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COMMISSIONERS MEET

J. L. Nichols Elected Chairman of Board—New Officers—List of Jurors.

The new board of county commissioners were sworn in Monday. The board is composed of Messrs. W. H. Taylor, J. L. Nichols and W. C. Morris, Mr. Taylor being the only member of the old board remaining. The commissioners elected Mr. Nichols chairman. Mr. W. M. McNairy was re-elected attorney for the board.

The new officers—J. F. Parker, register of deeds; J. A. Laughridge, sheriff; Millard G. Poteat, treasurer, J. C. Elliott, surveyor—all took the oath of office and filed their bonds.

The commissioners were in session two days, most the time being devoted to routine matters. J. H. Morris was appointed road commissioner in Glenwood township to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. C. Morris.

Jurors for the January term of McDowell Superior Court were drawn as follows:

First week—A. Burgin, F. M. Bradley, C. D. Corpening, Ed. Allison, G. M. Bird, W. A. Burgin, W. S. Parker, T. Y. Epley, T. L. Nichols, A. E. Neal, Sam Holland, J. W. Horton, J. G. Pyatt, John Smith, S. N. Gray, J. H. Crown, J. C. Goforth and B. G. Gettys.

Second week—R. D. Pyatt, W. H. William, S. D. Glens, P. D. Nanney, W. W. Dickson, J. H. C. Kanipe, J. M. Clay, W. H. Hill, R. L. Padgett, W. M. Lawing, R. A. Upton, J. E. Wilson, W. M. Ledbetter, W. H. Morris, J. R. Harris, T. W. Goforth, J. M. Haney and L. G. Arrowood.

Farewell Message to Congregation.

Rev. L. D. Thompson, pastor of the Marion Methodist church, delivered his farewell sermon here Sunday night. Short talks were made by Mr. C. F. James and Mr. D. E. Hudgins, which were followed by some remarks by Rev. J. C. Story and Rev. Wm. H. Moore, all of whom expressed keen regret at Mr. Thompson's departure. Mr. Thompson has been pastor of the Methodist church here for three years and has given the utmost satisfaction, and the entire community feels a distinct loss; however, proud of the fact that he goes into a larger field.

Rev. J. R. Scroggs succeeds Mr. Thompson. Mr. Scroggs for the past four years has been presiding elder of the Shelby district.

Mr. Thompson and family left yesterday for Statesville, their new home. Marion regrets very much to lose this splendid family.

Judge Continues Hearing to 19th on Britt Petition.

Raleigh, Dec. 5.—James J. Britt won his first point in the varied turns in the Tenth district fight between himself and Zebulon Weaver, his Democratic opponent, today when Judge Bond preserved the status quo by denying the demurrer of the state canvassing board to the injunction granted by Judge Frank Carter several days ago in Salisbury. He set December 19 as the date for further hearing. No certificate was therefore awarded.

Social Affairs.

The Twentieth Century Club held its regular meeting Friday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. D. E. Hudgins. The subject for the afternoon was "North Carolina Day," which proved to be a most interesting program. Response to roll call included readings from North Carolina authors, which was followed by two papers—"North Carolina, the Most Desirable Place to Live," by Mrs. Copeland, and "The Land of the Sky," by Mrs. Pescud Craig.

At the close of the program each member expressed a wish in prose or poetry for Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Gay, to take with them to their new homes. They leave this week for Statesville and Albemarle carrying with them the good wishes of all. As guests of honor each were presented with a beautiful book by the hostess.

A special feature of the afternoon was a "shower" of Christmas packages, containing useful articles to be sent to the soldiers in the war-stricken district.

An informal congregational reception was given by members of the Methodist church Monday evening at the home of Mr. John Decker in honor of Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Thompson. Quite a number attended. The board of stewards presented Mr. Thompson with a handsome traveling bag. Punch was served.

The Aid Society of the Methodist church gave a very delightful entertainment Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. W. Neal in compliment to Mrs. L. D. Thompson. The manner of entertainment was unique, composed of various games. The ministers' wives of the other denominations were also guests. The society presented Mrs. Thompson with a cameo brooch. A salad course was served.

Presiding Elder Holmes' Appointments for This District.

Rev. Parker Holmes, presiding elder of the Morganton district of the Western North Carolina Conference, recently appointed to this office at the Gastonia conference, announces the following appointments for the month of December:

Old Fort, December 9-10.
Marion, December 10-11.
Marion Ct., Carsons, December 16-17.

Marion Mills, old mill, December 17.

Morganton Ct., Salem, December 23-24.

Morganton Station, December 24-25.

McDowell Ct., Nebo, December 28.

Thermal City, Centennial, December 29.

Rutherfordton, December 30-31.

Jarrett-Daves.

Dysartsville, Dec. 4.—Carson E. Jarrett and Miss Cola May Daves were married here Sunday, Rev. J. R. Denton officiating. Those present for the ceremony were Charles Moss, Miss Nettie Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Denton, T. B. Landis, Miss Lillie Landis and C. H. Mangum.

We extend them hearty congratulations.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

BRIDGEWATER

Bridgewater, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Sue Riddle of Robbinsville is here visiting her nieces, Mrs. R. A. Abernathy, Mrs. Hattie Middleton and Miss Nora Ballew.

Miss Katherine Rockett spent Thanksgiving with friends at Conover.

J. H. Tate of Marion spent Sunday here with his parents. He was accompanied home by his little son, Phil, who spent several weeks here.

Miss Laura Moore of Enola was the guest of Miss Nettie Hemphill last week.

Miss Teresa Campbell spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks at Connelly Springs.

Vernon Cashion has returned after spending a few days with friends in Charlotte.

Misses Tressie Ballew and Lillian Hunter of Nebo spent Thanksgiving here with homefolks.

T. W. Wilson and daughter, Miss Mildred, of Glenwood, visited relatives here last week.

W. J. Ballew of Marion Junction spent Monday here on business.

Miss Lou Giles of Table Rock spent Thanksgiving here.

Mrs. Charles Dewey and little son have returned to their home in Asheville after spending a few days here with relatives.

Miss Nell Gibbs spent the week-end with homefolks at Garden City.

Miss Donnie McGimsey of Glen Alpine was a visitor at the Rust House last week.

Key Landis of Dysartsville spent Sunday here with friends.

Pat Thompson made a business trip to Asheville last Saturday.

Mrs. W. Jay Ballew of Marion Junction visited relatives here last week.

Abner Seals of Hankins spent the week-end here with his family.

Miss Cecelia Ballew of Enola spent the week-end here with homefolks.

There will be a box supper at the school house here Friday evening for the benefit of the Presbyterian church.

Born, to Mrs. Hattie Middleton, December 1st, a daughter.

HANKINS

Hankins, Dec. 4.—The box supper given at the school house Thanksgiving night was well attended by patrons and visitors. The proceeds amounted to \$26.20, which will be used for the benefit of the school.

Mrs. J. Y. Barnes of Marion was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Dona Jarrett, last week.

Nelle Gibbs of Bridgewater spent the holidays here as the guest of her sister, Delia Gibbs.

Tate Pyatt of Nebo was a visitor here last week.

J. H. Hemphill is moving his family to Nebo. We regret very much to see many of the old residents leaving the community.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Barnes received a telegram last Monday telling of the death of their son, George, which occurred on the morning of the 27th. He has resided in Paradise, Mont., for many years. He was near 35 years and leaves a wife.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Cannon spent the week-end at Patton with the former's parents.

Among the young people away at school that spent the holidays at home were Gertrude Barnes of Nebo, Joe Hall of Union Mills, and Will Morgan of Nebo.

Miss Delia Gibbs spent the week-end with homefolks at Garden City.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, Dec. 5.—The Chapel Hill school has been moving along nicely for the past seven weeks. The teachers and students have organized a literary society, which meets every two weeks. The programs have been easily rendered by students who take an ideal interest in the work.

A box supper is being planned to take place in connection with a Christmas entertainment to be given here on Saturday night of December 16th. Every one is invited. The Marion Band will furnish music for the entertainment.

A Thanksgiving program was rendered at the Baptist church, which was much enjoyed by all, more especially the luncheon served by the ladies.

The Teachers' Assembly.

More than a thousand teachers responded to the call of the State department to gather at Raleigh during Thanksgiving week for the annual Teachers' Assembly, County and city superintendents and supervisors, high school principals, farm life specialists and teachers of every grade were provided for in their various departments with ample schedules of work. Specialists from abroad, Dr. Briggs of Columbia University, New York; Dr. Bagley, from the University of Illinois; Prof. Dykema, University of Wisconsin; Miss Brochhausen of Indianapolis, and Gov. Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania offered class work and addresses both inspirational and practical.

Spirited conferences and round tables were conducted in all departments by experts at work in our own field. General gatherings on Thanksgiving morning and evening and each evening of the week were addressed by able speakers and enlivened by excellent musical programs. One teacher was heard to remark on the closing day "If it was only to get together and see the folks it would be worth while."

Changes in Schedules on Southern

Some important changes in train schedules on the Southern are to be made next Sunday, it is announced. Trains Nos. 15 and 16 will be operated as through trains, stopping only at the larger towns along the way, except between Asheville and Ridgecrest, where they will do local work. No. 15 will leave Salisbury at 5:50 a. m. and arrive at Asheville at 11 a. m. It will carry a New York sleeping car, Washington sleeping car and dining car. No. 16 will leave Asheville at 3:45 p. m., instead of 6:45 p. m., as now, and will arrive at Salisbury at 8:45 p. m. Train No. 36 will leave Asheville at 6 a. m. and arrive at Salisbury at 11:10 a. m. Train No. 12 will leave Asheville at 1:55, making local stops and arriving at Salisbury at 7:45 p. m.

Pay Days for Road Workers.

Pay days for flood-relief workers engaged in road work in McDowell county are announced as follows: Marion, Friday and Saturday, December 8 and 9. Old Fort Monday, December 11. Vein Mountain, Tuesday morning, December 12. Pitts, Tuesday afternoon, December 12.

John C. Jimison has been confined home for several days on account of injuries sustained in an accident while in the employment of the Stuart & Jones Construction company near Catawba, having had the misfortune to get his leg badly cut. He hopes to be able to return to his work again soon.

Seheingberg Bros. have decided to remain here during the holidays and will put on another big sale. They will probably locate here permanently.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The plant of the South Atlantic Lumber Company at Greensboro was destroyed by fire last Thursday. The loss is roughly estimated at over \$100,000.

Lenoir will endeavor to secure the location of the hospital which the Western North Carolina Conference, M. E. Church, South, proposes to locate within the bounds of the conference.

James A. Claywell, possibly the oldest citizen of Morganton, having last summer completed his 92nd year, and one of the most esteemed citizens of Burke county, died Friday morning at his home in Morganton.

Robert Winkler of Bridgewater died in Dr. Long's Sanatorium at Statesville Monday after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Winkler was about 60 years old and is survived by three children. Mr. Winkler was worth probably \$35,000 and a few days ago his children instituted a suit to have a guardian appointed for him, but he died before the courts passed on the questions at issue.

Ben Levi, aged 15, met a horrible death near Hendersonville late Thursday afternoon when he was accidentally shot by his friend, Munroe McCrary, aged 20. The boys were spending the day hunting and treed a rabbit in a hollow log. Levi was down beside the log attempting to scare the rabbit out and McCrary was standing over him with the gun. In some way the gun was fired and the discharge blew off the top of Levi's head.

Big Demand for Labor.

L. H. Corpening of Marion, who was in the city yesterday en route home, stated that labor is in great demand in McDowell county. The Southern Light and Power company is building five dams across the Catawba and Linville rivers and a new cotton mill is being erected near Marion. The Hardaway-Rinehart company, which is constructing the dams, has now about 2500 men employed and is offering good wages, said Mr. Corpening, for a great many more.

Good Showing for Moonlight Schools.

Complete reports to the State Department of Education show that there have been held in North Carolina during the school year of 1915-16 just 994 moonlight schools well distributed throughout the State and having enrollments that totaled 9,693 pupils who very generally signed petitions for these schools to be continued through the present school year.

The greatest number of these schools were in Wilkes county and the biggest enrollment was in Wake county. Wilkes had 55 schools and Wake had 450 pupils enrolled in her 18 schools. There were only nine counties in which there were no moonlight schools held during the 1915-16 school year.

Congress assembled Monday for the short session which will mark the closing of President Wilson's first term.