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## PAGE AND KISTLER BANQUET GUESTS

### Marion Honors Members of Highway Commission at a Banquet Here Saturday.

Citizens of Marion and McDowell county Saturday night honored Frank Page, state Highway chairman, and A. M. Kistler, eighth district commissioner, at a banquet given the highway officials as a token of appreciation of their service of the state and the eighth highway district.

The banquet was served in the Kiwanis hall, J. Q. Gilkey, chairman of the good roads committee of the Chamber of Commerce, acted as toastmaster.

Short addresses were made by J. W. Winborne and W. T. Morgan, Marion attorneys. The principal addresses were made by Mr. Page and Mr. Kistler.

Out of town guests were: J. G. Stikeleather, William A. Mattoon, A. S. Barnard, and Jack P. Smith, of Asheville; S. T. Henry, of Spruce Pine; and F. A. Perley, of Black Mountain. Each of these made short, interesting talks about the progress North Carolina has made with its highway system under the supervision of Mr. Page.

Mr. Page arrived in Marion Saturday morning and was met by H. E. Noell and R. W. Parks, local state highway engineers, and Chamber of Commerce officials, who accompanied him on a trip visiting nearby points of interest, including Mount Mitchell and Lake Tahoma. The party went to Mt. Mitchell as guests of F. A. Perley who favored them with a delightful lunch at Camp Alice. Although it was snowing on the mountain and visibility was bad, members of the party expressed pleasure in the trip.

### MARLOWE-McCALL

A wedding of much interest took place last Wednesday morning, when Miss Lela Clara Marlowe became the bride of Mr. Charles A. McCall. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Brown, pastor of the bride, in the presence of a few close friends and relatives.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Marlowe of Nealsville, N. C., and is well known throughout the county. She is a graduate of the Glenwood High School and the Appalachian State Normal School at Boone, and for the past four years has been teaching in McDowell county.

The groom is a son of Mr. William McCall of North Cove. He is a well known citizen of McDowell county and possesses many sterling qualities. Following the ceremony a delightful dinner was served and enjoyed by everyone present.

Immediately after the lunch was served the happy couple left for Spartanburg, S. C., and other points. After January 1st they will be at home at North Cove, N. C.

### FRATERNITY DINNER

The local members of the Sigma Nu Fraternity entertained their wives and invited guests at a three-course dinner held at the Marianna Hotel last Saturday night with Albert Blanton acting as toastmaster. The table was beautifully arranged with a centerpiece having the coat of arms on it and streamers leading from that to the corners of the table, using the fraternity colors of yellow and black. Each of the guests were presented with a manicure set, enclosed in an alligator case, having the coat of arms on it.

Music was furnished by the Carolina Orchestra from the University of North Carolina. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pless, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ray Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blanton, Misses Jeannette Gilkey, Johnnie Conley, and Virginia Ramsey of Salisbury, Walker Blanton and David Blanton.

### DEATH OF CHILD

Vivian G. Padgett, two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Padgett, died at her home near Marion Friday, Dec. 28. She was loved and admired by all who knew her and will be greatly missed in the home. The funeral service was conducted from the home Saturday afternoon by Rev. Brackett and interment made at Pleasant Hill cemetery.

## RAY HENNESSEE, 15, TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Ray Hennessee, son of J. P. Hennessee of Ashford, a lad of about 15 years of age, killed himself Tuesday afternoon about two o'clock. Young Hennessee, according to reports, had purchased some shotgun shells from Wiseman's store, immediately after which he proceeded in the direction of his home. Reaching within sight of his home, he was observed by members of his family with suspicion, his acts appearing to be queer. His mother went out to ascertain the trouble and the boy eluded her, walking around on the opposite side of an outbuilding, immediately discharging the gun. When reached by his mother, the lad was dead.

Sheriff Adkins, Coroner Jonas and ex-Sheriff Nichols were called to the scene of the tragedy and after making investigation, decided an official inquest was unnecessary, the facts clearly establishing a case of self-destruction. Friends and relatives of the dead boy were puzzled as to the cause of his rash act. He had been away from home on some trips and some of his conduct had been a matter of concern to his friends and relatives. He had been attending school at the North Cove Consolidated School during the fall months. He was considered a bright lad and capable of doing good work. The report of his untimely end cast a pall of gloom over the entire North Cove section.

## AGED BAPTIST MINISTER DIES AT EAST MARION

Rev. Isaac F. Moore, an aged Baptist minister who is well known throughout Western North Carolina, died at his home at East Marion last Thursday, Dec. 27. Mr. Moore was 86 years of age and had been in the ministry about fifty years. He was formerly of Madison county but had resided here for the past three years. His first wife died about ten years ago. About three years ago he married Miss Maud Durham, who survives him. He is also survived by three sons and two daughters, as follows: Lawson Moore of Rock, Md., Andy Moore of Haywood county, Thos. A. Moore of Madison county, Mrs. Sallie Messer of Haywood county and Mrs. Della Smith of Leicester. The funeral services were conducted from the residence Sunday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Hall of Haywood county and Rev. James Hicks of East Marion and interment made at Cove Creek cemetery.

## MASONIC BANQUET NEW YEAR'S NIGHT

Mystic Tie Lodge No. 237, A. F. & A. M., entertained with a New Year's banquet and dance at Lake Tahoma Casino last Tuesday night.

Galla caps were given each guest as they entered and at 7:30 o'clock they all assembled around the tables with one hundred and twenty-five in attendance. Mr. C. F. James acted as toastmaster and Mr. J. W. Winborne made a talk on what Masonry means to the home. Prizes were given to Mrs. Mashburn and Mrs. Little for holding the lucky numbers.

The Carolina Tar Babies of Asheville furnished the music for the evening.

Those on the committee were L. W. Erwin, chairman; J. F. Wilkerson, Lee Conley, Rev. P. D. Mangum and R. B. Crisp.

## UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER JAN. 6 TO 12

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the World's Evangelical Alliance of Great Britain have invited all the churches and followers of Christ to unite in the observance of the "Universal Week of Prayer" January 6th to January 12th. In accordance with this request the "Universal Week of Prayer" will be observed by the First Presbyterian Church, beginning Sunday January 6th. The pastor will have the assistance of other ministers of the community. There will be preaching every night next week at 7:30 p. m. except Saturday night. Everybody is cordially invited to attend and take a part in these services.

### HARVEY-YATES

Mr. Claude Yates of Lenoir and Miss Gertrude Harvey of Adako, N. C., were married at the First Baptist parsonage here last Saturday, Rev. P. D. Mangum officiating. Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Yates left for a tour of Virginia on their honeymoon.



## "Hello, Everybody"

## OLD SANTA BRINGS CHRISTMAS CHEER

### Needy Families of Community Supplied With Food, Cloth- ing and Christmas Cheer.

The poor and needy of Marion and community were well taken care of during the Christmas season. Many agencies were busy getting out Christmas packages, baskets, clothing and other comforts to the needy families of the community. The Kiwanis Club, following its established custom, sent baskets well filled with food, Christmas delicacies and other articles. The Welfare Department, under the supervision and management of Mrs. E. H. Dysart, a member of the County Board of Welfare, and Mr. R. V. McGimpsey, McDowell County Welfare officer, made an effort to see that no families were neglected. Through the Welfare Department, a considerable amount of clothing and food was furnished. A number of families stricken in the epidemic of influenza were provided with doctors and medicine. The Sunday Schools and Churches were also active in helping the needy and unfortunate, whether members of the churches or not. A number of families found Christmas a larger source of joy than would have been the case had it not been for the church organizations.

The needs of the poor have been greater this Christmas than heretofore. This is largely attributed to the fact that there has been a great deal of sickness in the past few weeks. Added to this has been unemployment which usually means increased sacrifice and distress among the poor. Marion and community has always been active in taking care of the needy. This season's enlarged opportunities have had to be met but the public spirited people of the community have met the need and met it well. It bespeaks the fine spirit of the community and bears evidence of Christian ideals put into practice by those who have a warm sympathy and kindly feeling for people less fortunate and in need.

### MRS. G. J. POTEAT PASSES

Mrs. Grace J. Poteat, widow of the late S. E. Poteat, died at her home at Glenwood on Wednesday evening of last week. Mrs. Poteat was 87 years of age and is survived by four sons: L. A. Poteat, of Florence, Colo.; J. A. Poteat, of Anderson, S. C.; A. P. and J. H. Poteat, of Glenwood.

The funeral service was conducted from the Glenwood Baptist Church Thursday by Rev. J. M. Brown.

### USED CAR SALE

The J. F. Snipes Motor Company announce an auction sale of used cars will be held at the garage Saturday, January 5, at 7:30 p. m.

## PLAN TO SECURE CHEESE FACTORY

### Preliminary Work Being Done To Interest Company To Lo- cate Plant in Marion.

The Kraft-Phenix Cheese Company is looking for favorable locations for the establishing of more cheese factories in this section. A representative of this company met with farmers and business men of Yancey, Avery, and Mitchell counties at Spruce Pine the past Friday, discussing the location of a cheese factory in that immediate section.

This representative, O. L. Darter, stated that his company was especially interested in locations that would eventually furnish from 50,000 to 100,000 gallons of milk per day, which production would give the farmers a pay roll of \$1,000,000.00 per year.

In locating cheese factories the following factors were given careful consideration: Roads, the attitude of the farmers and business men, the attitude of the local banks, and the existence of an organized agency for promoting better farming, as conducted by the Division of Co-operative Agricultural Extension Work in County Agent work.

It is believed that McDowell county, with its fine network system of state and county highways, and railroads radiating in five directions, Marion being the "hub" of these roads, and with the interest of our farmers and business men in dairying, that by the co-operation of all agencies, that we should be able to get this corporation to give Marion favorable consideration.

W. L. Smarr, County Agent, has received a copy of a card from Mr. Darter, as a suggested card to be used in making a "milk survey" of McDowell county. Preliminary work is being done in making this milk survey, and other data will be collected which will be of value in seeking the location of a cheese factory. Cards will be sent to all farmers with the request that they fill out and return, this giving the information about the number of cows they have, or will purchase if a satisfactory market is provided for the milk. After the survey is completed, a county-wide meeting will be held, at which time a representative of the Kraft-Phenix Cheese Company will be invited to attend. If you are interested in this matter, talk it over with your neighbors, your business men and your County Agent.

The Kraft-Phenix Cheese Company buys milk on the butter-fat basis, and their price compares favorably to the price paid by creameries and other dairy manufacturing plants.

Rev. J. S. Lockaby, who has been confined at the Marion Hospital for the past week with influenza, is reported improving.

## PASTORS' CONFERENCE AT MARS HILL JANUARY 22-23

The Greater Western North Carolina Pastors' Conference to be held at Mars Hill on January 22-23 will be of interest to Baptists in this section. The program follows:

Tuesday, January 22  
11 a.m.—Devotional, Rev. H. L. Smith  
11:20—Sermon—Rev. W. H. Ford  
Noon

1:30—Devotional, Rev. J. R. Owen  
1:45—Business.  
2:00—Baptist Conception of the Relation of Church and State—Dr. R. J. Bateman.

2:30—Discussion.  
2:45—The Things I Cannot Do—Dr. W. M. Lee

3:00—My Leisure Time—Rev. P. D. Mangum

3:20—Perils to Home Life—Rev. W. W. Williams

7:30—Devotional, Rev. R. O. Arbuckle

7:45—Sermon—Rev. A. Jackson

Wednesday, January 23

9 a.m., Devotional, Rev. T. F. Dietz

9:15—Financial Program of Church—Dr. Walter Johnson

9:35—Educational Program of Church—Prof. A. B. Miller

10:20—A Pastor's Program—Rev. J. M. Justice

10:40—An Evangelistic Program—Rev. Wallace Hartsell

11:00—Sermon, Rev. A. B. Joyner  
All Baptist Pastors in the mountain section of Western North Carolina are considered members of this Conference, and are requested to be present and enjoy both the program and the good fellowship.

### NEBO NEWS

Nebo, Jan. 1.—Misses Lela and Elizabeth McGimsey delightfully entertained a group of college girls and town boys last Saturday evening. Those present were as follows:

Margaret and Jonnie Wilson of Mars Hill, Ruth Kincaid of Boone, Helen Plant of Maryville, Tenn.; Alma Hemphill, Lawrence Sorrells, Herman Cline, Carl Fleming of Rutherfordton; Joe Hemphill, Austin Harris and Raymond Padgett of Old Fort; Harry Melton, James Barjore and Dewey Chesterfield of Lenoir; Nell and Pearl Hemphill of Salisbury.

Many games were played, after which a salad course was served.

We are very sorry to hear of the flu raging in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hunter are visiting in Nebo.

Miss Grace McGimsey is visiting friends in Banner Elk.

Miss Helen Plant is visiting relatives in Rutherfordton.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Wessinger have returned from their Christmas vacation.

Miss Jo Hemphill spent New Year's with Misses Elizabeth and Lola McGimsey.

A large crowd of boys and girls watched the New Year in.

### MARTIN-DEVINNEY

A beautiful wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Minish at East Marion on Sunday evening, December 23, when Miss Essie Martin became the bride of Mr. Raymond Devinney. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. N. Wise. Mr. Devinney is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Mills Devinney of this county and holds a responsible position with the McDowell Furniture Company. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Martin of Clinchfield and very popular in that community. Mr. and Mrs. Devinney will make their home in Marion.

### LANE-WINKLER

Morganton, Dec. 29.—A wedding of state-wide interest was that on Christmas day of Miss Ruth Lane and J. Paul Winkler of Boone at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lane. Mrs. Clinton Landis of Marion was matron of honor, and the bride's only attendant.

The bride and groom will return to Boone after a wedding tour through eastern Carolina. Mr. Winkler is associated in business there with his brother.

### PROFFIT-REEL

R. L. Reel, of Marion, and Miss Thelma Proffit, of Woodfin, were married Christmas day in Spartanburg, S. C., it was learned Saturday. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Proffitt, while the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reel. He is proprietor of the Asheville Barber College at Woodfin.—Asheville Citizen, 29th.

## A. C. GARDIN, 83, DIES AT GLENWOOD

### Well Known Citizen of Mc- Dowell Succumbs After an Illness of Several Weeks.

Nealsville, Dec. 31.—In the early morning of Dec. 29, 1928, Mr. A. C. Gardin succumbed to a continued illness of twelve weeks. He had been in declining health for a year but had not been able to leave his room since Oct. 4th.

Mr. Gardin was eighty-three years of age, having been born June 22, 1845. His father was George Gardin whose farm in the days of slavery extended for two miles along Muddy Creek four miles south of Marion.

In early manhood Abraham Corpene Gardin built the present homestead near Glenwood, N. C., on his portion of his father's estate. To this home on March 16, 1882, he brought his bride, Miss Nannie Belle Neal, who was twenty-one years younger than himself. Their devotion to each other through the years has been beautiful. How tenderly she has cared for him these last years, especially during his last illness.

In order to know Mr. Gardin it was necessary to meet him in his home. He was an especially kind husband, father and grandfather. His ways were gentle, his spirit sweet. He thoroughly enjoyed visits from friends and his generous heart rejoiced when his home could be of service to anyone. He was a friend to everyone he knew; hence the host of friends who point the family in mourning its loss.

Mr. Gardin was converted and joined the Methodist Church in 1881. He has lived daily the christianity which he professed.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Nannie Neal Gardin; one daughter, Mrs. A. P. Poteat, of Glenwood; one sister, Mrs. Emma Dobson, of Lancaster, S. C.; seven grandchildren, Elizabeth Poteat, Max Poteat, Kenneth Poteat, Geneva Jessie Hunt, Judson Hunt, Sarah Hunt, and Elizabeth Hunt, all of Glenwood; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Two of Mr. Gardin's children—Mary Lizzie Gardin, and Mrs. D. J. Hunt—had preceded to await at the golden gates for his coming. It is a peculiar coincidence that his death occurred exactly on the fifth anniversary of his daughter's (Mrs. Hunt's) death. Mr. Gardin was especially fond of music. His daughter, Mrs. Hunt, was the musician of the family and his life had been saddened these five years since her going because he missed hearing her voice accompanied by her sweet touch upon the piano. For years his favorite vocal selection had been, "The Holy City." The writer can just imagine how she met him at heaven's gate to sing more clearly than ever of the glories of that Holy City to which he had come and which they may now enjoy together forever.

The funeral was conducted at Glenwood Church Sunday afternoon, Dec. 30, at two o'clock by Revs. E. O. Cole, T. Smith, J. D. Pyatt and J. M. Brown.

The pall bearers were the following nephews of the deceased: Messrs Winfield Keeter, George Neal, Arnold Morris, Linwood Dobson, John H. Dobson and Arnold Pyatt.

The flower girls, nieces of the deceased, were as follows: Gladys Pyatt, Ruth Pyatt, Kate Mae Neal, Bess Neal and Mrs. A. B. Nanney.

The remains were laid to rest in Glenwood cemetery in the presence of a large crowd of relatives and friends. Floral designs made beautiful the body's last resting place.

His Step Grand-daughter.

### TAYLOR-YOUNG

Miss Dora Taylor of Clinchfield and Mr. Claud Young were married at the East Marion Methodist parsonage last week, Rev. J. N. Wise officiating. The vows were spoken in the presence of a few friends who accompanied them to the parsonage. The bride was beautifully gowned in light blue silk crepe with accessories to match. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Young of Marion. The young couple have a large circle of friends who wish them much happiness. They will make their home in Marion.