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MARION, N. C., MARCH 31, 1910.

Congressman William C. Lovering, carried his District in 1908 by 14,000 majority over his Democratic opponent. Congressman Lovering died a short while ago and a new election was held on Tuesday, March 22nd. Eugene N. Foss, the Democratic candidate for Congress, overturned the Republican majority of 14,000 and swept on to victory with a Democratic majority of 5,640. This means that the Republicans will not have a hand full of members in the next House of Representatives and Champ Clark's majority that he will lead in the next Congress will be so large that it will almost be unwieldy. Under the Republican rule of 15 years, the trusts have gotten such a hold on this country that they dictate the prices that the producer shall receive for his goods, and then they dictate the prices that the ultimate consumer must pay for those goods in their finished state. The country is tired of that sort of deal, and will be heard from at the election this Fall.

Pay Your Poll Tax Now.

March 26, 1910.

To the Democrats:

This is election year and I am sure every Democrat in the county wants to vote. As you all know, in order to be able to vote you must either be fifty years old or have your poll tax paid on or before the first day of May of this year. I do not believe that anyone would purposely neglect to pay his taxes, but a great many good men who are busy just do not pay the proper attention to it, and about the 2nd day of May wake up to the realization that they have forgotten it. I am sure this is democrat year, and if the voters in our party have their taxes paid and are anything like as enthusiastic as they were two years ago, we are sure to win. Therefore, I urge you, each and all, to see first, that you are in a position to vote; and second, that your neighbor has not forgotten it also. Don't let this slip your memory.

A. HALL JOHNSTON, Chairman of Democratic Ex. Com.

Estatote Postoffice Robbed.

The postoffice at Estatote, Mitchell County, was burglarized during the early part of last week. Mr. S. M. Phillips is postmaster and in conjunction runs a store. The burglar secured \$18.00 cash of the Government's funds not to mention the merchandise and other articles which he appropriated.

Suspicion rested on one Del Autrey of Mitchell County, who disappeared from Estatote at the time of the robbery, and while sojourning in Marion Friday night was arrested by deputy sheriff Ray assisted by Will Glenn.

Autrey will be held here until the arrival of the postoffice inspector. It is believed that there are others implicated in the robbery and there will be a vigorous government prosecution of these criminals.

Dysartville School Closing April 8.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend the closing exercises of the Dysartville High School, which will be held in the school building there on Friday, April 8. The exercises of the primary and intermediate grades will be given in the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, also Professor Giles, of Marion, and Mr. C. F. McKesson, of Morganton, will speak in the afternoon. The annual concert will be given at night beginning at 8 o'clock.

Marion Team Defeats Old Fort.

The Marion High School baseball team defeated Old Fort by the overwhelming score of 14 to 5. The Marion team showed up fine under coach G. W. Giles. H. Atwell, who pitched for the Marion team, was in fine form allowing but four hits. The last six innings for Old Fort were pitched by Ed McCaless who held Marion down after they had batted Craig out of the box.

Home runs, Will Potat. Two baggers, Frank Morphey, Ged Giles, John Glenn, Will Potat.

McDOWELL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Congressman Grant Endorsed for Renomination—Delegates Appointed to Several Conventions.

The Republicans of McDowell held their convention in Marion Saturday. Mr. J. L. Morgan was chairman of the convention and W. J. Souther, secretary. Following is the report of the convention as given in by the secretary:

Republicans of McDowell county, in convention assembled, all precincts represented except Brackets, Crooked Creek and Higgins, elected the following delegates to the Congressional Convention at Asheville, April 2, 1910.

Lee Chapman, N. C. Jones, B. G. Gettys, W. P. Artz, J. P. Norton, W. S. Hollifield, G. D. Tarror, Thomas McGuire, S. H. Yancey, D. A. Annis, J. K. Craig, M. C. Sigmon, G. W. Young, Jas. W. McCall, J. P. Ray, C. M. McCall, P. H. Mashburn, J. C. Crawford, G. W. Crawford, F. W. Ihne, J. H. Green, A. J. Dula, J. C. Pool, G. W. Conley, L. W. Williams, W. J. Souther. The delegates were instructed to vote for Hon. John G. Grant for congress.

The following delegates were elected to the State convention: D. A. Kanipe, John Yancey, Jr., G. D. Taylor, J. A. Laughridge, I. H. Green, L. W. Williams, J. G. Pyatt, Wm M. Pratt, J. L. Morgan, Wm Sweeney, Jas. Morris, F. W. Ihne, J. E. Decker, R. J. Lonon, W. J. Souther.

SENATORIAL CONVENTION: Thos McGuire, Geo D Taylor, N C Jones, Mills Hicks, D W Crawford, J Dula, A B Halford, John Lavender, T L Enley, M O Sigmon, Ed Conley, G P Williams.

JUDICIAL CONVENTION AT MARION. All delegates elected to other conventions are elected to this convention.

Old Fort News

Special to MARION PROGRESS.

Old Fort, Tuesday, March 29.—Messrs. Cook and Lowery are building a flume two miles long, extending from their mill site on Jarrett's Creek to a point about one half mile west of Old Fort where the railroad company is putting in a side track for the accommodation of this firm. The lumber from their mills and a great deal of chestnut and pine wood will be brought to the railroad by this flume. They have quite a force of men at work and expect to complete the job this week.

Mr. J. W. Williams, of Marion, who a few months ago purchased the Old Fort Telephone exchange, is gradually rebuilding the entire system and making an up-to-date exchange out of it and the service has been wonderfully improved, and the number of telephones in use has about doubled. Mr. Williams is giving Old Fort what has been long needed in this line and our people should encourage him as much as possible. It is to be hoped that he will also become a citizen of our town soon.

Mrs. J. M. Gilbert, who lives about two miles south of town, is very low and very little hope is entertained for her recovery owing to her advanced age. She is the mother of Mrs. J. L. Nichols, Mrs. P. C. Harmon and Mrs. Ben Byrd, of Old Fort. Several other children who live in South Carolina are also at her bedside.

The shade trees all around town have been trimmed up by Marshall Elliott, is expected to add to the appearance of our streets.

Robert, the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Allison, died Monday from the effects of pneumonia, and was buried Wednesday at Bethel church, services being conducted by the baptist pastor, Rev. Marley. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

D. F. Arney has been right sick, for several days.

Prof. Cornwell, Misses Bessie Stirewait, Mozelle Trollinger and Vena Little attended the debate at Rutherford College last Friday night between Weaverly and Rutherford Colleges.

R. E. Poncey has resigned as operator at the depot and has been relieved by Mr. Hadden, of South Carolina.

Cleveland Hall, who works in the roller room at the tannery, got his left arm caught in one of the rollers, Tuesday morning, getting it broken near the shoulder. Had the machinery not have been stopped immediately it would have resulted in instant death.

The Methodist and Baptist churches had Easter exercises which were enjoyed by the congregations.

Dr. T. M. Chaney has rented the Burgin property near the Presbyterian church, and has had it repainted and put in nice repair and is moving in this week. He has had a telephone put in also.

Mrs. J. T. Booth and little daughter, Claudia, spent Easter Sunday with home-folks at Weaverville.

Neill Loder, bookkeeper for the Central Leather Co., has been transferred to the same position at Chattanooga and has been succeeded here by Mr. Woodward, of Asheville.

John Blalock, Sr., has been confined to his bed for some time with lagrippe and rheumatism, but is now improving.

L. B. Moore was in Thomasville the first of the week on business.

Miss Cora Jones visited her sister, Mrs. Bostic, at Erwin, Tenn., returning home Wednesday.

Will McCaless is home from Raleigh for a short visit.

Mrs. McIntosh has gone to Virginia to see her mother who has been very ill. J T B

"Dove Brand" on a ham is like "Sterling" on silver. Every one guaranteed fresh and sweet, at Gaston & Tate.

NEBO HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

Successful Term Brought to Close With Excellent Program—Large Attendance.

Nebo High School's sixth annual commencement exercises have passed into school history satisfactorily and happily; a fitting close to a successful term. The parents and the faculty may well feel proud of their work and of the progress made toward county Superintendent Giles ambition to have this school made the finishing place for McDowell county students who intend to pursue further and higher courses in the state colleges or universities.

A particular noteworthy feature of the exercises was the presence of N. W. Walker, inspector of State High Schools and a member of the University Faculty, who stopped over on his way to Spruce Pine to inspect the school there. Mr. Walker was very favorably impressed, as well he should be, and as he so happily indicated in the talk he made Wednesday morning. It is indeed an augury of future benefit that this prominent educator should thus come into actual contact with, and be so ready to show his appreciation and approval of, the work so far done and planned for.

Further, not only did the whole neighborhood attend, this setting the seal of their approval and sympathy upon the work, but there were many, many friends from other parts of the county there to applaud and unanimously say "well done."

There were two graduates, Misses Jennie Hunter and Mamie Stacy. It will be understood that though it was the "sixth annual" that this is the first year for a completion of a set course of study as a high school in its fullest purpose.

There are about 200 pupils enrolled, 125 girls and 75 boys. B. L. Lunsford and G. H. Weaver are co-principals and are assisted by Mrs. G. H. Weaver, the Misses Nannie McCall, Margaret McLeod and Marguerite Grant.

The medal for the declamation contest was given by J. W. Pless and for the recitation contest by B. B. Price, both of Marion. The presentations were made by County Superintendent of Schools, D. F. Giles.

The diplomas were presented by J. W. Pless. Books were given by the teachers as prizes for attendance and for recitations by the little children. This latter prize was awarded to Minnie Annis.

The exercises began Tuesday morning and continued through Wednesday culminating with the annual concert Wednesday night. The concert was a play "What's Next" in which practically the whole school participated.

MORNING SESSION—FIRST DAY. Rev. Edward Long, of the Baptist church in Marion, preached the annual sermon. His text was taken from Acts and his theme dealt with the final destiny of man after death as a result of his conduct in life. It was a thoughtful effort and well presented.

AFTERNOON SESSION—FIRST DAY. This division of the exercises was devoted to the declamatory contest. There were eight contestants, viz: Mallilieu Richardson, Horace Alexander, Watson Wilson, Everett Padgett, Vander Hunter, Heleon Sorrels, Alonzo Davis and Parks McGimsey. The contestants had chosen timely subjects. This was the first appearance of each as a declaimer in a public contest and each acquitted himself in an interesting manner.

The judges were Rev. Edward Long and C. E. House, both of Marion, and J. H. Whisnant, of Morganton. They awarded the medal to Alonzo Davis, whose subject was "Universal Education," a part of a speech by Charles B. Aycock, former governor of this state.

"Uncle Billy" Hill gave several violin selections and a duet was played by Miss Marguerite Grant, of Marion, who is in charge of the Music department of the school, and one of her pupils, Miss Estelle Wilson.

NIGHT SESSION—FIRST DAY. This part of the program was given over to the contest for a prize for recitations. Eight girls contested, viz: The Misses Donnie McGimsey, Olivia Patton, Winnie Wilson, Eddie Young, Estelle Wilson, Mary Greenlee, Rose Stacy and Janie Lewis. To Miss Greenlee fell the honor and prize. She recited "Aux Italiens." Misses Janie Lewis, Donnie McGimsey and Estelle Wilson received honorable mention. The judges were Misses Margaret Hudgins and Carrie Stanford of the Marion Graded School faculty and S. E. Whitten, editor of the Marion Progress.

Instrumental music formed part of these exercises and Misses Ruth Hunter, Lonon and Eddie Young were the players. Miss Helen Wilson recited a humorous selection.

MORNING SESSION—SECOND DAY. The graduates read their essays at this session. Miss Hunter's subject was "Thoughts on Education." That of Miss Stacy was "The Com-

ing Women of America." Thorough preparation, much originality and earnest consideration was indicated by both essays on the part of the young women.

J. W. Pless very acceptably delivered an address taking the place of Hon. Locke Craig, of Asheville, who was to have given the annual literary address.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SECOND DAY. The pupils in the primary and intermediate grades held forth at this time. There were drills, playlets by all the children, recitations by Hannah Jamison, Lela Pyatt, Cassie Patton, instrumental selections by Miss Richardson, Hunter and Katie Thomason, and Fred Hensley.

Mr. Hensley Injured by Train.

Mr. Charles Hensley, of Nebo, was struck by an eastbound freight train about a half a mile west of Nebo Monday morning. He was sitting on the track asleep, it is said, when the pilot hit him, bruising his head and shoulder and cutting a deep gash in his side. The wounded man was brought to Marion on No. 11 and taken to Dr. Ashworth's office where he was given attention. Later he was removed to his home. It is thought he will recover.

Strouttown Items.

The closing exercises for the public school at Strout's Chapel Friday night brought together a large crowd, and the evening passed off very pleasantly. The students did themselves credit in every way. The general average during the eight months was 41 daily attendance. The pupils reading the most books from the library during the past month were Goldie Welber, Rena Straud and Nellie Horton.

Revival services will be in progress for ten days with Rev. D. M. Matheson, of Casar, assisting the pastor.

The sick of our community are reported better.

Miss Ada Lavender, of Old Fort, who was visiting Mrs. M. A. Matheson, returned home Monday.

Miller Hawkins, of Glen Alpine, attended services here Sunday.

Charles Elliott is still very sick. Many of our people are planting gardens these spring days.

REX.

Business Locals

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