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McSWAIN WINS HOEY MEDAL

MISS HELEN ESKRIDGE WINS WARE ESSAY MEDAL — AUDI- TORIUM PACKED FOR BIG CONTEST.

In the Shelby Graded School auditorium Friday night Mr. Landon McSwain of Piedmont High School was awarded the Hoey gold medal for the best oration and Miss Helen Eskridge of the Shelby Graded School was awarded the Ware gold medal for the best essay on the subject of Cleveland county. In the Hoey contest there were eight speakers and in the Ware contest there were eight contributors of essays, all using the same subject.

As has been the case for six years these medals have been offered to high school boys and girls by Hon. C. R. Hoey and Dr. R. E. Ware, the graded school auditorium was crowded with people from all over the county. All of the seats were occupied both in the orchestra and balcony and the stage was decorated with painting and American flags. Over the center of the drop curtain hung a large portrait of Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States, the frame of the picture being draped in Red, White and Blue. Mr. McSwain's subject on which he won the Hoey medal was "Woodrow Wilson," and the occasion was one of great patriotism.

Supt. J. Y. Irvin presided over the contest which began with a selection by the Piedmont High School Band. Rev. T. D. Bateman, J. F. Kirk and A. H. Sims were selected as judges and the following high school boys delivered speeches in the order named: Wilbur Cash of Boiling Springs, Columbus and Her People; Landon McSwain of Piedmont, "Woodrow Wilson"; Earl Hartsell of Piedmont, "America's Mission"; Virgil Gardner of Boiling Springs, "The Call of Our Country"; Sylvester Elliott of Falkston, "The Perils of Catholicism"; Jesse Kiser of Kings Mountain, "Attraction of Life on the Farm"; W. H. Hoey of Shelby, "What Next"; William Crowder of Shelby, "Future Destiny of America."

After the judges made their decision, Rev. Mr. Bateman presented the Hoey gold medal to Mr. McSwain, and with enthusiasm on the part of the Piedmont delegation and shouts of applause. Each speaker was presented with a handsome bouquet of flowers, the gift of supporters and well-wishers in the contest.

Miss Helen Eskridge who won the Ware gold medal had 15 other contestants to win over and it must be said all essays were of excellent quality and a credit to the authors and the schools from which they came. Rev. C. A. Wood, pastor of Central Methodist church presented the Ware medal to Miss Eskridge in a brief, well-chosen speech.

The music was a feature of the evening, selections being rendered as follows: a duet by Piedmont High School, a trio by Shelby High School; song by Cecelia Music Club, male quartet by Piedmont High School; duet by Boiling Springs; duet by Piedmont; mixed quartet by Boiling Springs; together with selections by the Piedmont Band which occupied a place on the stage to the rear of the speakers. The music was arranged by Mr. Hennessy, one of Shelby's gifted musicians.

Wins Big Honor

Cleveland county friends and relatives will be pleased to learn that in the Bassett Parish district try-out at Shreveport, La., the last week, Miss Emma Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Walker of Blounton, La., won in the declamation contest. This selects her over the team from each district in the state to attend the State University at Baton Rouge and contest for the state championship. This is the third successive year this by-product of North Carolina has won this honor.

J. F. Jenkins for Alderman

A number of the voters of Ward Two desire to present to the voters of the town for Alderman from Ward Two the name of J. Frank Jenkins. We urge his nomination and election and feel assured he can be counted upon to assist in giving the town a capable business administration.

MRS. SIMMONS DEAD

Mother of Mrs. E. Y. Webb Dies in Gainesville, Ga.—Buried Yesterday At Wake Forest.

Mrs. M. E. Simmons, mother of Mrs. E. Y. Webb died Saturday afternoon in Gainesville, Ga., following a protracted illness from a general physical breakdown. Mrs. Simmons is pleasantly remembered in Shelby where she was a frequent visitor in the home of Mrs. Webb. She was in her eighties and a long time resident of Wake Forest where the funeral and interment took place yesterday, her body being taken there from Gainesville where she was visiting her two sons, Prof. T. J. and Henry Simmons, teachers in Brenau College. Other children surviving are Mrs. Thantam of Candem, S. C., Mrs. E. W. Timberlake of Wake Forest and Mrs. David Covington of Monroe.

Mrs. Simmons was a woman of wonderful refinement and culture and had many friends in Shelby who are grieved to learn of her death.

Congressman and Mrs. Webb and children went to Gainesville, thence to Wake Forest to attend the funeral.

BIG BOND ISSUE

Amounting to Seven Billion Dollars Is Proposed After Unanimous Vote Of House Committee.

While his colleagues on both sides of the house and the galleries cheered enthusiastically Majority Leader Claude Kitchin walked to the middle of the house floor Friday and presented for immediate consideration the \$7,000,000,000 bond issue.

There was no disposition on the part of any one to delay the passage of the bill and before the house adjourned late Friday debate had been closed and a vote was taken Saturday. The measure passed by an overwhelming vote.

"This bill represents the most momentous project ever undertaken by the United States" said the majority leader, opening the debate. "This bill contains authorization for the largest amount of bonds ever provided for in any legislative body in the history of the entire world. The bill comes to you with the unanimous vote of every member of the ways and means committee — Democrats, Republicans, Progressives—there was no partisanship about it."

"The terms of the bill are simple. We propose to issue \$5,000,000,000 in bonds and \$2,000,000,000 additional in treasury notes of indebtedness, the latter maturing in one year from date of issue."

GERMANS SURRENDER VILLAGES

Six are Given Over to the Enemy With 13,000 Prisoners Last Week.

London, April 13.—On a 12-mile front from north of the River Scarpe to south of Loos, British troops today pressed back the Germans all along the line and captured six villages. Field Marshal Haig's men, the official communication from British headquarters in France tonight, adds, also have gained a footing in German trenches northeast of Lens. Prisoners and guns also were taken in the advance.

Southeast of Arras, the statement adds, the British also made progress and now are astride the Hindenburg line as far as a point seven miles southeast of Arras.

The villages seized by the British are all east and north of the Vimy ridge. They are Baudouin, Willeval, Vimy, Petit Vimy, Givenchy-en-Gohelle and Angres.

The British official communication issued this evening announces that the total prisoners taken in the offensive begun early last Monday morning now aggregate more than 13,000. Guns to the number of 166 also have been taken.

Died in Texas

Last week's Kings Mountain Herald copies from a recent issue of The Elgin (Texas) Courier an account of the death at Elgin of Mike Sellers, a native of Cleveland county who went to the Lone Star State 20 years ago. He was a son of George Sellers, of Cleveland county, and a brother of Mrs. J. J. Logan, Mrs. John Wells, Mrs. L. A. Love and Will Sellers, all of Cleveland county.

SOCIETY NEWS

Mrs. McMurry Club Hostess

An unusually interesting meeting of the Twentieth Century club was held at the home of Mrs. A. W. McMurry on last Friday afternoon, with a large number of the members in attendance.

Edith Wharton and her most interesting book, "The House of Mirth" was the subject of the afternoon's study, Mesdames C. R. Hoey, O. M. Gardner, and R. E. Ware reading clever papers on this subject.

Mrs. S. S. Royster and Mrs. L. M. Hull were elected delegates to the State Federation which meets at Durham May 2-5. Mrs. O. M. Gardner, a member of this club and Federation Auditor will also attend.

The hostess was then assisted in serving a tempting salad course by her daughter, Miss Sarah McMurry.

A Beautiful Spring Hospitality

Always a very charming hostess, Mrs. O. M. Mull proved herself an unusually gracious one last Thursday afternoon when she was "at home" to the members of the Thursday Afternoon club and a number of additional guests.

The Mull home was made especially inviting for the meeting, the color scheme of many hued purple flowers being carried out in numerous bowls and vases of flags and lilacs. In this pretty setting five tables of progressive rook was played. The hostess, assisted by her sisters, Mrs. Paul Webb and Miss Elizabeth McBrayer served fruit salad, sandwiches, potatoe chips, ices, and stuffed figs.

The additional guests were: Mesdames Frank Hoey, S. R. Riley of Greenville, S. C., O. M. Gardner, L. P. Holland, Lander McBrayer, Boyce Dellinger, Miss Amos Willis and mother, Mrs. Willis of Ky., and Miss Annie Miller.

Miss Moore Entertains Club

On last Friday afternoon at her lovely home on West Marion street, Miss Mary Moore was hostess to the members of the Ishpeming Literary club.

The room in which these young club women assembled was beautifully decorated in spring flowers, the study of the afternoon being on Famous Resorts.

The program was as follows: Roll call—Names of Famous Resorts.

White Sulphur Springs, Virginia—Miss Marion Hull.

Lake Chautauque—Miss Nell Ligon.

Atlantic City—Miss Ruby McBrayer.

Old Point Comfort — Miss May Kendall.

Music—Miss Suttle and Miss Johns.

The hostess assisted by her sister, Miss Ruth Moore concluded the pleasures of the afternoon by serving a delicious ice course and mints.

Misses Nell Ligon and Pattie Roberts were elected delegates to the State Federation.

Mrs. Riley Hostess at Series of Club Hospitalitys.

Mrs. Silas Ray Riley of Greenville, S. C., entertained the members of the Chicora club, of which she was a valued member for so long before her departure to her new home in Greenville, on last Friday afternoon.

The club meeting took the form of a tea-drinking. The hostess' mother, Mrs. Webb and aunt, Mrs. H. B. Quinn poured coffee and hot chocolate, and were assisted in serving sandwiches, cakes, etc., by Miss Stella Murchison.

The following afternoon Mrs. Riley was hostess, entertaining the members of the Cecelia Music club at their regular meeting.

The following interesting program on "Sacred Music" was rendered with pleasing effect:

Paper—Hymns of New Testament—Miss Helen Dover.

Paper—Early Protestants Hymns—Mrs. Ruth Thompson.

Solo—Selected — Miss Bertie Lee Suttle.

Great Hymn Writers—Mrs. L. P. Holland.

Quartet—Selected — Mesdames Thompson, Hennessy, Hoyle and Miss Willis.

A tempting collation was served at the close of the program.

THE LETTER WON PARDON

Gov. Bickett Gave Boy His Freedom When the Latter Wrote "Hungry" With a Big "H."

A full pardon is granted Charlie Jarrell of Caswell county, Va., by Gov. Bickett, solely on the merits of a boyish letter that the lad wrote the Governor from the State prison, where he has been serving a two-year's sentence for being a party to breaking into a store while he and some North Carolina pals were running away from home. Here is the letter that the lad sent the Governor and which, without the usual assistance of a lawyer, won the pardon:

"Dear mr gov, i am a small boy in the state prison, my mother and father live on a little farm in virginia and some boys came from over in north carolina to my home and they wanted me to go with them to north carolina, and i went and we got Hungry on the way and went into a mans store that night and they put us in jail. i staid in jail three months and then was sent for two years here. i have been here 12 months and am the smallest white boy here. so please mr governor, let me go home and i wont never leave home no more."

"It will be observed," says the Governor, "that 'Hungry' is the only word in the letter that the boy spells with a capital. When the boy refers to himself, he in all humanity jots down a little 'i' that barely makes a speck on the page. He does not ringe or crawl before the man in whose power rests his liberty, but approaches him as a friend and fellow mortal and in letters on a level with those referring to himself, he writes 'dear mr gov.'" But when he comes to speak of the might of the passion that through all the ages has held boyhood in its savage grip, his sense of proportion dominates his hand and he writes, 'we got Hungry.' The letter is true," says the Governor. "In it is revealed a wayward boy, who has wearied of the life in a far country and longs to return to his father's house. I would be a far worse criminal than the boy if I refused to allow him to do so."

S. S. Program

The S. S. Association of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association will meet with the S. S. at Double Double Springs on April 28th and 29th, 1917.

Saturday

10:00 A. M.—Devotional services conducted by Rev. R. C. Campbell.

10:30 A. M.—Report of committees and organization.

11:00 A. M.—The "Higher Christian Life" by Rev. L. M. White.

1:00 P. M.—What is the Christians' Attitude in the Present World War?—By Rev. W. R. Beach.

1:30 P. M.—The S. S. Teachers' Equipment—by Rev. D. F. Putnam.

2:00 P. M.—Open conference.

Sunday

9:30 A. M.—Devotional Services, Conducted by Rev. A. C. Irvin.

10:00 A. M.—The "Home Department" in the country S. S.—By Rev. J. V. Deviny.

10:30 A. M.—What phrase of our Mission work is in greatest need at present—By Rev. R. C. Campbell.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon by Rev. D. F. Putnam.

1:30 P. M.—Old time singing led by O. D. Price and A. M. Lattimore.

Rutherford News

The Sun, April 12: The construction of the new Emerald Inn at Chimney Rock, we understand, is being rapidly pushed and will be ready for occupancy by June.

News has been received here of the death of Mr. Otis Morgan, which occurred at his home at Laurens, S. C., yesterday evening after a short illness of pneumonia. Mr. Morgan was a native of this town, a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Morgan, and went to South Carolina about five years ago where he has since been engaged in the lumber business.

\$1.00 FOR 50c

Cut the coupon out of this paper and get you a dollar bottle of KEN-TONE for 50c. Only have left about 50 bottles to let you have on this introductory offer. Paul Webb. When this is gone, KEN-TONE will be \$1.00 bottle, 3 for \$2.50.

H E K

For headaches and Neuralgia, 10, 25, and 50c bottle, Kendall's Drug Store.

NEW BANK

Will be Opened in Gastonia by M. A. Turner and Associates of Grover.

Through the Gastonia Gazette we learn that Mr. Marvin A. Turner and his associates will open a bank at Gastonia. Mr. Turner is cashier of the Bank of Grover, one of the strongest state banking institutions in Cleveland. The Gazette says:

It was originally planned to make this a National bank but this plan has since been changed and it has been determined to operate it as a State institution. The capital stock will be \$50,000 and application for a charter will be forwarded to Secretary of State Grimes at Raleigh within the next day or two. As soon as the charter is received a meeting of the stockholders will be held, directors elected and a permanent organization perfected.

Associated with Mr. Turner, who will in all probability be cashier of the new bank, are a number of men living away from Gastonia as well as quite a number of prominent local business men. The stock has nearly all been subscribed. Mr. Turner expects to move his family to Gastonia at an early date in anticipation of the opening of this institution which will probably be the first of June.

It is probable that the bank will be called the Bank of Gastonia and that it will occupy the quarters soon to be vacated by the First National Bank which expects soon to move into its handsome new seven-story building. Negotiations are pending for a lease on this building now.

MEN AND MONEY

Are Flatly Demanded by President Wilson If We Are to Fight This War.

A flat demand for speedy enactment of the administration's program of war legislation was served on Congress by President Wilson and his advisers after Friday's cabinet meeting.

"We cannot fight a war without the man-power and money-power of the nation which Congress must provide—and provide at once," was the ultimatum carried to the capitol by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo while the officials were in the midst of a long drawn out discussion of the big seven billion dollars bond issue bill. The administration demand did not meet an immediate response, for the house adjourned until tomorrow with the war finance bill still pending. The full strength of the administration influence in both house and senate, it was stated tonight, will be exerted to cut short the parliamentary preliminaries and rush the war legislation to the statute books in order that American men and American money may do their bit against the submarine menace.

While the great bulk of Congress is ready and willing to respond to the President's war demands, it was said tonight there is a tendency to move slowly and deliberately. "Too much talk and too little action," was the way one administration leader described the legislative situation.

Suggests Automobile Association

Mr. W. J. Arey, a popular automobile dealer suggests that the automobile owners of Cleveland county form an association at an early date, the purpose of which will be to promote good roads, work for beneficial legislation, urge strict obedience to the laws on the statute books and observe the rights of others. The turn - to - the - right law should be forcibly impressed upon every driver as a precaution against accidents. Mr. Arey would suggest the election of officers and the payment of a small membership fee. He says with as many automobile owners in the county as we have the association ought to be one of great strength and benefit and its formation and purpose are evident.

Confederate Pensions

The Legislature increased the appropriation for Confederate pensions from \$500,000 to \$575,000. It was estimated that this amount would increase the pensions of widows and soldiers of the fourth class from \$42 to \$45 per year. The Chat-ham Record does not believe the amount appropriated will permit so much increase. That paper says that while many pensioners die every year, the increase is almost as fast as the decrease.

APPEAL TO AMERICANS

PRESIDENT WILSON SAYS THE SUPREME TEST OF THE NATION HAS COME AND WE MUST ALL SERVE TOGETHER.

The whole nation was called upon for war service in a formal proclamation issued yesterday by President Wilson. Declaring that "mere fighting will be fruitless," the President demanded the active support and cooperation of men and women in every walk of life—"a great international service army." From the farmer to the housewife, each individual was called upon to do his or her share in conserving and making available for war use the vast resources of the nation.

"The supreme test of the nation has come," said the President's proclamation; "we must all speak, act and serve together."

The President declared that while the navy is rapidly being placed on an effective war footing, and a great army is about to be created and equipped, "these are the simplest parts of the great task to which we have addressed ourselves."

Supply Abundant Food First

He declared that the first great thing to be done was to supply abundant food, not only for the United States and its fighting forces, but for a large part of the nations with whom we have now made common cause.

The imperative need for American ships was emphasized by the President, who declared that they must be built by the hundreds to carry vast quantities of supplies across the seas, "submarines or no submarines." They must, he declared, carry to the people of England and France and Italy and Russia, the things with which "they have usually supplies themselves, but cannot now afford the men, the materials or the machinery to make."

"It is evident to every thinking man," said the proclamation, "that our industries, on the farms, in the shipyards, in the factories must be made more prolific and more efficient than ever and that they must be more economically managed and better adapted to the particular requirements of our task than they have been; and what I want to say is that the men and women who devote their thought and their energy to these things will be serving the country and conducting the fight for peace and freedom just as truly and just as effectively as the men on the battlefield or in the trenches. The industrial forces of the country, men and women alike, will be a great national, a great international service army—a notable and honored host engaged in the service of the nation and the world."

No Manipulation of Food Prices

The President called on the farmers of the nation for an immediate increase in the production of food stuffs asserting that "upon the farmers of this country in large measure rests the fate of the war and the fate of the nations." He urged young and old alike to turn to the farms. He appealed particularly to the farmers of the south to plant abundant food crops as well as cotton.

The proclamation pledged the cooperation of the government of the United States and the several state governments in the campaign for service. It declared that they would assist the farmers to get adequate seed supplies and fertilizers. The President declared that the government would see to it that there was no manipulation of the nation's food supplies and that the trade would continue as "unhindered as possible." The middle-men of the nation were warned to forego unusual profits and to render patriotic and efficient service. The railroads of the country, managers and men, were urged to prevent any obstruction of the transportation facilities of the nation.

The motto "Small Profits and Quick Service" was prescribed by the proclamation for the merchant, and it called upon the shipbuilder and the miner and the manufacturer to give the best service in their powers.

The cultivation of food gardens, was outlined by the President as one way to help. He called upon the housewives of the country to practice strict economy and to prevent waste.