In This State.

W. T. Bost, correspondent of the Greensboro News and other state papers, sends out the following remarkable story from Winston-Salem:

North Carolina and Nebraska fighting for the estate of John Neal, millionaire orphan who recently died leaving the bulk of his money to the Oxford asylum and the children's home of this place, are conducting maneuvers for the final battleground.

It is the most romantic episode which the state papers have chronicled in new ages. Nearly everybody here remembers how John Neal came from Oxford orphanage, spent a brief period to Oak Ridge, took the field for R. J. Reynolds, developed consummate skill in money-making and at 31 had invested enough to make his fortune above a million.

Nearly everybody recalls how as a youngster he turned up one day at Cooleenice, Davie county, climbed into an engine, fell and was run over with the loss of a leg. But handicapped by his injuries, John Neal put his big, heavy head to work, and in 11 years he had made his million.

And now, within three months of his death, when Oxford orphans and Methodist children are about to get a half million between them, a strange woman comes into the newspapers, "bares" her life without making it beautiful, sets up claim for herself and her children, and precipitates a fight of the lawyers that beats anything tried in state courts in many years.

**Claimed Citizenship Here.**

The woman who makes assault on the will of John Neal has picked one of the smartest lawyers in Omaha to hook her up to the Neal money. But before she got her case into the Nebraska courts Clement Manly appearing for the Wachovia Bank and Trust company, which is named as executor of Neal's will, got the will away from Nebraska. In the skirmish for vantage grounds Mr. Manly has outgeneraled Mr. Ritchie. John Neal died in Omaha. Once at least, he voted in Omaha. But he never renounced North Carolina and to his last day he claimed his citizenship here.

**A Remarkable Narrative.**

And it is a remarkable narrative that Mrs. McCoy tells the Nebraska reporters. In all the varied life of John Neal nobody can find any reference to her, but she tells it. In 1906, she says, she and John Neal were married in Wallhalla, South Carolina. In a few hours Neal tells her that she must not be known as Mrs. Neal, but as Mrs. Edward Farley. He visits her infrequently, there are children, and in 1915 she marries D. A. McCoy. That is her name now, she says. By this bigamous marriage which she admits, she automatically puts herself out of the collecting, but there is another child born in this wedlock with McCoy. This, too, is the child of John Neal, she declares.

**Mrs. McCoy's Chronology.**

Mrs. McCoy's chronology is interesting if it does not turn out to be unfortunate. She says she was married in 1906 to John N. Neal. That made Mr. Neal a benedict, or a maledict, at 16 and before he was 18 he was a father. It so happens that he was living in North Carolina then and was in school. Mr. Neal was a remarkable youngster, but he wasn't his husband at 16 or daddy at 17.

## ICE CREAM DAY FOR EVERY ORPHAN THANKSGIVING DAY

North Carolina Manufacturers Will Supply Every Orphanage Fully.

The Ice Cream Manufacturers Association of North Carolina will provide ice cream in vast abundance for every orphan in the State on Thanksgiving Day.

The directors of the association had a meeting in Raleigh during the past week and worked out plans for putting ice cream in every orphanage next Thursday week, and they are now addressing the superintendent of every such home, inquiring the approximate capacity of the children. They are going to send that much and more.

The plan adopted is very simple. Home superintendents will write to the nearest ice cream factory and tell them how many children they have and that factory will do the rest.

**Wants To Be Postmaster.**

I want to be the next postmaster of Oxford and ask my friends and patrons of the postoffice to give me their support. I will appreciate your efforts in my behalf and ask you not to sign any petitions till you see me.

Very Truly,  
W. L. PEACE.

## THE OXFORD WATER SUPPLY AGAIN FREE FROM POLLUTION

An analysis of a sample of the Oxford water supply taken from a tap in the establishment of C. D. Ray at Son reveals the water again free from pollution with intestinal bacteria. I feel that the public will be glad to learn this; and I also feel that it is due the Water Company to say that they have faithfully tried to locate the point of entry of the pollution so as to eliminate it. But they have to confess that so far they have failed to locate the trouble; and so, complying with the very urgent direction of Mayor and Town Board of Commissioners, they have ordered a chlorinating plant to be installed as soon as it can be obtained.

When this plant shall have been so installed as to chlorinate all the supply this process kills the pollution when it is incident without injuring the drinking qualities of the water. Inasmuch as the water has been fully polluted before, and it can not be predicted when it will be polluted again in a brief conference with Mayor and Town Board, it was decided to lay these facts before the public, and still advise boiling water for drinking and cooking purposes until the proper installation of the chlorinating process.—this as a safety measure.

J. A. MORRIS, Co. H. O.

## GRANVILLE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION

Several Hard Fought Legal Battles Pending.

The Granville County Superior Court convened Monday morning. Judge O. H. Allen presiding.

**Gentlemen Of The Jury.**

The following is the list of grand jurors: H. W. Davis, foreman; F. M. Burnett, A. L. Elliott, J. W. Horner, J. B. Fowler, John W. Raynor, Ossie Young, J. M. Cox, W. H. Hall, W. G. McDonald, H. T. Walker, J. G. Hobbard, R. W. Tillotson, W. N. Harp, R. S. Hart, W. L. Peace, Cuff Regan, C. S. Vaughan. E. N. Bragg is the officer of the grand jury.

**Legal Battles Pending.**

The assault of Mr. Saddle on the public highway near Tar River a few weeks ago, will precipitate a legal battle about Wednesday evening. The two colored Bass boys implicated in the crime are in the county jail. There will also be some first-class legal sparring in two or three liquor cases.

## PLEASANT DAY AT THE HOME OF MR. ROBERT CRITCHER

Nothing Stronger To Drink Than Apple Cider.

There is a big corn shucking going on at the farm of Mr. Robert Critcher, on Route 1, today. The neighbors and friends gathered at his place early this morning and faced a tall embankment of corn that will tax their energies well into the night to separate it from the sheaves.

Several old bachelors are present, it is said, and are working hard to find the red ear of corn and the proverbial kiss.

Mr. Critcher is a deacon in the Baptist Church and does not permit anything stronger than persimmon beer and apple cider on his place. But, on the other hand, Mrs. Critcher bakes the best chicken pie ever made in Granville county.

Farm life is made glorious by such people as Mr. and Mrs. Critcher and their splendid children.

**BANKERS WILL AID FARMERS IN LOANS**

W. A. Hunt, President Of State Association, Calls Meeting Wednesday.

Bankers of North Carolina are to meet in Greensboro tomorrow morning for the purpose of considering plans for lending financial assistance to the farmers of the State, according to a call sent out to the members of the North Carolina Bankers Association by W. A. Hunt, cashier of the Citizens Bank & Trust Company of Henderson, who is president of the State Association. The meeting is an outgrowth of the recent conference in New Orleans between leading bankers of the South, of which time this question was discussed.

It is said that all of the Oxford banks will be represented at Greensboro tomorrow.

## PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN OF HENDERSON DIED SUDDENLY

End Came In The Store While He Was Alone.

H. W. Mixon, prominent jeweler and well known citizen of Henderson, died suddenly of apoplexy in his store at the corner of Garrett and Winder streets Friday night sometime between 6:30 and 11 o'clock. He was alone in the store at the time and his death was not discovered until his family became uneasy of his whereabouts and began inquiring for him.—Henderson Daily Dispatch.

See the five advertisements in this paper for more information.

## PIE HUNTERS ARE SWARMING AROUND THE REPUBLICAN THRONE AT WASHINGTON

Butler May Be Called To Throne and Frank Linney To Have Hand In Dispensing North Carolina Pie.—Will Hays Has the Last Word.

The Washington correspondent of the News and Observer says: "A veritable Coxey's army of patronage seekers moving towards Washington from all quarters of the United States indicates how hungry Republicans are for office."

**Tennessee Republicans Hungry.**

"Tennessee Republicans are prepared to claim everything from Secretary of State in the Harding cabinet down to the humblest janitor's place in Capitol hill. From the Volunteer State come reports of pie-hunters organizing in all parts of the commonwealth for the invasion of Washington."

**Butler Has a Say.**

"It is the opinion of members of the Congressional delegation from North Carolina that the Republicans will begin to apply the ouster just as soon as they agree upon chief dispenser in the State. There is much feeling here that former Senator Marion Butler is going to be influential around the throne and there is also sentiment that Frank Linney will rank supreme in the dispensation of offices."

"John Morehead, National chairman, of course, comes in closer touch with National Chairman Will Hays and Hays is going to say the last word in the distribution of the big places."

**Collector Bailey May Resign.**

"Among other rumors that are this early after election that Collector Josiah William Bailey is going to retire on January 1. This is purely rumor and prompted, no doubt, by the announcement that he has formed a co-partnership with his father-in-law James H. Pou, and will devote his attention after the first of the year to the law business."

## MR. THOMAS G. TAYLOR HAS HIS HANDS FULL

The Penalty Of Being a County Commissioner

Mr. Thomas G. Taylor, commissioner-elect, is one of the most popular men in Granville county today. He can be found six days in the week in the clothing department of Landis & Easton's.

"What can I do for you, my friend?" asked Mr. Taylor, addressing a farmer the other day.

"Well, I thought I would come in and tell you that you led the ticket out my way, and I wanted to ask you what is the prospect of getting a concrete road through our section?"

"I understand that money is very scarce at present, but, as commissioner, I will do the best I can under the circumstances," said Mr. Taylor as he turned away to wait on a customer, who bought a pair of suspenders and automatically sealed up the exit at the end of the counter so that the future commissioner could not escape him until he had a satisfactory talk regarding the bridges and roads in his section of the county. "It is about time," he said, "that our section of the county receive some consideration at the hands of the commissioners and that will account for the large vote you received at our precinct."

Happily Mr. Taylor made no pre-election promises and that accounts for the broad smile that adorns his face.

## OFFICERS OF THE UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

The United Daughters of the Confederacy, in Session at Asheville last week, elected the following general officers for the ensuing term:

President-general, Mrs. Roy W. McKinney, Paducah, Ky.; first vice president-general, Mrs. Alice Baxter, Atlanta, Ga.; second vice president-general, Mrs. G. E. Cunningham, Little Rock, Ark.; third vice president-general, Mrs. R. Phillip Holt, Rocky Mount; recording secretary general, Mrs. R. D. Wright, Newberry, S. C.; corresponding secretary general, Mrs. Wm. E. Byrne, Charleston, W. Va.; treasurer general, Mrs. Amos H. Norris, Tampa, Fla.; historian general, Mrs. M. A. Campbell, Wytheville, Va.; custodian of crosses of honor, Mrs. W. D. Mason, Philadelphia.

**MADAME FRANCIS LAWSON**

Noted Soprano At Oxford College Nov. 20th.

Madame Francis Lawson, the celebrated soprano of Washington City, will sing in the chapel of Oxford College at 7:30 next Saturday evening, Nov. 20. This is Madame Lawson's second visit to Oxford College, her first visit eliciting much applause.

—Mr. H. T. Walker, of Creedmoor was in Oxford a few hours Monday.

—Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Willard Service Station.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22D, SET ASIDE AS ENLISTMENT DATE OF TOBACCO GROWERS

Farmers Will Please Remain At Home On This Date Until Seen By Canvassers.

There was an enthusiastic meeting of the Executive Committee of the Tobacco Growers Association in the various townships in the county Saturday afternoon, every township in the county being represented at this meeting. Monday, November 22 was set aside as enlistment day. On this day a committee will call on every tobacco grower in the county who has signed the pledge of the Tobacco Growers Association, and ask him to become a member.

We ask that every farmer who wishes to secure a living price for his money crop to make an effort to remain at home on this day until seen by the canvassers.

The county has been fully organized, and when the sun goes down on Monday, November 22 we want to go "over the top" with 90 percent, at least, of the tobacco growers of Granville County enlisted.

Brother farmer get behind this movement and help yourself and your neighbor.

E. T. WHITE, Pres.  
P. W. KNOTT, Sect.-Treas.  
J. L. DOVE, Organizer.

## METHODIST GATHER AT ROCKY MOUNT THIS WEEK

Conference Has About Four Hundred Members and This Is 84th Session.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Nov. 15.—The eighty-fourth annual session of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, will convene in the First church here on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. This will be the second time that this religious body has met in the metropolis of Nash and Edgecombe counties. Fourteen years ago the late Bishop A. W. Wilson presided over this body of Christian workers.

**To Vote Large Sum.**

This session of the conference will go down in history as the educational conference. Thursday will be entirely given over to educational interests, with special emphasis on the educational movement of the church in behalf of a fund to be used for the schools and colleges of the church. Plans will be evolved to put on a campaign throughout the church within the bounds of the conference, to raise about \$1,500,000, which will be the allotment assigned this conference of the \$33,000,000 which the southern church will raise during the next year, to strengthen the institutions of learning fostered by the church.

**Short Of Ministers.**

The probabilities are that the bishop and his cabinet will be handicapped by a shortage of ministers. Two ministers have died during the year, several of the young men are to ask for an appointment to some university that they may the better equip themselves for the work of the ministry and some of the older members will likely ask to be retired from active service.

**Many Chances Likely.**

The crowning event of the conference will take place on Monday when Bishop Darlington will read the appointments of the preachers to their several charges for the next conference year. It is expected that there will be an unusually large number of changes made at the approaching session. There are 19 pastors and one presiding elder who have served out the full term of four years, and while it is possible for the pastors to be returned for another year, it is not expected that any of those whose term of four years expires now will be sent back for another year, and the changing of these 20 men will likely necessitate the changing of many more. Quite a number who have not served out their full term on their present charge will be changed for one cause or another, and it is expected that when the appointments are read at Rocky Mount they will show the largest number of moves that have taken place in a number of years.

## OXFORD-HENDERSON HIGHWAY

The Concrete Bridge At Cheatham Mill Has Been Completed.

The Public Ledger had something to say a few days ago about the delay of the work on the Oxford-Henderson highway. We are now glad to report that the concrete bridge was thrown open to the public last week.

In justice to Mr. D. K. McClamrock, remain for P. R. Ashby Co. Raleigh, we take pleasure in stating that he was not responsible for the removal of the iron bridge at Cheatham Mill before the concrete bridge was completed. The county commissioners, said Mr. McClamrock were responsible for the removal of the iron bridge, and Mr. S. M. Wheeler, foreman of bridges, did the moving.

There has never been any complaint as to the class of work on the Oxford-Henderson highway. That speaks in loud terms for itself, but the delay in completing the work has caused considerable worry on the part of the general public. Now that we have a high class road between Oxford and Henderson, everybody is delighted.

**WANTED—Salesladies;** must be accurate in figuring. Apply to COHN & SON, Oxford, N. C.

## PRESIDENT WILSON ISSUES THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

In Calling On Nation For Usual Thanksgiving Observances, Executive Says That "In Plenty, Security and Peace, Our Virtuous and Self-Reliant People Face the Future;" Abundant Cause For Thanksgiving.

**Text Of the Proclamation.**

The season approaches when it behooves us to turn from the distraction and preoccupation of our daily life, that we may contemplate the mercies which have been vouchsafed to us, and render heartfelt and unfeigned thanks unto God for His manifold goodness.

This is an old observance of the American people, deeply imbedded in our thought and habit. The burdens and the stresses of life have their own insistence.

**Cause For Thanksgiving.**

We have abundant cause for Thanksgiving. The lessons of the war are rapidly healing. The great army of freedom, which America sent to the defense of liberty, returning to the grateful embrace of the nation, has resumed the useful pursuits of peace, as simply and as promptly as it rushed to arms in obedience to the country's call. The equal justice of our laws has received steady vindication in the support of a law-abiding people against various and sinister attacks, which have reflected only the baser agitations of war, now happily passing.

**Must Discharge Duties.**

In plenty, security and peace, our virtuous and self-reliant people face the future, its duties and its opportunities. May we have vision to discern our duties; the strength, both of hand and resolves, to discharge them, and the soundness of heart to realize that the truest opportunities are those of service.

In a spirit, then, of devotion and stewardship, we should give thanks in our hearts, and dedicate ourselves to the service of God's merciful and loving purposes to His children.

Wherefore, I Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday the twenty-fifth day of November, next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and I call upon my countrymen to cease from their ordinary tasks and avocations upon that day, giving it up to the remembrance of God and His blessings, and their dutiful and grateful acknowledgment.

## TAR HEELS WILL NOT GET PLACES IN THE CABINET

Partisan Republicans Will Demand All the Big Jobs.

H. E. C. Bryant, Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer, says: "North Carolina will not be represented in President Harding's cabinet. Former Senator Butler has no show at all. Too many partisans from republican states want the big jobs for one of them to be wasted on North Carolina. The south will not fare as well at the hands of the politician Harding as it did with the easy-going William Howard Taft. Every job that can be twisted from a democrat in the state will be given to a republican. That is understood here. It goes without saying. Already plans are making to take from Dixie land what little she has. Representative John J. Esch of Wisconsin, defeated by the opponents bill, is slated for the place held on the interstate commerce commission by Robert W. Woolley of Virginia, whose term expires early next year."

## LIMITS CHRISTMAS BOXES TO SOLDIERS

Instructions Given By War Department For Sending Parcels Abroad. (Washington Special)

Christmas packages for American troops on the Rhine must reach Hoboken by December to insure delivery before Christmas day, the War Department announced today. They should be sent care of the General Superintendent, Army Transport Service, Hoboken.

Parcels for men stationed in Hawaii and the Philippine Islands should reach the Depot Quartermaster, Fort Mason, San Francisco, not later than December 5, while these for shipment to the Panama Canal zone and Porto Rico should be delivered in the hands of the General Superintendent Army Transport Service Pier 3, Army Supply Base, South Brooklyn, New York, by November 20.

Packages for Germany must not exceed seven pounds in weight and 72 inches combined length and girth.

## TREES DONATED TO HIGH SCHOOL PARK

Interesting Program Will Be Presented At An Early Date.

Mrs. R. G. Lassiter, chairman of the Garden and Forestry Department of the Oxford Woman's Club, states that the club has received 31 trees and have donated them to the school park.

An interesting program is under way, at which time the trees will be planted, each grade in the school having a part in the impressive ceremony, said Mrs. Lassiter.

One of the most important and interesting features of the program, said Mrs. Lassiter, will be the official naming of the park.

## THE GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR WAS A SUCCESS

Now that the officials of the Granville County Fair have had time to calculate the outcome of this season's fair, we believe it will be interesting to the people of the county to have a little statement of results.

A business statement is now ready for the directors and although, as has often been the case, the association has not made any money, at least they are so fortunate as not to have contracted any debts, and have put a few permanent repairs on the buildings as well. However, we must not judge a fair simply on the basis of its financial success. To be sure, money makes it continue to go, but it is not money making that we are after.

It was generally agreed that the exhibits this year were of a higher quality and the arrangement better than ever before in the history of the fair. There were more interesting educational features in the exhibit hall than usual. These particularly worthy of mention were the booths that were put on by the Woman's Club of Oxford, the Oxford Orphanage and agricultural class of Stovall. The community exhibits were remarkable for their splendid arrangement and the high quality of their exhibits. The three communities exhibiting—Culbreth, Berea and Stovall, named in the order in which the prizes were awarded, are much to be commended for their good work and for the great contribution they made toward the success of their county fair. We believe that these exhibits are a real genuine service of the county and the community.

We must confess that the poultry and livestock exhibit was deplorable so far as quantity is considered. The judge in these departments, a specialist from the State Department of Agriculture, did however make the statement that all the entries were worthy of prizes. In the poultry department there were only seventy four birds entered—this included chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys. It is a shame that we do not have more interest in this. Poultry was at one time a strong feature of our county fair and should continue to be so. We hear that at the Wilson Co. Fair, now in progress—which by the way is the first county fair ever held in Wilson county—there were six hundred entries in the poultry department. We have some good poultry in Granville and could have a good show if the people would only take a little trouble and bring what they have out.

The livestock exhibit of Mr. E. T. Jones was particularly fine. Mr. Jones always makes a fine showing at both the county and state fairs. The only regret is that there are not more to follow his good example.

In looking over the entry books we find that there were only 160 exhibitors from all of Granville County. When we consider this it is easy to see what a wonderful fair we might have if all the people of the county would only lend a hand and contribute something to the exhibits. One hundred and twenty five of the exhibitors were women.

In the early years of the fair, the list of premium winners was always published in the Public Ledger, and we regret that space is too limited to allow a continuance of this custom. Two splendid premiums were offered this year that should be mentioned. Mrs. T. L. Booth won the premium offered by Upchurch and Currin to the winner of the greatest number of premiums in the Women's Department. This was a set of china of 100 pieces. Mrs. Booth won eighteen premiums. Mr. E. P. Roberts, of Stem, won the premium offered by Lyon Winston to the winner of the greatest number of premiums in the field crops department. This was a farm implement, valued at \$22.50. Mr. Roberts won 15 premiums. He had some particularly fine corn which he afterward took to the state fair.

There seems to be an impression that the greater number of premiums are won by the women of Oxford. We wish to correct this impression. By actual count two-thirds of the people winning premiums this year were from the country. We are pleased to make this statement.

We wish to thank the people of the county for their good exhibits and their interest generally. We thank the Woman's Club of Oxford, the several communities that put on such fine exhibits, the Oxford Orphanage, the schools and clubs of the county, the contributors of premiums and advertisements, the county papers for the publicity given, the marshals, and all others who contributed toward the success of the fair. We hope for still greater and better things in the fair of 1921.

L. W. CAPEHART,  
Sec. Granville Co. Fair Assn.

## VISIBLE SUFFERING SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

You are asked to give the income of an average business day to help support the orphans of our State. If you were to see suffering actually before your eyes you would quickly relieve it. Because you do not chance to see the suffering and privation, why should you hesitate a minute over giving one day's earnings to help feed, warm and clothe one of the orphans?