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## HOSPITAL BOARD MEETS

**Institution at Morganton Has Over 1,500 Patients; More Room for Men Is Needed.**

Morganton, Dec. 8.—The board of directors of the State Hospital met here Wednesday, consisting of I. I. Davis, chairman; J. P. Sawyer, A. E. Tate, A. A. Shuford, Charles P. Mathson, F. P. Aspaugh, Heriot Clarkson, L. N. Glenn, and R. R. Clark.

Dr. John McCampbell made an exhaustive and detailed report of the past year's work of the institution. At present there are 1,534 patients in the hospital, an increase over last year of 175. The recovery of patients shows 30 13-100 per cent. The general health of the patients has been up to the average, and there has been no serious epidemic.

Two new buildings have been built in the last year: The Receiving Building for women, and the New Colony for men. These two buildings add 160 beds to the capacity of the hospital. There is now being built two large dormitories, with ample space for 100 women. These additions bring the total capacity of the institution up to 1,450 beds. This meets the immediate needs, so far as female patients are concerned.

Room is badly needed for male patients, and an appropriation is to be asked of \$75,000 by the Legislature for the purpose of constructing a reception building for men, and also a dormitory building for the aged and helpless class.

Better fire protection is needed. A new refrigerating plant is badly needed.

The annual per capita cost for maintenance has been \$162.25. On account of the high prices of supplies, it is estimated that there should be a per capita allowance of \$181 for the coming year.

The last Legislature appropriated \$60,000 for a new water supply, and this has been provided by installing a gravity line from Clear Creek, nine miles away, and now the institution has an excellent supply of water.

The recommendations made by the superintendent, Dr. John McCampbell, were unanimously endorsed by the board.

## Central Powers Propose Peace.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—(Via Sayville)—Germany and her allies today proposed to enter forthwith into peace negotiations.

The propositions which they will bring forward are, according to Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, appropriate for the establishment of a lasting peace.

The Austrian, Turkish and Bulgarian governments are making similar proposals. These proposals have been transmitted also to the vatican.

## Reduction in Pensioners and Pensions.

The report of Commissioner Saltzberger of the pension bureau shows that more than 5,000 Civil War veterans have died within the last year, reducing their total to 286,080, hardly more than a third of what it was 18 years ago. There was a net reduction in all pensioners of 38,000, and in the amount paid for pensions of \$6,000,000. Pensions aggregating \$193,155,000 went to 709,572 persons.

## McDowell Apple Show a Success.

McDowell County's first apple show was held at the court house last week. It was a decided success, in view of the fact that it was the first time anything of the kind has been attempted in this county.

J. B. Curtis, who lives on Dr. E. V. Powell's farm above Old Fort, won first prize of \$10.00 for the best collections. Varieties shown were winesap, limber twig, Kinnard, Camac and black Ben Davis.

Mrs. T. W. Noblitt won first prize on dried apples; J. B. Curtis, 2nd prize; and Miss Geneva Bryd, 3rd prize.

The first prize on evaporated apples was won by Mrs. T. W. Noblitt. Allen Burgin won first prize on McIntosh, Morgan's Christmas and Spitzberger. A. C. Gardin won first prize on Coffee seedling; the 1st and 2nd prizes on Mammoth black twig were awarded to Mr. H. A. Gibbs.

Other prize winners were B. G. Dalton, Phifer Houck, Theo. Conley, S. P. Tate, B. F. Corpening, William Clark, T. L. Poteat and W. F. Mode.

It is planned to make this an annual event in McDowell County, which will no doubt do much toward encouraging fruit growing. McDowell County offers abundant opportunity to the fruit growers, and Farm Demonstrator W. R. Bailey is doing fine work in his efforts to encourage the apple industry throughout the county.

## Farmers' Union Elects New Officers for the Year.

The McDowell County Farmers' Union meeting held at Macedonia school house last Saturday was attended by representatives from seven locals. Mr. Watson, organizer for Rutherford county, was present. His county has about 1,000 members and much progressive work is being done along agricultural lines. Mr. Watson will start at once an active campaign to organize McDowell county on a better basis.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: E. K. Hild, president; T. W. Wilson, vice-president; C. M. Pool, secretary and treasurer; B. E. Watkins, chaplain; C. G. Morris, doorkeeper; J. A. Henley, conductor; W. H. Greenlee, B. F. Corpening and T. L. Tate; C. M. Pool, T. W. Wilson and S. L. Dobbins, committee on good of the order; G. C. Conley, T. L. Tate, T. A. Porter and G. F. Rhom, agricultural committee.

A vote of thanks was given the ladies for the very excellent and bountiful dinner served. Macedonia went to far as to carry dinner for the visitors horses.

The next meeting will be held at Siloam the first Saturday in March.

## Baptist State Convention.

The Baptist State convention, in session at Elizabeth City, selected Durham for the next place of meeting. Among the other matters of interest at the convention was the report of General Manager Kesler of the Thomasville orphanage. The orphanage is taking care of 500 children at an annual cost of \$55,000.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

### VEIN MOUNTAIN.

Vein Mountain, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Lou Culbreth Raburn, aged 54, wife of Esq. W. C. Raburn, died suddenly at her home here on December 3, after an illness of but a few hours. She is survived by her husband, two sons and three brothers. Her three brothers live in Polk county, and her son Jake is an operator for the Southern Railway at Bridgewater. Her husband and son Tom were with her when the end came. Mrs. Raburn was born in Rutherford county in 1862 and was the daughter of Mr. Fred Culbreth. She was married in Rutherford in 1892 to Mr. W. C. Raburn. To this union three children were born, one daughter and two sons, the daughter having died in infancy. The funeral services were conducted by Revs. Sorrels and Huntley, after which members of the Farmers' Union, of which Mr. Raburn is a member, performed the burial rites of the deceased.

Miss Lou Goforth, a member of the faculty of Chapel Hill School, spent the week-end here with her sister, Maggie Goforth.

J. C. Raburn, of Bridgewater, while here attending the funeral of his mother was taken ill with measles.

J. M. Arrowood killed a Berkshire pig during the week which netted him 491 pounds of pork.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ward, December 1, a son.

Bloom Ruffelt and family have moved from Rutherford to the J. F. Lawing farm.

The W. O. W. Camp of Dysartville has been removed to this place. We welcome this fraternal order. It is the first of the kind ever established here. May its good influence spread.

Mrs. J. V. Clayton of Pelzer, S. C., is visiting relatives here.

This place was recently visited by a dog supposed to be infected with hydrophobia. No persons or cattle were attacked, but a number of dogs were bitten and for this reason we are minus several worthless dogs.

On the school honor roll last month were Timon Connor, Mamie and Fletcher Lawing.

### NEBO

Nebo, Dec. 12.—Rev. J. A. Frye, our new Methodist preacher, has moved his family to Nebo. Mr. Frye preached his first sermon here Sunday afternoon.

Miss Adeline Wilkinson spent last Thursday with homefolks at Old Fort.

M. C. Sigmon made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Walter Williams spent Sunday in Salisbury.

Miss Estelle Wilson spent the Thanksgiving holidays at Morganton with her cousin, Miss Lula Kincaid.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Gettys, November 11, a daughter.

Mrs. G. D. Taylor and daughter, Hattie, were shopping in Marion last Thursday.

Miss Tracy Sigmon left Monday for Ashford where she will teach.

Miss Ola Gibbs of Marion spent the week-end here with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Tyler.

### School Entertainment at Nebo.

School at Nebo will close Thursday for the holidays. An entertainment by the primary and intermediate grades will be given in the afternoon. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock the high school department will entertain with a literary program. This program will consist of a debate, readings and music. The query to be debated is: "Resolved, that the Railroads should be owned and controlled by the Government." The affirmative debaters are Misses Dysart and Hunter and Messrs. Weaver and Morgan. Misses Wilson and Patton and Messrs. Tate and Hennessee will represent the negative.

### Sinclair-Kearns Wedding.

A beautiful home wedding was solemnized at the home of Dr. Geo. I. White on South Main street Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, when Miss Julia Sinclair, daughter of Mrs. P. J. Sinclair, became the bride of Mr. Henry Clay Kearns, of High Point.

The home was especially decorated for the occasion. Color schemes suggestive of Christmas were carried out in the library; pink and green predominated in the dining room, with pink carnations and ferns. Mistletoe and ferns were used to decorate the reception hall and parlor. The bridesmaids were Miss Nettie White of Elizabeth City, Misses Marjorie White, Kate Mae Streetman and Hattie Gibbs of Marion. They wore dresses of green and pink taffeta, veiled with maline and silver laces, and each carried bouquets of sweet peas. Miss Gladys Atwell was maid of honor, dressed in pink taffeta, and carried Killarney roses. The groomsmen were Messrs. Robert Amos of High Point, Morris Stone of Cincinnati, Ohio, L. O'Brien of Winston-Salem, and Jack Dillend of Greensboro. The ushers were Messrs. Kenneth Kirby, Byron Conley and Dr. P. D. Sinclair.

The bride was dressed in white Dutchess satin, with pearl trimmings, made with court train, and her veil was held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a beautiful bouquet of Bride's roses and lilies-of-the-valley.

During the ceremony Mr. C. C. Hohmann of New York City sang "Still as the Night" and "A Perfect Day." Miss Elma Carson of Knoxville, Tenn., sang "At Dawn" and "I Love You Truly."

Immediately after the ceremony a beautiful reception was held. Receiving in the hall were Mrs. Pescod Craig and Mrs. W. T. Morgan. Presiding in the dining-room were Mrs. J. A. Sinclair, of Asheville, and Mrs. P. A. Reid. Misses Elsie House, Martha Decker and Ethel Crawford served an ice course. Mrs. P. D. Sinclair and Miss Annie Little presided at the coffee urns in the library. Miss Nelle Blanton kept the bride's book.

The many beautiful gifts displayed in the library attested the popularity of the young couple.

The bride belongs to one of the oldest and most prominent families in this section. She is a sister of Dr. J. A. Sinclair of Asheville, Mr. L. C. Sinclair of High Point and Dr. P. D. Sinclair, and a sister of Mrs. Geo. I. White, at whose home the wedding took place. Mr. Kearns is a prominent young business man of High Point and a alumnus of Trinity College.

After a trip to New York and points North they will return to High Point, their future home.

### Glenwood School Honor Roll.

Following is the honor roll of Glenwood school for the third month:

First Grade, Miss Ada Conley, teacher—Elizabeth Poteet, Cordie Kanipe, Nancy Hawkins, Joe Neal, Robert Neal and Grover Reel.

Second Grade—Ethel Goforth, Minnie Greer, Cecil Raburn, Arnold Pyatt.

Third Grade—Kate Neal, Ila Ward, Eellie Kanipe, Belle Watkins, Lingle Swann, John Morgan, Trueman Bowman.

Miss Edith Lonon, Teacher.

Fourth Grade—Marie England and Thelma Haney.

Fifth Grade—Gladys Pyatt, Annie Belle Greer, Nora Hunter, Leonard Byrd, Lawton Kanipe.

Sixth Grade—Verla Raburn, Eula Pyatt, Cecelia Haney, George Pyatt, Reid Byrd.

Miss Estelle Logan, Teacher.

Seventh Grade—Mary Clay, Leota Morris and Willie Hensley.

Eighth Grade—Polly Pyatt, Bertha England, Lizzie Morris, Goodloe Haney, Lela Marlow, Otho Marlow, Dock Hensley and Carl Swann.

Ninth Grade—Hattie Haney, Mildred Wilson, Mary Sue Pyatt, Charles Haney and Annie Morris.

Congressman Sam J. Tribble, of Georgia, Democrat, died Friday in Washington from effects of a stroke of apoplexy. He was serving his third term in the House.

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

**Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.**

Col. A. C. McAllister, a prominent and worthy citizen, died last week at his home in Asheboro, aged 79.

The North Carolina Conference M. E. Church, South, which closed its session at Durham Monday, will meet next year at Greensville.

William Jennings Bryan is to be the chief speaker at the Anti-Saloon league convention in Raleigh in February. The date of his address is February 15.

Congress was asked to prohibit the sale of liquor in Washington, D. C., in a resolution unanimously passed by the North Carolina Methodist Episcopal conference in session at Durham last week.

The half million dollar extract plant being erected at Morganton by A. M. Kistler in connection with the tannery, awaits only the turning on of the electric current, which will probably be ready in a few days.

President S. B. Turrentine of Greensboro College for Women announces the gift of \$1,250 to the endowment fund by A. Sherrod of High Point. This makes \$4,000 given by High Point in the \$20,000 so far pledged for the endowment.

The North Carolina Live Stock and Poultry Associations will hold their annual meet at Winston-Salem January 9-10-11-12. Gov. Stuart of Virginia, Dr. Kilgoer, Dr. Tait Butler and others appear on the programme. Reduced railroad and hotel rates.

Application for the pardon of E. S. Thomas, the young white man serving a term of one year on the Wake county roads for assault upon a young white girl from Tennessee in a Pullman car at the Raleigh depot, will be vigorously opposed by citizens of New Berne and others.

The \$11,000,000 government armor plant is virtually certain to be located at some point in the Middle Western area. Some point having good connection with the mineral supply sources and transportation facilities to coast points, but sufficiently remote to remove danger of destruction by any hostile or invading force probably will be selected.

Governor Craig Friday appointed Gen. Julian S. Carr chairman of the Mitchell monument committee. General Carr will have the complete management and control of the building of a monument to Dr. Elisha Mitchell on the summit of Mount Mitchell. The general will, if he desires, appoint a committee composed of such persons as he may select, and to the number that he may deem advisable, to assist him in securing the monument, the design of it, and the erection of it.

A tornado at Atlanta, La., Friday virtually demolished the business-section, causing a loss of about \$40,000. Three churches, and railway station were among the buildings destroyed and some persons were injured.