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REUNION OF MUSE FAMILY

Third Annual Reunion Held at Lakeview on Thursday August 27, 1925

Three years ago, at the suggestion of Mr. J. A. Muse, of Laurinburg, the Muse family met at Lakeview. At this first meeting, it was agreed that the family would meet annually at Lakeview, and the last Thursday in August was designated as the day for the annual reunion of the clan.

Accordingly, the family held its third annual reunion at Lakeview on Thursday, August 27, 1925. From three states, the families of the clan gathered. Included in the clan are the Muses, the Blues, the Williams, the Gibbons, the Joneses, the McNeills, the Seawells, the Shieldses, the Morgans, the Humbers, the Freemans, the Marshes, the Frys, the Bransons, the Burnses and others the writer does not now recall, and representatives of these families were present. Each family was provided with over-filled baskets of choice viands. The registration book showed more than two hundred and thirty present. The oldest members present were Mr. J. A. Muse, of Laurinburg, and Mrs. H. J. Muse, of Carthage, each of whom are well advanced above four score years.

At the noon hour, the mothers of the thirty or more families present spread a sumptuous dinner. All persons present on the grounds were invited to partake thereof. Rev. John M. Wright, of the Carthage Methodist church, gave thanks and invoked divine guidance through the years to come. Then the family gathered around the tables laden with choice food and enjoyed a hearty repast.

The family then gathered at the pavilion by the lake side, where prayer was offered by Rev. John M. Wright. Mr. R. L. Burns welcomed the family back home. Mrs. H. F. Seawell, whose maternal grand-parent was of the Muse blood, read a history of the Muse family. This history was most replete; and unmistakably evidence was offered therein of the fact that Esther Ball, the half sister of Mary Ball who was the mother of George Washington, was the maternal grand-parent of the Muses or Muse family. Mrs. Seawell is a woman of letters, and is endowed with a remarkable recollection. She was most pleasing in reading this history. After reading the history of the family, a number of appropriate speeches were made. Mr. J. S. Jones, a banker of Red Springs, made the speech of the occasion. He was very fortunate



R.L. Burns, who welcomed the Muse family back home, at Muse reunion

in his remarks. Wit and humor were happily interwoven in his references to the family. His wife's mother was a Muse.

Mrs. R. L. Burns, a great-great granddaughter of Esther Ball, and Miss Zora Lee Fry, her niece, played a duet. They are sweet singers of the Carthage branch of the family. Then followed a duet, "The Youngest of the Family," by little Misses Rebecca Muse and Elizabeth Morgan, of Laurinburg. This was beautifully and effectively rendered and received much applause.

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CURIOUS CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

An odd case of mistaken identity occurred a few days ago when the sheriff of Scotland county attempted to arrest some men found in the vicinity of a blockade still. The men got away, but the sheriff thought he recognized one of them as Nelson Courtway, superintendent of the Marlboro Orchard company, of Aberdeen. So Mr. Courtway was served with a notice to appear at court in Laurinburg to answer the charge of making liquor.

Nelson Courtway is a man of the highest character, and immediately a large number of his acquaintances assured him that they would be on hand at court to show the emptiness of the charge. Moreover it happened that he had been at the drug store in Aberdeen at the hour when the arrest was made in Scotland county, and as he had left there an order that was written on the books the date was beyond dispute. But Monday morning of this week the sheriff notified Mr. Courtway that the matter was wholly cleared up, as the man who had been mistaken for him was caught and the large number of Moore county friends of Mr. Courtway were told they need not be in court as the charge had collapsed, and an apology instead of an accusation was in order. Nelson Courtway is so well known as a man of high character that had he been held on the charge a big share of the leading men of Aberdeen and Southern Pines would have been at court to show the absurdity of the mistake in taking him for another man.

SANDHILL FAIR WEEK AT PINEHURST

Programme of North Carolina's Best Fair

This week The Pilot is giving its readers a complete list of events to be enjoyed at the Sandhill Fair, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 27 to 30, inclusive. Careful reading of this shows that the management has more than made good in an effort to make this year's fair "Bigger and Better" than ever. There is not an idle moment from the first Berkshire Judging Contest Tuesday morning to the final number of the Harvest Ball on Friday night.

The programme follows: Tuesday A. M. Berkshire Judging Contest. Ayrshire Judging Contest. Agricultural Judging Contest.

Tuesday P. M. Tri-County Singing Contest. Auto Races. Auto Polo. Beginning of Horse Shoe Pitching Tournament. Beginning of Basket Ball Tournament. Exhibits of Horse Shoe Pitching by C. C. Davis, of Columbus, Ohio. Free Acts. Elephants, Bears, Horses, (Continued on page 8)

DEATH CLAIMS MR. Wm. FIELDS

Mr. Wm. Fields passed away at his home in Bensalem Township on August 9th 1925, in his 77th year. He was the son of G. B. and Annie Fields. In 1891 he married Miss Chattie Davis. To this union one child was born—a daughter, which died in 1914 in her 20th year.

Mr. Fields was a christian gentleman, a member of the Baptist church, a life long democrat, a patient sufferer a devoted husband and a loving father to his little adopted son.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his faithful wife, who nursed him untiringly to the end. But medical skill and careful nursing could not stay the grim reaper. Mr. Fields was laid to rest in the family cemetery August 10th, where a large concourse of relatives and friends had gathered to pay their last respects to this good man. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Mr. Crummins, of Hemp, assisted by Rev. Mr. McLeod, of Pinehurst. A Friend.

W. CURTIS McLEOD



His friends were pained to hear that Curtis McLeod was in extremis last Friday and not expected to live and soon the news went forth that he was dead. Taken sick in Raleigh on Thursday, he came home that evening and summoned physicians who decided on Friday morning that only an operation would prolong life and he was carried to Sanford where an operation was performed that evening but without avail and he died Saturday night at one o'clock. The body was brought home Sunday morning and interment was at the Presbyterian cemetery here Monday at 11 o'clock.

Curtis was the son of the late D. M. McLeod and came from a long line of native people of this county, his mother being a McCallum. Thus he inherited from both sides of the parental line the sturdy characteristics of the Scotch and these dominated him throughout his life. Of small physical strength, he carried himself for years on sheer grit and determination to keep on keeping on, having suffered for years with tubercular trouble. This would from time to time confine him to his room but gamely he would fight off the Grim Reaper and come back to his post. Educating himself with a view to medicine but failing health forcing him to forego his chosen calling, Curtis engaged in work as a pharmacist and served at home as well as other places for several years. He was a good salesman and was popular with those for whom he worked as well as (Continued on page 8)

KIWANIS HEARS DR. McLAUCHLIN

Talks Some Philosophy and a Lot of Humor

At the Kiwanis meeting at Lakeview Wednesday Prof. Morton of the Pinehurst schools talked about the small attendance at the county schools, and the difficulties under which the schools operate, and his brief talk resulted in referring the matter to the public affairs committee with a suggestion to refer it also to the educational committee of which Mr. Morton is a member. It is evident he has started something there that will dig into the school subject before it is stopped.

The speaker of the day was Dr. D. N. McLauchlin, of Norfolk, who has been visiting home folks in this vicinity. He said he did not know what (Continued on page five)

DONATE MOVING PICTURE MACHINE

As a memorial to their grandson and nephew, Mr. John McNair Pate, Mr. John F. McNair and his son, Mr. James L. McNair, of Laurinburg, have donated funds to the North Carolina Sanatorium for the purchase of a moving picture machine for the benefit of the patients at the institution.

Mr. John McNair Pate was a patient in the institution eight years ago. He had been entirely cured and was one of the most successful young business men in his community. His accidental death last year brought grief to his host of friends throughout the State.

This gift of a moving picture machine for the benefit of the patients here at the Sanatorium is a most fitting memorial to Mr. Pate. Shut in as they are, the possible forms of entertainment of the many tuberculous sufferers here at the Sanatorium are rather limited. This will take their minds off their troubles and will be a most useful means of entertainment and instruction for years to come.

VOTING CONTEST FOR "MISS AMERICA"

The voting contest for the most popular young lady in Moore County to represent "Miss America" in the Parade of All Nations at the Sandhill Fair on Thursday, October 29th., will begin the week of September 13th., when ballots will be published in the Sandhill Citizen, The Pilot and The Moore County News, the last ballot appearing on the week of October 15th.

If there is anything in rumors, this will be the most spirited contest ever held as candidates are already being mentioned for this honor in several of the communities.

Now is the time for each town to concentrate on one candidate and get behind that candidate with all their votes.

DAMAGES BY BOLL WEEVIL IS LIGHT

High Temperatures Literally Roast Grubs in the Squares

The actual damage by the boll weevil to cotton this year will be relatively light in this State thinks Dr. R. W. Leiby of the peach insect and boll weevil laboratory at Aberdeen. A close study of the development of the weevil was made throughout the season the field observations being conducted in Scotland, Hoke, Robeson, and Richmond counties. The entomologists found that a very large percentage of the squares that contained grubs and had fallen to the ground showed the grubs to be dead or in a dying condition. "Our studies show," says Dr. Leiby, "that temperatures of 93 degrees and above for three or more successive days will literally roast the grubs in the squares, but if the plants are large (Continued on page 8)

THE LADIES FORD DRIVING CONTEST

The most skillful Lady Ford Driver of Moore County will be determined at the Sandhill Fair during the Ladies' Ford Driving Tournament to be held each day. This will be an elimination tournament with the Finals held on the last day of the Fair, the winners of the three preceding days, competing in the Finals. This is not a speed contest but rather a contest in handling a Ford in narrow places, in backing, parking, etc.

A course will be laid out lined with ten pins, the driver knocking down the least number of pins in a given time being declared the winner.

These Tournaments are being held very successfully in the West but it is believed that the Sandhill Fair is the first to take it up in the East.

HOME COMING MEET AT UNION CHURCH

Old Time Neighbors Gather at the Ancient Tabernacle

(Mrs. J. McK. Harrington)

Through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Thomas, I had the pleasure of attending the Home Coming at my old mother church, Union. I did not take any notes; I went to enjoy the day, to meet, and grasp the hands of old friends and acquaintances.

Rev. D. McD. Monroe, pastor of Union, was master of ceremonies, and opened the services with a fervent prayer and a speech of welcome, in which he gave a short sketch of the work done there, by our beloved and sainted pastor, Rev. Martin McQueen. He then introduced Rev. A. R. McQueen, who made a short reminiscent talk, that was pleasing and impressive.

Then a speech by a former pastor, Rev. J. K. Roberts, who paid a glowing tribute to the Scotch people, and gave an interesting history of Presbyterianism and closed his discourse with that sublime poem, "Faith of our Fathers." In the afternoon, an eloquent prayer, fraught with memories of the past, by Rev. M. D. McNeill, who then introduced Dr. D. N. McLauchlin of Norfolk, who made a speech characteristic of the man, himself. He touched on every thing from his earliest recollections of Union church, up to the time he was prepared for college at Union Home school. The two important topics of the day, he said was evolution and reducing. He spoke humorously of the Scotch, and their characteristics. Each subject of his discussion was interspersed with amusing jokes that scored a point. He held the full attention of the audience, who were at times deeply interested, sometimes convulsed with laughter, and at other times moved to tears by his eloquence and tender reminiscences. Dr. McLauchlin's mother, Mrs. Mary McKeithen McLauchlin, is living at the ripe age of ninety-seven.

The music was fine, and well rendered. Congregational singing of the old hymns and choice selections by the choir. Mrs. D. McD. Monroe presided at the piano in the forenoon, and Miss Margaret McQueen in the afternoon.

Dinner! Imagine a table 150 feet in length loaded to its utmost capacity with the choicest of viands, a variety of delicious cakes, breads, pies, pickles, salads—all of the sea on's best, fruits and watermelons. The table was filled, not even room for a biscuit. Several



Rev. D. McD. Monroe, pastor of Union Church, who was master of ceremonies at Union Home Coming.

boxes and baskets remained unopened, because there was no place for them on the table. I am told a wagon load of watermelons went begging. Come to think of it, the master of ceremonies could have asked all who wished, to remain over for a supper, and go home by the light of the moon. Mr. D. J. McNeill kept all supplied with tanks of fresh drinking water (Continued on page 8)