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## THE M'DOWELL CHAPTER

Daughters of the Confederacy is Organized in Marion— Its Officers.

There has been great interest manifested among the ladies of Marion over the organization of a chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy in the town and the great work of collecting and carrying down the history of the men of the 60's in McDowell county has begun in earnest. The chapter has been given the name of our county and hence will be known as the "McDowell."

At present the membership is comparatively small but it is hoped to so interest the women all over the county as to soon have a very large number enrolled upon the books. All descendants, wives, widows, sisters and nieces not only of soldiers, but of any man who did work for the Confederacy at home, or of any woman who in any way aided the men in grey can form the organization.

On Tuesday, the 11th, the ladies held a most enthusiastic meeting and perfected the formation of their chapter by the election of the following officers: Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey, president; Mrs. G. S. Kirby, first vice-president; Mrs. J. W. Streetman, second vice-president; Mrs. D. F. Giles, secretary; Miss Rena Neal, treasurer; Mrs. J. S. Hopper, registrar; Mrs. J. L. C. Bird, historian.

Credential Committee—Mrs. E. H. Dysart, Mrs. R. F. Burton, Mrs. G. B. Justice, Mrs. E. A. Neal, Mrs. J. G. Reid.

They at once decided that their very first work would be the bestowal of the Southern Cross of Honor upon the veterans of this county, as the time limit for this bestowal will be November, 1912, hence it is necessary to hurry up the matter. This little bronze cross is awarded by the Daughters, free of all cost, to any man who enlisted and went out to fight, or to home guards who were under fire. In order to guard against the cross being awarded to those undeserving of it, applications for them must be filled out and given to the ladies of the chapter. In order that to have every veteran get a cross the Daughters urge upon the veterans to not fail to come for these blanks, which will, in a few days, be in the hands of Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey, who will gladly give any information regarding them. It is the intention of the Daughters to have a large number of these blanks on hand on October 20, "Old Soldiers Day," and the ladies themselves will be at a convenient place near the place where the speaking is held in order to aid the veterans in filling out these papers. At that time it is hoped every veteran in the county will put in his application, but any one wishing one before that time can get it by calling on Mrs. Gilkey.

The rules of the United Daughters of the Confederacy allow these crosses to be awarded only on four days in the year, January 19, May 10, June 3 and August 23, when it is done with appropriate ceremony. Henceforth the cry of "Confederacy," and Confederate matters will be the cry of the ladies of McDowell and we trust the mem-

bership of the McDowell chapter will soon swell to double or triple its present size.

## Court Calendar.

The regular July term of McDowell Superior Court for the trial of both criminal and civil cases will convene next Monday with Judge B. F. Long, of Statesville, presiding. The criminal docket will probably be lighter than usual. Following is the calendar for the civil docket:

THURSDAY, JULY 27th.

Grace Roberts vs Wm. M. Pratt (protest by def.)

Hicks, Admr., vs Western Union Telegraph Co. et. als.

Williams & Murchison vs Kinion Allison.

J. G. Wiltshire, et als vs E. S. Wiseman, et als (plff protest.)

Western North Carolina Land Co., vs Geo. M. Annis, et als.

Hogan Turner vs T. J. Epley.

Robert Richardson vs. Peter F. Cannon.

Elliott Simmons et als vs Thos. J. Fleming.

MONDAY, JULY 31st.

Goforth vs Goforth.

Geo. M. Garden vs T. W. Brackett.

Ebb Fox vs C. C. & O. Ry.

Emma J. Sherrill vs Western Union Telegraph Co.

L. L. Wood vs Western Union Telegraph Co.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1st.

Epley and Bradley vs Geo. W. Davis.

Nursery Co. vs H. M. Croom.

Stewart vs Jones.

Barnes Admr., vs Geo. Lentz.

C. W. Buchanan vs N. J. Green.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2nd.

G. W. Crawford vs Town of Marion.

Martha Faulkner et husband vs Miles P. Flack.

Buggy Co. vs Chas. Carson.

H. W. Whitener vs C. C. & O. Ry.

Geo. Chapman vs Deal, et als.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3rd.

T. W. Williams vs Brown, Admr.

Clover Co. vs Crowell & Epley.

Streetman vs Wm. Fleming.

Ed. Christie vs M. F. Morphew.

## Garden City News.

Garden City, July 18.—Mrs. Geo. W. Chapman returned from Gilkey Sunday where she had been called by the illness of her mother, Mrs. J. C. Sorrels.

Mrs. Dugan and son Raymond, Joseph Hoffner, and Miss Bailey, all of Cincinnati, O., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Chapman and other relatives.

Lizzie, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Glenn, is very ill with typhoid fever.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poteet who has been sick for several days is very much improved.

Our school opened the 10th with J. F. Parker, of Old Fort, principal, and Misses Effie Gibson of Old Fort and Mary McKoy, of Greenlee, assistants. We feel that we are well equipped in every way for a satisfactory school session—three competent teachers and a school building deserving the pride we feel in it.

Childrens Day at Carson's Chapel the first Sunday was well attended. Quite a number from other places were present. The program was carried out beautifully by the young ladies and children, reflecting much credit to all who assisted in getting up the exercises.

Miss Hartley Butt will return to Knoxville, Tenn., Thursday, after several days visit with relatives here and at Greenlee.

## SOUTHERN ROAD TRAIN

At Marion Monday Afternoon Received by a Large and Interested Crowd.

The "road improvement train" operated by the Southern Railway and in charge of road experts from the United States Department of Agriculture, was in Marion Monday afternoon. The train consisted of three cars, an exhibition car, a lecture car and a Pullman sleeper for the officials. The exhibition car was visited by quite a number of our citizens and farmers, where was seen working models of improved road building machinery run by electricity together with the various kinds of roads and materials out of which they were constructed, with the road experts on hand to explain in detail.

The lecture car contained a stereopticon and screen arranged at the end of the car and views were shown which gave point and interest to the address of L. E. Boykin, a road expert of the United States Department. W. J. Hurlbut, of the Land and Industrial Department of the Southern Railway, accompanied the train and introduced Mr. Boykin, also H. S. Fairbanks, an expert from the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Boykin talked interestingly of good roads and the many benefits they brought to farmers and the people of the rural districts. The car was crowded throughout the lectures and interest in the movement for good goods in this county was greatly stimulated.

## Peculiar Malady Reported in Mitchell County.

Asheville Citizen, 17th

A most peculiar plague, which is leaving death in its wake and is assuming alarming proportions, is reported in Mitchell county.

Clerk W. S. Hyams of the United States court stated to a Citizen representative that he had recently talked with citizens of Mitchell county who are greatly alarmed at the rapidly spreading epidemic in their midst. Mr. Hyams stated that to his knowledge, Dr. F. P. Slagle had succumbed to the disease and that Dr. Charles Buchanan is now under medical attention at Johnson City, Tenn., as a result of the malady.

It is stated that several have died in the last few weeks and that the number afflicted with the deadly disease is increasing regularly.

It is said that the trouble is first discovered by one or more fingers becoming blood-shot, without the slightest puncture or abrasion of the skin. The effects pass through the arm to the body, at which time death follows. So far it is said no relief has been found for those suffering from the disease, and that the nature of the malady has been heretofore unknown to medical science as far as investigations of the present trouble has disclosed.

The plague has been spreading for about three weeks in Mitchell county, it is reported.

While the wheat crop of Mr. John Harmon, of Burke county, was being threshed a spark from the engine fired the stack and burnt about 100 bushels of wheat, nearly all of Mr. Harmon's crop.

## RUN DOWN BY SWEEPER

Ivey Stacey of McDowell County Badly Injured at Charlotte.

Ivey Stacey of McDowell county was run over on the street at an early hour this morning by a street sweeper and seriously hurt, his leg being broken and other injuries inflicted.

The man who is about thirty-five years old was crossing the street at the Selwyn hotel and was run down by the street sweeper which passed over him, crushing him horribly. As soon as possible an ambulance was summoned and the wounded man taken to the Presbyterian hospital where they refused to receive him claiming that all their rooms were occupied.

After being turned away from the Presbyterian hospital the ambulance drove to St. Peter's where Stacey was given treatment. His injuries were painful but were not considered very serious nor necessarily fatal.—Charlotte Observer, 16th.

[Mr. Stacey is a son of Martin Stacey of Nebo and a nephew of of County Commissioner T. W. Stacey.]

## Maine Tourists Praise Marion and Western North Carolina.

Contributed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman W. Smith and Robert Leonard-Smith of Canton, Me., who recently spent several days in Marion, after having driven through the country in a Winton touring car, finished the return trip to Maine last Saturday.

After leaving Marion they crossed the Blue Ridge and Smoky mountains to Knoxville, Tenn. This part of the trip was a very hard one on the party, as well as the machine. This party was the first to take a machine over some of the roads, and found it very interesting as the people of the mountain section were more than surprised and gave the tourists a very cordial welcome.

Leaving Knoxville they climbed more mountains through northern Georgia and Tennessee to Chattanooga, where they crossed Missionary Ridge and Lookout mountain with their machine. From there they proceeded to Nashville and followed the old L. & N. Turnpike to Louisville, Ky., stopping on the way at Hodgenville, Ky., the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln. From Louisville they traveled to Indianapolis, Ind., where there is the finest Motor Speedway in the world. The next two days put them in Cleveland, O., the home of the Winton Motor Car Co., where one day was spent, being entertained by the company. From Cleveland they ran to Buffalo, N. Y., in one day; from Buffalo to Utica, about 300 miles, was made in 12 hours, and from Utica it was a two days run to Canton, Me., via Boston.

The scenery of Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee was highly complimented upon by the tourist, and they consider themselves fully rewarded for their trouble. They also wish to thank the kind people who did so much to make theirs a pleasant stay while in Marion.

A fine horse belonging to the A. Blanton Grocery Co. died Thursday night.

## DAVID COMES AGAIN

Calls on Saul to Put Up Argument to Prove His Statement is Untrue.

Dear Mr. Editor: Please allow me to make an apology for stirring up the "dauder" of my brother Saul and such a slashing criticism to be brought upon me and all who are disposed to say anything against "Dixie's Sunny Land, where every heart is as warm as the Southern sun," etc. (Bob Taylor)

I was very much struck with the way he quotes Bob Taylor and also the inconsistency of his remarks. He began by saying he agreed to everything I said except what I said about the South. Now if he agrees with me when I criticize our country in general and disagrees when I get off on the South he must admit to one of two things which are: That he is narrow and ungenerous in his judgment and criticism of our social and political affairs, or that what I said of the South is (with his compliments) untrue. Now if it is the former I have nothing more to say. If the latter, I have only to say I am ready and anxious to see any argument he wants to bring to prove it is untrue, and remember it must be argument before I will have anything to do with it. A quotation from some fellow's ecology of the Confederate dead to my mind is no argument and I don't propose to listen to any such "rot," for that's what it is, "only this and nothing more."

Again, Mr. Editor, let me apologize for my brother's brazen affrontery which he displayed when he indulged in those speculations as to my nativity, my loyalty as a Southern man, and other such personal reflections. However, I do not allow myself to think for a moment that the gentleman meant anything personal by his remarks, but I do take from them that he does not agree with me, and what I want is some argument proving to me and to the readers of THE PROGRESS that the South was justifiable, from the standpoint of her duty to this nation, to her own people and to modern civilization in carrying on the last two years of the war. I have already expressed myself on this point and the gentleman has disagreed with me but offers no reason for doing so. I say let's hear from him again.

Respectfully,  
DAVID CLARK.

A. W. Gilliam, of Crooked Creek was in town Monday for the good roads demonstration. Mr. Gilliam says the people of that section are much interested in the good roads movement. He stated that the people of Broad River and Crooked Creek townships are very anxious to be on the central highway and that between \$2,500 and \$3,000 has already been subscribed as an inducement to secure the highway. The people of this section realize the importance of good roads.

The Southern railway has let the contract for a new passenger station at Thomasville. It will be a modern station—pressed brick, tile roof steam heat, etc.