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## DR. J. G. REYNOLDS CLAIMED BY DEATH

**Well Known Clinchfield Citizen Died Wednesday—Funeral Service Last Friday.**

Dr. J. G. Reynolds, a prominent citizen of the Clinchfield community, died at his home at Clinchfield Wednesday evening, March 6, at 8 o'clock. He had been in failing health for some time but his death was hastened by an attack of heart trouble.

The funeral services were conducted at the home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. H. Grogan, of Canton, assisted by local pastors, and Mystic Tie Lodge No. 237, A. F. & A. M. of Marion. Interment was made at Oak Grove cemetery. The active pallbearers were W. C. Davis, R. O. Wylie, N. P. Thomas, Paul V. Nichols, J. H. Jones and W. T. Noblitt; honorary pallbearers were O. F. Adkins, Dr. G. S. Kirby, C. C. Lisenbee, Boyce Sprinkle, John M. Snoddy and W. S. Jones.

Dr. Reynolds was born and reared in Madison county. He came to Marion in 1915 and located in the Clinchfield section where he established a good practice among the mill people of Clinchfield and East Marion.

Mr. Reynolds was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Canton and was an active member of the Baptist Church. His life of unselfish service was rewarded with many friends.

Mr. Reynolds was 67 years of age and is survived by his wife and three daughters and five sons as follows: Mrs. Lucy Noland, of Rhodhiss; Mrs. W. M. Suttles, of Clyde; Mrs. Zora Ponders; G. M. Reynolds, D. J. Reynolds, C. B. Reynolds, E. M. Reynolds and J. V. Reynolds of Marion.

## ENJOYABLE MEETING WOMAN'S CLUB FRIDAY

The Woman's Club had a very enjoyable meeting last Friday afternoon in the Kiwanis rooms. The president, Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey, called the meeting to order and singing of the club song followed. A short business meeting was held, twenty-five members responding to roll call. A committee was appointed, with Mrs. Annie Miller Pless as chairman, to meet with the board of Aldermen and make plans to have a "clean-up day", when the streets and vacant lots will be beautified.

Mrs. Mangum had charge of the musical program, and was assisted, besides club members, by Miss Julia Burton. The program follows:

Piano solo: Spring Song, Mendelssohn; Mrs. Annie Miller Pless.

Vocal solo: The Years at the Spring, Beach; Mrs. T. A. Wilson.

Quartet: I Love a Little Cottage, O'Hara; Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Giles, Mrs. Mangum, Mrs. Klontz.

Piano solo: Birds in Springtime, Morrison; Mrs. Annie Miller Pless.

Vocal solo: I Heard a Fairy Piper, Baines; Mrs. T. A. Wilson.

Quartet: Bendemees Stream (Old Irish Melody); Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Giles, Mrs. Mangum, Mrs. Klontz.

Piano Duet: Whispers from Erie, Rockstrou; Miss Julia Burton and Mrs. Klontz.

A social hour followed when Mrs. W. K. M. Gilkey, Mrs. Homer Beaman and Mrs. C. W. E. Pittman served an ice course.

## TO GIVE DEMONSTRATION IN FORESTRY WORK HERE

Mr. R. W. Graeber, Extension Forester of the State College, Raleigh, will be in McDowell County Thursday, March 21st, and will give demonstrations in forestry work at G. C. Conley's farm near Marion, at 9:15 a. m., and at W. M. Wilson's farm near Sugar Hill, at 1:45 p. m.

The principal work to be done will be a demonstration in thinning out the undesirable trees, thus giving the more desirable trees a fair chance to grow more profitably. Calculations will be made so that the value in dollars and cents can be figured. Mr. Graeber will have his axe, and he asks that you bring your axe. His talk on forestry work will be very interesting, and will no doubt prove profitable if some of his suggestions are put into practice.

Carolina mountain counties have caught the lespedeza fever and the first co-operative shipment of seed for Yadkin county was placed last week.

## REHEARSALS IN FULL SWING FOR "THATS THAT"

Rehearsals are progressing successfully for the super-production of the big breezy musical "That's That," to be presented at the High School auditorium on Thursday and Friday evenings, March 21st and 22nd, under the auspices of the Athletic Association of the high school.

Miss Thelma Peterson, professional director from the John B. Rodgers Producing Co., of Ohio, is in charge of rehearsals, and is more than pleased with the progress being made.

This original and catchy comedy has met with dazzling success in cities and has won such descriptive phrases as "A lively and colorful musical comedy, a topnotcher in its field," "the fastest two hours of the year;" "a continuously interesting performance;" and "a wealth of beauty and music worth listening to."

The curtain first rises on an attractive singing and dancing ensemble of hotel guests and waitresses to the tune of the lively number "Down where the palm trees grow". The scene is laid at Palm Beach during the mid-winter social whirl. The speed, dash and color of this first offering are characteristic of the play throughout. The comedy is clean, sure fire and up to the minute. Twelve exceedingly interesting characters carry the action of the play. On the program they appear as follows:

Willie Hopp, a bell boy with all the tricks, Alford Morgan.

Letitia Brownell, a pretty social climber, Sis Lonon.

Jane Bronson, her interesting friend, Helen Goldsmith.

Kenneth Jones, a boy worth millions posing as a life guard, Clyde Nanney.

Martin Morris, an avowed woman hater, Marion E. Kelly.

John Neilson, a New York Millionaire, Bill Lonon.

Mrs. Archibald Suthwell, a society matron, Mrs. D. F. Giles.

Eloise Reswick, Mrs. Suthwell's niece, Mrs. Jas. Goode.

Nannette Neilson, a charming debutante, Dorothy Gilkey.

Eddie Dewey, a "hick" from the "sticks", Mr. Beam.

Mickey Sullivan, a "jug" from New York, Woodrow Lemmond.

Mamie Rimer, Mickey's "Dumb Dora" Sweetie, Ethel Spratt.

## PLEASING MUSICAL PROGRAM SATURDAY

The following pleasing program was given by pupils of Miss Lois Gilkey at her home last Saturday afternoon.

Duet: Rough Riders, Engelmann; Anna Kate Craig and Miss Gilkey.

Solo: Happy Youth, Spaulding; Mildred Craig.

Solo: In the Lead, Ferber; Hiram Bishop.

Solo: Child's Dreamland, Josephine Craig.

Duet: Wandering Minstrel, Behr; Margaret Parker and Miss Gilkey.

Solo: Beautiful Pearl, Derhammer; Margaret Parker.

Solo: Boys Brigade, Wenrich; Cecil Gilkey.

Violin Solo: Song Without Words in C, Alquoni; Margaret Davis.

Duo: Valse Bleue, Margis; Hiram Bishop and Miss Gilkey.

Violin Solo: Melody in F, Rubinstein; Miss Ola Wall.

Solo: Wake Dolly Wake, Rowe; Mildred Craig.

Solo: Rosella, Hewitt; Barbara Wagner.

Duet: Rapid Fire, Rolfe; Mildred Craig and Miss Gilkey.

Violin Solo: Spring Song, Tolhurst—Roberta Neal.

Duet: Faust Waltz, Gonod; Miss Gilkey and Anna Kate Craig.

Solo: Roses of Bohemia, Kowalski; Anna Kate Craig.

Solo: Dance of the Water Witches, Ewing; Hiram Bishop.

Violin Solo: Bo-peep, Papini; Edith Nichols.

Solo: Schattentanz, McDowell; Miss Gilkey.

Duet: Love Song from "Faust"—Gounod; Anna Kate Craig and Miss Gilkey.

Solo: The Cascade, Dupre; Anna Kate Craig.

Violin Solo: Gavotte, Gossee; Miss Gilkey.

Duet: Joyous Return, Ringuet; Hiram Bishop and Miss Gilkey.

At the conclusion of the program block ice-cream and cake were served.

## PLAY AT DYSARTSVILLE

The Dysartsville School will present "The Little Clodhopper", a three act play, at the Dysartsville school Saturday night, March 16, at 7:30 o'clock. An interesting entertainment is promised. The proceeds will go to the school.

## VITAL STATISTICS FOR YEAR GIVEN

**Record Shows There Were 579 Births and 228 Deaths in the County During Past Year.**

During the year 1928 births outnumbered deaths in McDowell County by 243, according to vital statistics compiled in the office of R. F. Barnes, register of deeds. There were 571 births and 228 deaths. In 1927 there were 579 births, while the deaths during the same year numbered 203.

Bracketts township reported ten births and no deaths during the year ending December 31, while Crooked Creek reported eighteen births and one death.

The record of births and deaths in the various townships for 1927 and 1928 follows:

| Townships     | Births |      | Deaths |      |
|---------------|--------|------|--------|------|
|               | 1927   | 1928 | 1927   | 1928 |
| Bracketts     | 7      | 10   | 1      | 2    |
| Crooked Crk   | 14     | 18   | 5      | 1    |
| Dysartville   | 21     | 13   | 5      | 6    |
| Glenwood      | 10     | 14   | 3      | 4    |
| Higgins       | 3      | 4    | 5      | 4    |
| Marion        | 278    | 264  | 73     | 108  |
| Montford Cove | 9      | 14   | 4      | 7    |
| Nebo          | 17     | 16   | 8      | 6    |
| North Cove    | 38     | 35   | 11     | 6    |
| Old Fort      | 98     | 69   | 32     | 30   |
| Marion, City  | 61     | 76   | 49     | 41   |
| Old Fort, Twn | 23     | 38   | 7      | 15   |
| Grand Total   | 579    | 571  | 203    | 228  |

## JOHN LAWING DIES AT HOME AT HARMONY GROVE

Nealsville, Mar. 12.—Last Thursday the people of the Harmony Grove section were saddened when the death angel visited one of the homes of their good citizens, claiming Mr. John Lawing.

Mr. John Lawing was born April 9, 1860, died March 7, 1929, being 68 years old. He is survived by his beloved companion, Mrs. Ida Lawing, four sons and five daughters: William L., Floyd Worth, Ennis R., Everette, and Miss Minnie Lawing of Nebo; Mrs. T. A. Cuthbertson of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. J. M. Pruett, of Morganton; Mrs. Roy Fender, of East Marion, and Mrs. Worth Biggerstaff, of Clinchfield. All these were present at the funeral service. There are 29 grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at the Harmony Grove Baptist Church last Friday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. P. Hicks, assisted by Rev. W. F. McMahan and Rev. J. M. Brown. The remains were interred in the Harmony Grove cemetery.

Mr. Lawing was an honest and industrious farmer, a loyal husband and loving father. He was an earnest Christian and faithful church worker, and for fifteen years or more he served well the office of deacon of the Harmony Grove Baptist Church.

The writer has known Mr. Lawing for thirty-three years and knows that he was a good citizen of his country. The beautiful floral offerings at the funeral showed that he had many good friends. For the last few years Mr. Lawing had suffered intense pain caused by a morbid collection of watery fluid in the body, but he bore it patiently, and when the summons came to go up higher he was ready to enter that long home of which we all hope so much. The loved ones at home, and the citizens and members of the Harmony Grove Church will miss him for many years but it is a joy to know that he is numbered with the spirits of the just made perfect.

## MRS. BURGIN NAMED COUNTY ACCOUNTANT

At a special meeting of the county commissioners held here Wednesday Mrs. Chas. Burgin was named county accountant to fill the vacancy by the retirement of Mr. E. H. Dysart, county accountant for the past two years. The salary was fixed at \$1500 a year. Mrs. Burgin has served as clerk in the office for the past two years and is thoroughly familiar with the duties of the office. She will no doubt make a very capable and efficient official.

Mr. J. D. Blanton, chairman of the board, was named purchasing agent for the county, with Mrs. Burgin as assistant purchasing agent.

Paper was made from cornstalks as far back as 1765.

## POULTRY EXPERT HERE NEXT WEEK

**Demonstrations to Be Given in County March 18 and 19 by C. F. Parrish, Specialist.**

Mr. C. F. Parrish, Extension Poultry Specialist, of the State College, Raleigh, will be in McDowell County on Monday and Tuesday of the coming week, March 18th and 19th. The meetings and demonstrations will be held as follows:

Monday, March 18th: 10:30 a. m. at W. M. Wilson's, near Sugar Hill; 1:30 p. m., Pleasant Garden School; 3:30 p. m., Fred Moody's, near Greenlee.

Tuesday, March 19th: 9:00 a. m. at Dysartsville School; 10:15 a. m., Bratcher Landis', near Dysartsville; 2:00 p. m., Glenwood School.

Time permitting, some flocks will be visited in making the above schedule. If anyone in the county has any poultry problem, I would be glad to get in touch with you before or while Mr. Parrish is in the county. Mr. Parrish will discuss timely poultry topics.

All are urged to attend the meetings most convenient.

W. L. SMARR, County Agent.

## HIGHWAY PATROL BILL GOES THROUGH HOUSE

Raleigh, March 8. — Refusing to take the Senate highway patrol bill from its unfavorable calendar, the House today passed 49 to 37 the version of such a measure embodied in the bill of Representatives Hargett, of Onslow, and Harris of Person, both Democrats.

The Hargett-Harris patrol bill would provide for a patrol of 37 men under supervision of the State Highway Department. Four men would be assigned to each of the nine highway districts and a chief would be located here. The expenses of the patrol would be borne from the maintenance fund of the highway department. The bill does not provide for a State driver's license as did the bill passed by the Senate which would have created a patrol of 125 men.

An amendment providing that the Governor shall pass upon all men nominated by the Highway Commission as patrolmen before their election was adopted by the House before it passed the bill. It was offered by Representative Woodard, Democrat, of Nash.

## NEW THEATRE NOW NEARING COMPLETION

Marion's new theatre building is now nearing completion. The roof, known as steel deck construction, is now on and has been built in strict accordance with the requirements of the N. C. State Fire Protection Board and is considered to be absolutely fire proof. The building now that the walls are up and the roof on appears much larger than Marion people expected, and when completed will be a building that Marion people can well be proud of, as it will undoubtedly be the finest theatre in Western North Carolina outside of Charlotte and Asheville.

## CATAWBA VALLEY NEWS

Old Fort, Rt. 1, March 11.—Mrs. Ed Laverader and children of Spindale spent last Thursday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scruggs and children of Cliffside spent the weekend with the latter's mother, Mrs. S. C. Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McCall of Greenlee were pleasant visitors here Sunday.

John Hensley and sister Nellie made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

Mrs. A. C. Carr gave a birthday dinner for her mother, aged 72, on March 10th. The occasion was enjoyed by a number of guests.

Yancey Suttlemyre has been on the sick list for a few days.

Wm. Goforth of Glenwood is spending a while with his uncle, T. A. Porter.

Miss Ruby Hensley was very sick several days last week, but is recovering slowly.

A large crowd enjoyed a social at the home of Adam Wheelow Saturday night.

A baby chimpanzee learns to walk at six months of age.

## TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF LEGION RECALLS GREAT MEN'S WORDS

"The American Legion has justified the confidence and prophecies of the American people in the last decade, and it is interesting to recall some of the terse statements of prominent leaders in the last ten years," H. D. Hoover, Commander of McDowell Post No. 56, American Legion, said today in calling attention to March 15 and 16 as the tenth anniversary of the Legion's birth in the Paris Caucus in 1919.

"It warms the heart of every Legionnaire to realize that the faith of those great figures of American history in the then infant Legion has been kept."

"The statements follow:

"President Wilson: 'The spirit of their service was as splendid as their success, and the continuation of that spirit in The American Legion will make it always an inspiration to the full performance of difficult duties.'

"President Harding: 'The men of The American Legion will be summoned with confidence to deal with the problems of today and the possible crises of the future.'

"President Coolidge: 'While your influence remains, America will be secure.'

"General LeJune: 'As years have passed it has afforded me the keenest pleasure to see my faith in the Legion justified.'

"John W. Weeks: 'You will give our country many of the conspicuous leaders of the next half century, and it promises to be a momentous period of national life.'

"Samuel Gompers: 'Your organization is one of the stabilizing and constructive forces for the perpetuation of this, the great Republic of America.'

"Judge K. M. Landis: 'To the Legion and its principles, my devotion; and to all the Legionnaires, my affection always.'

"General Leonard Wood: 'The American Legion is going to be a dominant force in this country.'

"These are but a few excerpts from many praises and predictions made in the past. That they were justified is due to the high ideals that the Legion has ever kept in all its work. The greatest of these ideals has been, and will continue to be the same unselfish service to God, Country and Comrades that it was in war."

## COMPENSATION BILL IS ENACTED INTO LAW

Raleigh, March 8. — The Senate tonight concurred in House Amendments to the workmen's compensation act, and the measure will become law upon the formality of ratification.

The House amendments were explained by Senator Broughton, of Wake, and occasioned no debate. These amendments raised the compensation in certain instances instances and made technical corrections in others. The compensation bill was drawn by the Senate committee on insurance as a compromise on two bills which had been introduced.

A commission of three persons will be in charge of carrying out the act. They are to be appointed by the governor. One would represent the employees, one the employers and one the public, under the provisions of the bill. The chairman is to be paid \$4,500 and the other members \$4,000.

The maximum compensation for death is \$6,000, and for personal disability, \$18 a week.

## PROBE STARTED IN ROBBERY AT OLD FORT POST OFFICE

Old Fort, March 13.—Efforts of officers were being concentrated today in an effort to solve the mystery surrounding the robbery Saturday night of the Old Fore postoffice and an effort which was made to break into the Southern Railway station.

A safe in the postoffice was broken open and \$30 in cash and a diamond ring stolen. Don Gosorn, postmaster, had removed all money and valuables from the safe before closing the office except the ring and \$30.

A crowbar had been used in breaking open a window in the postoffice building, and it was believed that the same instrument had been used in prying at the window at the depot. Police had no clues on which to work they said today.

Congress, in 1820, formed the first Committee on Agriculture.

## SENATE PASSES EDUCATION BILL

**Office of Pardon Commissioner Abolished — Executive Counsel Post Created.**

Raleigh, March 12.—The Hancock education bill was given the approval of the senate today, 46 to 2, and was sent to the house for concurrence in a number of material amendments.

The principal amendment written in the bill by the senate makes the equalization fund \$6,500,000 double of that of 1927.

The office of executive counsel to the governor was created by the passage of the house bill today abolishing the office of pardon commissioner, whose duties are transferred to the executive counsel. He will be paid a salary of \$6,500 annually and allowed \$1,500 for expenses.

No amendments were accepted to the school bill, which provides for a six months term. A dozen or more senators who voted for the bill, expressed disapproval of certain of its features. The major objections were that it placed too much power in the hands of the equalization board and that the fund was not large enough.

Included in the Hancock bill are sections providing a new salary scale of from \$1,600 to \$3,600 for county superintendents and increasing the teacher load to 27 pupils for each high school teacher and 32 for elementary school teachers.

## P. O. S. OF A. LADIES AUXILIARY TO ORGANIZE

Next Monday, March 18th, at 7:30 p. m., Mrs. H. D. Bass, District President P. O. S. of A., will be in Marion at the P. O. S. of A. Hall to organize a Ladies Auxiliary, which is a branch order of the P. O. S. of A. All the ladies are invited to come hear Mrs. Bass and take advantage of the opportunity to become a charter member of the first ladies secret order to be organized in Marion. Mrs. Bass has asked the P. O. S. of A. to advertise her coming to Marion and we hope that she will have a big success at organizing in Marion. The P. O. S. of A. has agreed to have an open meeting in her behalf on next Monday night.

Washington Camp No. 40, P. O. S. of A., had seven applications at the last meeting, and four new names were added to the roll.

Brother Mangum was present at our last meeting and made a fine talk that all the brothers were interested in hearing and his speech was enjoyed by all. Twenty-six members were present and refreshments were served.

Brother Bussell, State Organizer, requested the Marion Camp to get fifty new members enrolled by the time of the State meeting here and by the progress we are making it is going to be a success. We hope that we can surpass the mark that Brother Bussell has set for us. At our last meeting the applications of Ray Simmons, R. L. Morgan, H. B. Williams, C. L. Kanipe, Don Sartain, Frank Biggerstaff and John Simmons were passed on by a committee and balloted on and therefore elected to membership. More applications are expected at our next meeting.

ROY J. ELLIS, President.

## CONGRESS IS CALLED TO MEET ON APRIL 15

Washington, March 7.—President Hoover cleared the way today for the solution of two of the most pressing problems before his administration by calling the 71st Congress in to extra-ordinary session on April 15th to consider further farm relief and limited tariff revision legislation.

He also gave further consideration to the appointment of the national commission which is to take up the third and perhaps gravest problem—general law enforcement with particular reference to the prohibition amendment and the abuses which have grown up around its operation.

## NEGRO MINSTREL AT CLINCHFIELD

The Coonville Club of the Glenwood High School will give a negro Minstrel composed of negro songs and comical speeches at the Clinchfield School Auditorium, Saturday evening, March 16th, at 7:30 p. m.