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TWO FIRES HERE DURING THE WEEK

Fire of Unknown Origin Damages Veneer and Panel Plant — Residence Burns.

Marion has had two fires during the past week.

The damage at the Marion Veneer and Panel Company, where fire raged for about an hour Thursday about midnight, is estimated at between \$50,000 and \$60,000. The loss was covered by insurance, it is stated.

The storage building was destroyed and the drying rooms were damaged, but firemen were able to save the remainder of the plant from serious damage. The flames threatened for a time to spread to the Teague Furniture Company nearby.

The fire's origin was not known. The night watchman said he saw no signs of fire when he made his rounds at 11 o'clock. The fire was discovered about 11:30, when the entire interior of the storage building appeared to be in flames.

T. O. Teague, of Taylorsville, is the principal owner of the plant, and he stated that this is the second fire he has experienced in his factories in the past six months. The other fire was at Taylorsville.

RESIDENCE DESTROYED

The second fire of the week occurred last Friday morning about 4:30 o'clock when the bungalow of Fred Houck on North Garden street was destroyed by fire. The residence was occupied by Mr. Houser. The origin of the fire is unknown. When discovered the kitchen was ablaze. The alarm was quickly given and the fire department responded promptly but the fire had made such rapid headway that the building was practically destroyed before the blaze was extinguished. The building was partially covered by insurance.

MUSIC CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. MCCALL

The last regular meeting of the Music Club for the club year 1928-29 was held Monday night, April 22, at the home of Mrs. Geo. McCall. At the close of the business meeting the club adjourned to begin work again in August 1929. After the program Mrs. McCall served a delicious sweet course.

The following program was given: Piano Solo, The Rosary (Nevin); Mrs. Roy Davis.

Violin solo, Maiden's Wish (McMillan); Mrs. Arnold Morris.

Piano Solo, Witches Dance (McDowell); Miss Julia Burton.

Sketches of the Lives of Composers of Programme; Mrs. Jno. Potrat.

Piano Solo, Valse Caprice (Newland); Mrs. R. K. Davis.

MARION TEAM BEATS CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Marion High defeated Central High of Rutherfordton here Friday 12-3. Arrowwood, local pitcher, was in fine form, striking out ten and allowing but 3 hits. Murray and Howard were the hitting stars for Marion while Libscomb looked good at bat for Central High.

Batteries—Marion: Arrowwood and Murray; hits 9, runs 12; errors 2. Central High: Justice, Dotson and Libscomb; hits 3, runs 3, errors 5.

DEATH OF CHILD

The hearts of their neighbors and many friends were made exceedingly sad last Sunday morning when the news went out that Wilma Beatrice Walker, seven months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Walker, of the Elizabeth James Mill Village, had died during the night. Although the child was known to be very sick, yet its going was unexpected and deepest sympathy is extended to the parents and relatives in this their hour of great sorrow.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Monday morning at ten o'clock by Rev. W. H. McMahan. Special music was rendered by a quartet from East Marion. The remains were carried to Dysartsville for burial.

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OVER 57 STUDENTS IN SCHOOL FOR EACH GRADUATE IN COUNTY

There are 57.7 pupils in school for each graduate of the high schools in McDowell county, statistics compiled by the University of North Carolina and published in the News Letter reveal. McDowell county ranks 61st among the 100 counties of the state, while Avery, Haywood, Mitchell, Rutherford, Yancey and other mountain counties are still lower, although Alexander, Burke and Polk rank above McDowell.

The News Letter says "the white public high school graduating class in North Carolina is less than 2 per cent of the total white enrollment, or was so for the last two years. The State over, it requires 53 students to furnish one graduate. This was the annual average for the two-year period, 1926-28."

Currituck county, the News Letter says, without an incorporated town, leads the counties of the State in proportion to its white enrollment. Another Tidewater county, Pamlico, ranks a close second.

Eastern counties far surpass those of piedmont and mountain sections, the survey shows. Of the first 24 counties, 22 are classed as eastern. City counties rank above the State average, but New Hanover is the only city county which ranks near the top, this county coming fourth. Catawba county leads the piedmont section with a triple tie for eleventh place, Cumberland and Moore having the same average of 37.7 pupils for each graduate.

The News Letter says "of the 11,357 high school graduates in 1928, 7,079 were girls and 4,278 were boys. This is about the ratio for several years back, except that the girls have widened the margin over the boys." In other words, that means the girls are an increasing per cent of the total graduates.

The number of pupils graduating from high schools in increasing at a rapid rate, the paper points out, for in 1924 there were 6,969 graduates as compared with 11,357 who received diplomas in 1928. The five-year increase was 63 per cent, but although "this is rapid progress, we are far from the goal that would cause North Carolina to compare favorably with other states in high school graduates annually," for "there should be at least 2000 to 2,500 graduates per year, with a white enrollment of nearly 6000," the News Letter states.

The total graduates for the two-year period, 1926-28, for McDowell county is 155, or an average of 77.1 graduates from high school each year.

INTERESTING PROGRAM GIVEN BY WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club held their regular monthly meeting Friday afternoon in the Kiwanis room. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey and all joined in singing the club song. After a brief business session Mrs. T. A. Wilson, chairman of the Music Department, conducted the program, which was rendered in a most efficient and pleasing manner by the high school girls.

PROGRAM

Song, "Beautiful Spring," by Chorus.

Reading, "David and Goliath," Iris Rabb.

Piano Solo, Waltz in C Minor (Chopin), Helen Klontz.

Violin Solo, Adoration, Betty Wilson.

Piano Solo, Rustle of Spring (Sinding) Charlotte Winborne.

Humorous Reading, Iris Rabb.

Piano Solo, Prelude by Rachno, Mary Rabb.

Piano Solo, Grand Valse Caprice (Engleman), Virginia Conley.

The next meeting of the club will be held on May 3rd. A literary program will be given. The hostesses will be Mrs. E. H. Dysart and Mrs. J. F. Miller.

BIG SALE CONTINUES

The Sacrifice Sale of J. L. Nichols & Co. had a successful opening last Friday and a large crowd thronged the store all day Saturday, the banner day of the big sale. The sale will continue throughout the week with special features for Friday and Saturday.

Mother's Day and Decoration Day will be observed at Harmony Grove Baptist Church on the second Sunday in May, being May 12.

SPECIAL SERVICE BEGINNING SUNDAY

Rev. W. O. Goode Will Preach Series of Sermons at First Methodist Church Here.

A series of sermons will be preached by the pastor, Rev. Watson O. Goode, at the First Methodist Church beginning Sunday morning, April 28, and continuing each night through the week at 7:45 o'clock.

"This meeting," Mr. Goode states, "is primarily intended to produce a community-wide interest in all practical spiritual things and movements for the good of our people. Therefore in its scope and spirit is non-sectarian—nondenominational—but deeply sincere, straightforward and spiritual—for the good of all who may attend and work with us. Everybody is most cordially invited to attend and assist in all of the services.

From among the following subjects addresses and sermons for the week will be taken:

"Does Marion need a revival of genuine religion?" "Who is your God what is he and where is he?" "Do you believe in prayer that prevails, what kind prevails?" "Does it cost to live above the average and ahead of the time?" "Has the modern American home any real religion?" "Christ's central call to humanity." "The coward and the hero." "Who is who in the world?" "Life at its highest." "The power and courage to forget." "First things first." "Flashes of inspiration." "Self versus God." "Tragic misuse of power."

Good music, solo, duet, quartet and congregational singing with a simple, yet straightforward heart-searching sermon will characterize these services. Everyone is invited to attend these services at 7:45 each night through the week.

OFFICERS SEIZE STILL AND ARREST OPERATOR

Revenue officers J.B. Banks and J. E. Kanipe, accompanied by Taylor Greene, made a successful raid in the Brindletown section near the Burke county line last Friday afternoon where they found an illicit distillery in full operation and arrested Jess Francis, colored, on a charge of manufacturing whiskey. About 500 gallons of beer were seized by the officers and the still was brought to Marion. The outfit was of a 45 gallon capacity. Francis, who was placed in jail, is also wanted on a charge of shooting B. H. Robbins about three years ago when the latter was attempting to arrest the negro on a similar charge.

On Thursday of last week Officers Banks, Kanipe and Greene, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Ben Hensley, captured a 60-gallon capacity still and 2,000 gallons of beer on Pilot Mountain near Dysartsville. On the same day 300 gallons of beer were captured near Sevier. The still had been removed.

BOOK CLUB MEETS

Mrs. A. W. Grayson entertained the members of the Book Club at her home on South Main street on last Thursday afternoon, there being three tables of 108 in progression.

The rooms were prettily decorated with spring flowers. The hostess served delicious refreshments. The visiting guests were Mrs. E. H. Dysart and Miss Rena Neal.

PLAY A SUCCESS

"The Path Across the Hill" was presented to a large and appreciative audience at the Eugene Cross School last Saturday night. The proceeds amounted to \$73 which will be applied to the fund for purchasing curtains for the school building.

MRS. ARROWOOD PASSES

Mrs. T. W. Arrowood, of Vein Mountain, died Sunday, April 14, after an illness of several years and was buried at Macedonia on Monday. Mrs. Arrowood was 38 years old and is survived by her husband and six children. She is also survived by two brothers.

BALL GAME HERE FRIDAY

The Forest City High School baseball team is scheduled to play the Marion team here Friday afternoon. An interesting game is promised.

See Oasis Theatre's special offer of Free Silverware. You cannot afford to overlook this.

MARION AIRPORT TO BE IMPROVED

Second Runway to Be Completed in Ten Days — Marion Field on Rand M'Nally Map

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Airport committee of the Marion Chamber of Commerce was held on Friday night. Further development of Francis Marion Field was the high spot of the meeting. The committee expects to leave nothing undone toward maintaining the local Airport as the best in Western North Carolina. The chairman of the committee, W. S. Shiflet, announced that a second runway of three thousand feet will be completed within the next ten days. It will then be possible for a plane to land in every direction on the field which is a part of the two hundred and twenty-seven acre area that is being developed.

The chairman also reported that the three thousand feet of tile that was installed last winter is functioning perfectly, and the area has been dry at all times since its installation. The Marion Telephone Company is co-operating with the committee in building a telephone line to the field, and work on the line will be completed within the next two weeks.

The field has been registered with the Rand McNally map company of Chicago, which company has marked the local airport on its aviation maps. The field is also being registered with the Department of Commerce, Aeronautics Division.

EARN CERTIFICATE IN ORNAMENTAL PLANTING

Friends of Clarence Stepe, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Stepe, will be interested to know that he has recently completed a course in ornamental planting and landscaping.

Clarence has been doing theoretical and practical work under the direction of Stark Bros., nursery architects, for the last two years, and having passed very creditably the final examinations on the various subjects included in the course, he has been awarded a certificate to that effect.

Besides doing this correspondence work, young Stepe is a student at Lenoir Rhyne College, and is making good on all his work at that place.

GREAT MASTERS TO BE ON EXHIBITION HERE

There will be a display of paramount interest at the Marion High School on May 6-10, an art exhibit. More than one hundred and fifty pictures will be shown, pictures that you want to see and that you should know something about. You wish to keep up with your children in school. They are learning to recognize these pictures and to know something of the artist who painted them. In addition to your enjoyment in this collection you will assist in raising a fund for the purchase of pictures for the school, and they are badly needed.

SILVERWARE TO BE GIVEN AWAY AT OASIS THEATRE

The Oasis Theatre announces that on next Monday and Tuesday every lady purchasing an adult ticket will be given absolutely free one piece of silverware, and on every Monday thereafter an additional piece of silverware will be given to every lady holding an adult admission ticket until all have received a full 52 piece set.

On next Monday and Tuesday the Oasis will present William Haines in "Alias Jimmy Valentine", one of the best "sound" pictures out.

GLENN WALKER DIES AT DYSARTSVILLE

Glenn Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Walker of Dysartsville, died last Saturday after an illness of several months. Mr. Walker was 21 years of age and besides his parents is survived by three brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services were conducted from the residence Sunday afternoon by Rev. W. F. McMahan and interment made at Dysartsville cemetery.

Some very attractive values in Spring and Summer wear are announced by Workman's in a page ad in this paper.

MEXICAN QUAIL TURNED LOOSE IN THIS COUNTY

Twenty-four pairs of Mexican quail were released in McDowell county recently for breeding purposes, Tom Gowan, county game warden, announced this week. The quail were brought here from northern Mexico. The quail are released on the property of landowners who promise two years protection from hunters.

Mr. Gowan announced that the quail received had been distributed over the county as follows: George Sandlin, Old Fort, one pair; J. C. Lawing, Glenwood, one pair; Abraham Lavender, Crooked Creek, two pairs; M. L. Good, Sevier, one pair; Chas. A. McCall, North Cove, one pair; P. H. Mashburn and Dr. D. M. McIntosh, Old Fort, three pairs; J. E. Jimerson, Garden City, one pair; R. A. Lonon, North Cove, one pair; John Yancey, Marion, one pair; L.A. Martin, Marion; R. P. Morris, Montfords Cove; S. L. Dobbins, Nix Creek; F. S. Bradshaw, Greenlee; G. N. Carter, Greenlee; Dr. J. F. Jonas, Montfords Cove; G. B. Woody, Greenlee; W. L. Dennie, Linville Falls; W. E. Landis, Turkey Cove; C. G. Morris, Glenwood; G. W. Wilson, Nebo; and D. W. Adams, Old Fort, one pair each.

The Mexican quail, it is stated, is a slightly smaller bird than the variety common to this state. It is somewhat lighter in color.

MRS. AMANDA TONEY DIES AT EAST MARION

Mrs. Amanda Toney of East Marion died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Jenkins last Monday evening. She was 96 years of age and had been a resident of this county for 49 years. Mrs. Toney was born in Rutherford county and at the age of 22 was married to John Toney who preceded her to the grave in 1914. To this union three daughters and six sons were born, five of whom survive as follows: Mrs. Mary Anderson of Cross Mill, Mrs. Joanna Anderson of Nebo, Jack and Ed. Toney of Nebo, and D. W. Toney of East Marion. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Sarah Melton of Rutherford county; 33 grand children and 32 great grandchildren.

At the age of 20 she united with the Baptist Church and lived a consistent christian life. Her passing brings sorrow to a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday afternoon at Harmony Grove Baptist Church of which the deceased was a member, with Rev. A. A. Walker in charge, assisted by Rev. J. N. Wise and Rev. D. J. Hunt. A large crowd attended the services.

D. L. TEAGUE INJURED IN ACCIDENT SATURDAY

D. L. Teague, of Taylorsville, is a patient at the Marion Hospital suffering from injuries sustained in an automobile collision with passenger train No. 36 at the Southern Railway crossing on West Henderson street last Saturday morning. It appears that Mr. Teague and his brother were on a trip west of town and not noticing a watchman on duty attempted to make the crossing. Their view of the main line was obstructed by cars on the siding and they did not see the train until it was close upon them. Realizing his danger Mr. Teague turned his car up the track, but the car was struck by the train and badly damaged. Mr. Teague was painfully injured about the arm and shoulder and considerably bruised, but no bones were broken and he hopes to be able to return home in a few days.

CANE CREEK NEWS

Old Fort, April 22.—Rommie and Roy Hicks of Maggie, N. C., are visiting relatives here.

J. W. Johnson of Sunnysvale spent the week-end here with his son, W. M. Johnson.

W. M. Johnson and J. B. Haynes of Old Fort motored to Sunnysvale last Sunday.

J. A. Walker and family spent Sunday with Mr. A. C. Walker.

Miss Sylva Johnson was the guest of Mrs. J. B. Holt Monday.

Farmers are taking advantage of the pretty weather this week for planting corn.

"ALIAS JIMMY VALENTINE" is part talking, is well acted, and has romance, drama and suspense in it. You will enjoy it. At Oasis Theatre next Monday and Tuesday. And don't forget the Vitaphone acts.

TEN ARE KILLED IN AUTO CRASHES

Six Die at Gastonia When Train Hits an Automobile—Four Killed at Greensboro.

Charlotte, April 22.—North Carolina counted ten dead and five injured Monday as the toll of two Sabbath automobile accidents.

Five of them died at Gastonia, where the Crescent Limited passenger train of the Southern Railway smashed an automobile bearing two families from Mount Holly, N. C., to the Loray mill district there.

The heroism of two women figured prominently in the accident. Mrs. J. D. McCurry of Mount Holly threw her infant son to the street pavement just before the train killed her husband and four members of a neighbor family. Both Mrs. McCurry and the child escaped with slight injuries.

An unidentified woman broke from a crowd to drag McCurry free of the burning wreckage but not in time to save his life. Others killed were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parton and two of their children, "Bud" and Ring. Another child, James Parton, was fatally injured.

Four Sunday motorists were killed at Monticello, near Greensboro, where their automobile overturned. They are Mr. and Mrs. G. Walter Burgess, their daughter, Mary, 16, and Mrs. Mollie E. Hudson, all of Ramseur, N. C. Two other children of the Burgess family were injured.

WILL BUILD CAMP FOR RURAL PEOPLE

Raleigh, April 22.—On twelve acres of land donated by the State Department of Agriculture from its holdings at the Mountain Branch Station near Swannanoa in Buncombe county, a permanent camp for use of 4-H club members and adult farmers and farm women will be ready for use this summer.

"The camp is a triumph of co-operative effort among those interested in the rural advancement of western North Carolina," says John W. Goodman, district agent of the State College extension service in announcing the close of the successful campaign for its establishment. "We plan to build first an auditorium, dining room, kitchen, and lake. These will be available in early summer. Then each county that uses the location for its boys and girls or men and women will build its own cottages for sleeping quarters. The capacity of the camp will be 500 persons at one time and we plan to have it occupied at least three months in the year. One feature of the summer will be a farm and home week at which time we expect to have thousands of men and women from our western counties gathered for instruction and recreation."

Mr. Goodman gives credit to County Agent O. B. Jones of Henderson county for first suggesting the idea. He also credits J. M. English of Asheville with securing donations of lumber and timber from the lumbermen's association to make the camp possible. The City of Asheville is hauling the material to the camp site now and the Buncombe county board of commissioners has graded an excellent road. Many business and commercial organizations have helped. Civic clubs have given their support and individuals have made important contributions. The Southern Railway reduced its freight rates on the material contributed.

At the present time, P. H. Gaston, county agent of Transylvania county, is giving his full time to constructing the central group of buildings and the dam.

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Catawba county farmers planted more clover, alfalfa and lespedeza this spring than at any previous time during the eight years County Agent J. W. Hendricks has been at work in the county.

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