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## STATE MEETING OF PATRIOTIC ORDER

Large Attendance — H. G. Mitchell Re-elected President—Other State Officers.

The State Camp Convention of the P. O. S. of A. held its first business meeting at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, when State President Hugh G. Mitchell of Statesville, called the convention to order and State Chaplain Thomas L. Trott took charge of the devotional exercises. There were about two hundred delegates present. Upon request of Rev. Trott, Dr. Viperman read a portion of scripture, selecting that beautiful chapter the 13th chapter of First Corinthians. Rev. P. D. Mangum, pastor of Marion Baptist Church, offered a short prayer, after which Robert Proctor, of Marion, representing Mayor H. H. Tate, delivered the address of welcome, in a short but forceful speech, which was received with enthusiasm by the visitors. Not the least important part of Mr. Proctor's speech was that portion wherein he emphasized the genuine necessity of taking into true account things spiritual, losing sight of self and selfish interests and rendering real service to others—all of which is exemplified in the ideals and principles upheld and practiced by the members of the P. O. S. of A.

Mr. Mitchell, on behalf of the State Camp and delegates, responded to the address of welcome, and Rev. Trott concluded the devotional exercises, following which the general meeting adjourned.

Immediately following the general meeting a closed session of delegates was held, dealing with matters of business, the nomination of officers, etc., lasting for more than two hours.

At 5:30 the delegates assembled in front of the court house and went by motor to Lake Tahoma, where dinner was served to them in the Casino, and music was supplied by the Marion Brass Band.

At 7:15 the delegates re-assembled in front of the court house, formed a line of march, and preceded by the Marion Band, paraded to the Marion High School Building, where an open meeting was held. This meeting was well attended and greatly enjoyed by those present. This meeting was presided over by State President Hugh G. Mitchell. Invocation was given by State Chaplain Thomas L. Trott, after which the Marion Band gave a special musical program. Miss Julia Burton and Mrs. Alicia D. Morris also entertained with a number of musical selections which were highly appreciated and enjoyed.

National Vice-President H. H. Koons presented a cup awarded by the State President Hugh G. Mitchell to Camp No. 25, Advance, N. C., in recognition of its having the largest percentage of net gain of any camp in the State up to and through December 31, 1928. This cup was received on behalf of the camp by C. W. Hall. State Chaplain Trott next presented another loving cup, on behalf of State President Mitchell, to Camp No. 57, South Gastonia, in recognition of meritorious service to the Order of North Carolina.

National Secretary Herman L. Miller, of Easton, Pa., addressed the convention, being the principal speaker of the evening. His subject was "Patriotism," which, he declared, "is a virtue inborn; that it is not found growing on trees, nor blooming in the garden. It is within the soul of man. Where a man is born there his heart is, and where his heart is there his love is. We call that patriotism. For this virtue men and women are willing to die, if need be." Mr. Miller further declared that our devotion to the memory of and our appreciation of the brave deeds done by our heroes in war can best be shown by our strict observance of the laws of our country in time of peace. "If the citizens of a nation will observe the laws of a nation, the question of enforcement will take care of itself," he said.

On Wednesday morning the delegates enjoyed a motor trip to Lake James and other points of interest. The business session reconvened at 10 o'clock, during which the annual election of officers, selection of place of meeting for next year and other business matters were given attention.

Officers were elected as follows:

State President, Hugh G. Mitchell, of Statesville; Vice-president, Chas. B. Hoover, of Cooleemee; Master of Forms, J. T. Graham, Cleveland; secretary, Fred O. Sink, of Lexington; treasurer, J. C. Kesler, of Salisbury; conductor, W. N. Pence, Albemarle; inspector, Troy Lyles, of Mooresville; guard, Rufus Goin, Mt. Airy; trustee, A. V. Sloope, Kannapolis; F. B. A. Director, T. L. Kimball, Winston-Salem.

Representatives to the National Convention to meet in Columbus, O., in September were elected as follows: E. A. Timberlake, Lexington; Hugh G. Mitchell, Statesville; Jas. T. Roberson, Mooresville; G. C. Smith, Shelby; C. W. Hall, Advance; Sam L. Smith, Tuckertown; N. B. Martin, Greensboro; J. A. Heath, Statesville; J. C. Kesler, Salisbury; Fred O. Sink, Lexington.

The meeting place for next year will be Raleigh, on third Tuesday and Wednesday in May, 1930.

## MARION HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT JUNE 5

The following invitation has been issued:

The Class of  
Nineteen hundred twenty-nine  
Marion High School  
Graduating Exercises  
Wednesday, June fifth, eight P. M.  
High School Auditorium

The commencement exercises of the Marion High School will begin on Sunday evening, June 2, with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. J. A. Jenkins, president of Davenport College, Lenoir, N. C., and continue through Wednesday evening, when a pageant, "The World Outside", will be presented by the senior class and others. The pageant will take the place of the class exercises and will have a large cast.

The members of the class roll are: Charles Stuart Sinclair, president; Frank Bowditch, Dallas Clay Duncan, Curtis Dula Hawkins, Clyde Walton Hogan, Paul Haskell Howard, Woodrow Patrick Lemmond, James Luther Mitchem, Edward Alford Morgan, Hollis Fred Snipes, James Marvin Stepp, Charles McCall, Dorothy Lucille Atkins, Mabel Inez Cooper, Faye Lillie Dixon, Claudia Vermilyn Epley, Beatrice Nan Flowers, Thurlay Annie Franklin, Effie Emily Hall, Lettie Eula Jones, Martha Margaret Lisenbee, Estelle Mangum, Margaret Elizabeth Lawrence, Hazel Kathleen Parker, Hazel Josephine Whitten, Katherine Irene Spratt, Nellie Emeline Robinson and Helen Frisbie.

## WELFARE OFFICER IS INJURED IN AUTO WRECK

Robt. V. McGimsey, mayor of Nebo and McDowell county welfare officer, lost his left ear in an automobile wreck near here late Thursday afternoon.

When a tire blew out, the car in which Mr. McGimsey was riding alone, turned over, and the windshield was broken. The glass severed the ear. The Nebo mayor also suffered cuts about the neck and face.

Following the accident Mr. McGimsey was carried to the Marion Hospital where he was given treatment and is improving, despite the fact that he lost a quantity of blood before help arrived.

The accident occurred about three miles east of Old Fort.

## LEGION PLANNING BIG JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Several committees appointed recently by the local post of the American Legion are already busy working out plans for what is expected to be the greatest Fourth of July celebration ever held in Marion. The program will include a big parade in which civic organizations will take part, business floats, and music by the Marion Band. The R. C. Lee Riding Devices will also be here, having been booked for a week's engagement.

## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Memorial day will be observed at Drusilla Presbyterian Church Saturday, May 25th. There will be all day services with dinner on the ground. The service will begin at 10 a. m. Rev. J. C. Story will preach at 11 a. m. and Rev. J. E. Robinson will preach at 2:30 p. m. Everybody cordially invited.

CORINNE GRIFFITH is beautiful, and her voice registers exceptionally well. Hear her talk in "SATURDAY'S CHILDREN" at Oasis Theatre next Monday or Tuesday.

## AIRPORT CIRCUS DRAWS BIG CROWD

Al Stewart of Raleigh Winner of Aerial Races—Gus Leaser Awarded Second Prize.

The Airport meet at the Francis Marion field, Saturday and Sunday, was a pronounced success. The inclement weather kept several planes from participating in the races and stunts on the two gala days, Saturday and Sunday; but the planes from nearby came, and all made whoopee.

Al Stewart from Raleigh, piloting a Travelair, walked away with the stunting contest and won races on both days in the 100 H. P. motor class. Gus Leaser, of Raleigh, won second place both days in the 100 H. P. class.

Dick Hunter, of Winston-Salem, made parachute jumps, landing on the field once and nearby the second time.

"Daredevil" Burns thrilled the crowd by suspending himself under the carriage of a plane in an automobile inner tube furnished by the Marion Chevrolet Co. Mr. Burns also performed a number of hair raising stunts on a rope ladder—hanging on with his feet, one arm, etc.

The attendance Sunday afternoon was estimated at around 10,000 persons coming to see the aerial show throughout the afternoon. There was plenty of room for parking the automobiles. The fifty acres of parking space is just another of the minor items that goes to make the Francis-Marion Field the best airport in this part of the country.

Music was furnished by the Marion High school band, composed of twenty-five pieces.

The winners of the races and the stunts received beautiful trophy cups Al Stewart of Raleigh, winning in three events.

## MUSIC RECITAL GIVEN AT THE CLINCHFIELD SCHOOL

The following program was given by Mrs. R. K. Davis and her music pupils at the Clinchfield School auditorium on Tuesday evening of last week:

Chorus, Pretty Little Snowdrop, by girls chorus. Solo, The Waltz, by Presser, Wilma Sprinkle. Solo, The Meadow Brook, by Krogmann, Jean Ellis. Reading, One, Two, Three, Virginia Fox. Solo, On the Boat, by Steinheimer, Marcella Stevens. Chorus, 'Tis May, by Wilson, Girls Chorus. Declaration, The Old North Court, Hawley Hicks. Solo, The Court Ball, by Streabog, Rachel Sprinkle. Duet, A Little Journey and a Little Song, by Presser, Wilma Sprinkle and Mrs. Davis. Reading, Molly, Laura Proctor. Chorus, By the Waters of Minnetonka, by Lieurance, Girls Chorus. Solo, The Big Bass Singer, by Rolfe, Mattie M. Laughlin. Solo, The First Recital, by Bilbro, Annie Taylor. Declaration, The Man Without a Country, Carl Sparks. Duo, The Spinning Log, by Goerdeler, Gladys Sprinkle and Mrs. Davis. Chorus, The Dixie Kid, by Giebel, Girls Chorus. Solo, Daddy's Waltz, by Rolfe, Jean Ellis. Trio, The Village Band, by Meyer, Misses Wylie, Brown and Mrs. Davis. Declaration, Sparticus to the Gladiators Jennings Lavender. Quartette, No Surrender March, by Morrison; piano 1, Misses Brown and McPheters; piano 2, Miss Wylie and Mrs. Davis. Reading, Encouragement, Marcella Stevens. Chorus, The Dutch Lullaby, by Wilson, Girls Chorus.

## REVIVAL SERVICES GROW IN INTEREST

The revival services at the First Baptist Church are constantly growing in interest and attendance, the church being well filled at each service. The meeting is being conducted by Dr. J. L. Viperman, of Spartanburg, S. C. Dr. Viperman is an able and forceful preacher and is preaching great sermons.

The services will continue through out the week with day services at 10 o'clock and night services at 7:45.

## HAWAIIAN MUSIC at Oasis Theatre on Thursday, by the Carolina Special Players. IN PERSON,

not on the screen.

There are 28 registered nurses in this country for every 100,000 persons.

## HIGH SCHOOLS IN CLOSING PROGRAMS

Commencement Exercises Held at Clinchfield, East Marion and Pleasant Gardens.

The finals of the Clinchfield School began with a community program on Sunday evening, May 12th, when the people of the village met for a union service in the school auditorium. Special music for the occasion was furnished by the pupils of the school and a male quartet. With brief and fitting remarks, Supt. N. F. Stepp introduced Mr. W. T. Morgan, who delivered a splendid address. Mr. Morgan contrasted the meagre opportunities and advantages of the youth of the older generation with the splendid opportunities offered the youth of today. He briefly presented many of the outstanding successful men of today, showing that with inspiration and willingness to work, there is no limit to the possibilities of any boy or girl.

On Tuesday evening, Mrs. R. K. Davis presented her music pupils in a recital. The program was indeed well rendered. The music was supplemented by several entertaining readings.

"The Willow Plate," a Chinese operetta, was presented by the Grammar Grade children on Friday evening. The setting and costumes were beautiful. Much praise is due Miss Evelyn McPheters who coached the play.

The outstanding program of the series of entertainments was that given by the Seventh Grade. It was the presentation of Hale's "The Man Without a Country," which had been dramatized by the class. The three scenes used were the court room scene in Richmond, and two scenes on board the U. S. S. Levant. The pupils were aided in painting the latter settings by Miss Pauline Tipton.

Each character played well his part. The outstanding characters were Hauley Hicks, as Philip Nolan, the Man Without a Country; Carl Sparks, as Lieut. Danforth; and Jennings Lavender, as Captain of the U. S. S. Levant.

This concludes one of the most successful years the Clinchfield School has ever known. Miss Ruth M. Greenlee has been the efficient principal for a number of years and under her leadership the school has made great progress. She has been assisted for the past year by an able teaching force, and at a recent meeting of the school committee, Miss Greenlee and practically her entire faculty were re-elected.

## EAST MARION SCHOOL

"The Cruise of the Trundle Bed" was given by the Primary Department of the East Marion School on Friday night. About 75 children beautifully costumed took part. It was well done and the little folks received much applause for such an excellent presentation. Music selections were a part of the exercise which was attended by an overflow audience.

On Sunday night the community came together in a union service. Rev. W. O. Goode, of the First Methodist Church of Marion, was the speaker of the evening. Rev. Goode spoke on personality. He emphasized the importance of physical and spiritual development. The religious work in the schools and churches, he said, was to develop the personality. The personality that meant for the best in the life of every individual.

On Monday evening, "The Set of The Sail," a play by the 7th grade was given. The stage was artistically decorated and equipped for the occasion which proved to be one of the best programs ever given by the East Marion School. Twelve members of the class were awarded certificates of entrance to high school.

Miss Mamie N. Stacy, principal of the school, expressed her appreciation to the people for their co-operation and assistance in the most successful year the school has ever had. A strong faculty of well trained teachers has given to the East Marion community a very high type of service. Miss Stacy and her entire teaching force were unanimously re-elected at a recent meeting of the school committee.

## PLEASANT GARDENS

The Pleasant Gardens School held its graduating exercises on Monday

night. Several programs by the Primary and Elementary Departments have been given during the past few weeks. The class play was given by members of the high school on last Saturday evening. Monday evening brought out a large and appreciative audience. It was on this evening that the 13 members of the graduating class gave their class day exercises and were awarded diplomas of graduation. Following the class exercises, Rev. W. O. Goode, of Marion, delivered the literary address. Rev. Mr. Goode spoke to the members of the class and to the audience on one of his favorite themes, the development of character and personality; congratulating the graduates on their success in completing the work of the high school and urging that they continue with their education.

Mr. R. B. Phillips, principal of the Pleasant Gardens School during the past year has been very successful in the management of the school and at a meeting of the committee held on Monday evening, was unanimously re-elected for the coming year. The entire teaching force was invited to return but several having notified the officials of the school that they would not be candidates for re-election and their places were filled by the election of other teachers. Those who gave up their places in Pleasant Gardens School were Miss Mary M. Greenlee, who has been principal of the Elementary Department for the past two years. Under Miss Greenlee's supervision, the elementary school raised its place in the accredited list of standard schools. Miss Greenlee, it is understood, will take special work in education at the State College for Women during the coming year. Miss Margaret Knox and Miss Nellie Craig, who have been faithful teachers in the Pleasant Gardens School for the past year have made other plans and will not return. Their work has been very satisfactory to the management of the school, and the people of the community regret to see them leave.

## POEM BY MRS. CORNELIUS OBTAINS COVETED HONOR

(By Katharine Hopkins Chapman)

The Literary Digest skims the cream of current magazine verse, therefore poets consider it an honor to be selected for its weekly page of reprints with comment. Alabama is gaining reflected credit through the recognition therein of Lawrence Lee, Edith Tatum and other poets. The latest Alabamian to receive The Digest's accolade is Birmingham's own Mary Chase Cornelius, with her "Ballad of Dead Diction." This poem appeared in the American Poetry Magazine and was then given in full with praise in the columns of The News.

In L'Envoi of A Ballad of Dead Diction the lines:

"Poet, the poems I late have scanned  
A spurious cleverness display" . . . .  
come with cumulative force from Mrs. Cornelius because she has established herself as a critic of verse, conducting a bureau which is patronized by poets far and near. For nearly a decade she has doctored the halting lines of others, having clients in most states of the Union and in four foreign countries. She helps her clients sell their verse and that's where the real test comes. She advertised in writers' magazines for constructive criticism work as Chilton Chase, knowing that in such matters even yet a man's name carries more weight. She still functions as a critic under this name which, with the addition of Mary, was hers before her marriage. The volume of this criticism and the conscientious performance of it, limits the time Mrs. Cornelius can give to original writing, but it augments facility and familiarity with technique. The classes she conducts in fiction and verse writing also both help and hinder her personal output.

Nevertheless, Mary Chase Cornelius is selling verse to a long list of magazines and serves on the staffs of two. Her only published collection is "Flowers From The Foothills." Some of her poems have been incorporated in the high school English course of Maine.

She was educated in private schools and has been a life-long student and lover of literature, particularly of poetry. She has won prizes in nine distinct literary forms, two first prizes being for short stories. Lack of time limits her production of fiction, but she has the enviable record of having sold all she has had time to write. The essay also is a fa-

## LAUNCH DRIVE FOR UNIONS IN MARION

Thomas F. McMahon Urges Organization at Mass Meeting Here Saturday Night.

A definite drive to organize the textile workers in the nine mills in Marion was launched here Saturday night with the address by Thomas F. McMahon, president of the United Textile Workers Union, an American Federation of Labor organization.

An enthusiastic audience, mainly textile workers, filled every available foot of space in the McDowell county courthouse to hear McMahon discuss the condition of the southern mill workers and urge organization.

Mr. McMahon announced that the meeting was to inform those present of conditions and to stress the need and advantages of organization. An effort will be made to organize the workers in Marion's nine mills, it was announced.

The speaker strongly rapped business organizations, and particularly textile mills for alleged methods of covering up profits as an excuse for not paying employes higher wages.

W. E. King, labor organizer of Asheville, also made a brief address. Alfred Hoffman, one of the three labor officials kidnapped from Elizabethton, Tenn., was also present at the meeting.

## MRS. W. A. VESS DIES AT EAST MARION

Mrs. W. A. Vess died at her home in East Marion last Thursday evening. Her death came as a great shock to her many friends. Mrs. Vess had been a resident of the East Marion community for sixteen years. She had been a member of the Baptist Church for about thirty years.

Mrs. Vess was 49 years of age and besides her husband is survived by four sons, Claud, Zolon, Cecil and Oscar; two daughters, Mary Sue of East Marion and Mrs. Zora Stuart of Asheville; one sister, Mrs. Lula Davis of Clinchfield, and five grandchildren.

The funeral services were conducted from the East Marion Baptist Church Friday afternoon by Rev. A. A. Walker, assisted by Rev. J. N. Wise and Rev. J. P. Hicks, and interment made in Oak Grove cemetery.

## EIGHT DAYS REMAIN FOR LISTING TAXES

Only eight more days remain for listing taxes, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. Chas. Burgin, tax supervisor. Mrs. Burgin urges all persons to list their property before the last day, May 31. T. B. Conley is tax lister for Marion Township.

The listing is progressing well, Mrs. Burgin said. In the rural districts some of the listers are reported to have almost completed their work.

## NORTH CAROLINIANS BUY AUTOS HEAVILY

Raleigh, May 20.—North Carolinians bought motor vehicles the first four months of the year at the rate of almost 75,000 per year, Sprague Silver, director of the state revenue department's license bureau, announced today that new cars and trucks bought registered from January 1 through April 30 aggregated 24,379 as compared with 16,881 for the same period last year. April sales were reported at 6,649 as compared with 4,994 in April of last year.

## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Memorial Day service will be held at Pinnacle Church on Sunday, June 2nd. There will be preaching at 3 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. H. E. Stimson, after which the graves will be decorated.

vorite form with Mary Chase Cornelius, her essay, "The Wizardry of Work," winning a federation prize. To successfully conduct a home (she would put this activity first), a bureau of verse criticism, classes in fiction and poetry, and write ballads worthy of being quoted in a national weekly, sets an example to those writers who await inspiration. She herself must know and practice the wizardry of work.

(Mrs. Cornelius is a daughter of the late Mrs. E. P. Chase and is well known in Marion.)