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BUSINESS MEN- FARMER BANQUET

Plans Discussed For Cheese Plant — Large Attendance And Interesting Addresses.

Wednesday evening at eight o'clock a "Business Men-Farmers" banquet was held at the Casino at Lake Tahoma. One hundred and fifty business men and farmers gathered together in one of the largest events of its kind ever held in or near Marion. The banquet was prepared and served by the ladies of the Methodist Church.

Through the united efforts of W. L. Smarr, McDowell County Agent, the Kiwanis Club, and the Chamber of Commerce the banquet was made possible for the purpose of interesting the people of McDowell county in a cheese factory, condenser, creamery, or some kind of dairy product manufacturing plant.

The principal address was that given by Dr. Carl C. Taylor, Dean of the graduate School of Agriculture of State College, Raleigh, N. C. He used "The Value of Organization" as the topic for his discussion. Other speakers of the evening were F. R. Farnham, Dairy Extension Specialist who discussed the present dairy work and its possibilities, and W. W. Shay, who showed how swine are valuable as a by-product. Mr. Shay is in charge of Swine Extension Work.

The blessing was invoked by Rev. W. O. Goode, pastor of the First Methodist Church, and the guests began to enjoy the banquet which was spread before them. County Agent Smarr acted as toastmaster for the occasion. Shortly after the banquet was under way Rev. McKoy Franklin of Crossnore furnished special entertainment by giving imitations of the noises about the barnyard and forest.

As an introduction to the real purpose of the banquet Mr. Smarr discussed county conditions, the relation of business men and farmers, and outlined a prospective program to be used in securing some kind of a manufacturing plant to take care of dairy products. He introduced W. W. Shay as the first speaker of the evening.

In a very interesting way Mr. Shay discussed the value of swine to our farms. In his estimation two things are necessary to successful hog growing: First, methods must be studied very carefully, and secondly, farms growing hogs must be able to produce at least thirty bushels of corn per acre. He stressed proper feeding and pointed out that adjustment to price variations were very important. The loss of growing hogs for the market is very slight, deaths from cholera being the principal source, but which may be easily prevented by vaccination. If hogs are properly managed and fed the corn consumed by the animals should yield a five fold profit, he said.

As second speaker on the program the Dairy Specialist, F. R. Farnham, discussed the value of live stock to farms with special reference to the dairy cow. He stated that in 1909 the total value of live stock in McDowell county was only \$33,000, but that in 1924 the total valuation had reached the \$300,000 mark.

However, the result of a milk survey made during the past few months by County Agent Smarr in co-operation with the Kraft Phoenix Cheese Company indicated between 3,000 and 4,000 pounds, or 400 to 450 gallons, of milk per day available at this time from 201 cows pledged by 141 farmers. In order to receive consideration for a prospective location of a milk plant in McDowell county it will be necessary to increase the volume of milk available about three times, Mr. Farnham said; also, he further showed that by the addition of an average of four more cows per farm in McDowell county an income for the sale of butter-fat of over \$500.00 per year could be realized. This should be the goal of McDowell county farmers.

The 1925 Census report indicated that there were 1776 dairy cows in McDowell county on the 1,558 farms or an average of slightly over one cow per farm. Therefore the first important step at this time for the farmers in this county will be to increase their present number of cows at least five times.

McDowell county, and possibly Marion, has lost probable locations

to dairy product establishments because the people have not shown enough interest. At the present time there are 14 milk condenseries in the South. In order to stimulate a market for our products, Mr. Farnham said, we must have more cows. We cannot buy them for we do not have the money; even if we do have the money it is no easy matter to find good cows, so in McDowell county we must use only registered sires of merit, grow our heifers into dairy cows, and provide good pastures and home grown dairy feeds. For our pastures we should have enough grass and clovers for a cow to get a plenty to eat within two hours. In conclusion Mr. Farnham said: "Within the next ten years more condenseries will be located in the South than in any other section of the United States."

Dr. Carl Taylor, as final speaker, delivered the principal address. For over an hour he very forcefully spoke to an interested audience, stating the importance of right organization by saying, "We must not organize simply for the sake of organization, for such affairs fail, but we must organize in order to accomplish what we want to do."

In reviewing agriculture Dr. Taylor said: "No occupation is so important as farming; no enterprise has so many expert workers, yet no work lags farther behind."

Too small amount of the money made by the farmers is kept on the farm, and the fact that farmers are too highly custom-bound were among the weaknesses of farmers pointed out by Dr. Taylor. As a remedy he offered organization which would promote things vital to farmers and which would bring into their lives pleasures that are now absent. By having a set of farm leaders in each community who would co-operate with the County Agricultural Agent, city and county should be blended together.

After the speakers had finished their addresses a number of business men and farmers made short talks and expressed their opinion of the importance of and their willingness to "join hands" and work together in a movement to stimulate the production of more and better cows, more and better pastures and feeds, and of furnishing the best market possible for the dairy products. It was the sense of the meeting that a committee should be appointed to take steps in this direction. A temporary committee composed of Messrs. T. W. Wilson and C. F. James, Marion, W. M. Wilson, Marion R-2; R. H. Cowan, Dysartsville, and J. M. Haney, Nealsville, was appointed. This committee will meet at an early date to formulate plans to carry out the purpose of the meeting as stated above.

TIME IS EXTENDED FOR ADJUSTED COMPENSATION

The American Legion has learned that several World War veterans in this state have neglected applying for their Adjusted Compensation Certificates. These veterans will incur serious financial loss if they do not apply before the closing date of January 2, 1930. Should the veteran, who has failed to apply, die, his dependents will suffer substantial loss in the amount of the Adjusted Certificate should they make application.

This law became effective May 19, 1924, and the measure provided for adjustment in pay for veterans of the World War of \$1 for each day of home service and \$1.25 for each day of overseas service between the dates of April 5, 1917, and July 1, 1919. No credit was allowed for sixty days of service or less and if the sum was less than \$50 it was paid to the veteran immediately in cash.

The Legion learned that many veterans had failed to take advantage of this Federal bonus when the closing day for filing under the original act had arrived. For the benefit of the tardy ones, the Legion obtained an amendment to the World War Adjusted Compensation Act effective December 31, 1927, which extended the time in which veterans might apply to January 2, 1930. The closing date for application is again approaching and it seems improbable that the time limit will be extended beyond January 2, 1930.

Application blanks, assistance in filling them out, and full information regarding the Adjusted Compensation Act may be obtained from the nearest Legion post or from the Regional Office, United States Veterans Bureau, Charlotte, N. C.

SCHOOL FINALS BEGIN SUNDAY

Rev. W. A. Jenkins to Preach Baccalaureate Sermon—Pageant Wednesday Night.

The closing exercises of the Marion High School will begin Sunday evening when the commencement sermon will be preached at the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock. It will take the form of a union service of the churches, and the commencement sermon will be delivered by the Rev. W. A. Jenkins, president of Davenport College, Lenoir.

The program for Sunday evening will be as follows:

Processional, Ancient of Days. Prayer, Rev. J. C. Story. Chorus, Send Out Thy Light. Violin Solo, Miss Betty Wilson. Scripture reading, Rev. P. D. Mangum.

Announcements, Superintendent. Chorus, Whispering Hope. Hymn, Day is Dying in the West. Introduction of Speaker, Rev. W. O. Goode.

Sermon, Rev. W. A. Jenkins, president of Davenport College. Senior Song, Graduating Class. Benediction, Rev. J. S. Lockaby. Response by chorus.

On Wednesday evening the annual commencement exercises will be held at 8 o'clock when a pageant, "The World Outside," will be presented by the Senior class of 1929. Twenty-eight graduates will receive the diplomas of the school. Sixteen of these graduates are girls and twelve are boys.

The program for Monday evening follows:

Act 1, Campus. Act 2, Land of Yesterday. Act 3, Land of Tomorrow

Cast of characters

Class Mascot, Sarah Jane Miller. All Seniors and Junior girls. Janitor—Woodrow Lemmond. Historian—Estelle Mangum. Father Time—Fred Snipes. Spirit of Learning—Inez Cooper. Tempter—Paul Howard. Prophetess—Thurley Franklin. Testator—Dallas Duncan. Valetictorian—James Stepp. Fairy Queen—Virginia Gilkey.

Fairies—Anna Neal Pless, Maybelle Smith, Patsy Kirby, Louise Patton, Virginia Mae McCall, Helen Ray, Dorothy Pittman, Anna Belle Londer, Carolyn Bowers, Mary Sue Greene, Katherine Ledbetter, and Mary Gwendolyn Shiffet.

Sophomore Demons—Karl Jonas, Bill Morris, Edward McMillan, Atlee Wilson, Jack Greene, Wilbert Smith, Clifton Beck, Melvin Ellis, George Scarborough, James Cranford, Ben Epley and James Latham.

MISS THELMA ELLIOTT WEDS MR. E. C. ROBBINS

A marriage which will be of interest to the many friends of the contracting parties was that of Miss Thelma Elliott, of Marion, and Mr. E. C. Robbins, of Pineola. The wedding, which was a quiet home one, at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Dora Nichols, on Morgan street, was solemnized at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, May 25th, in the presence of a few close friends and relatives. Rev. E. F. Camp, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, of Newland, N. C., performed the ceremony, using the impressive ring ceremony of that church.

The home was tastefully decorated with a quantity of roses and peonies. The bride was lovely in a beautiful gown of white georgette and silk lace, carrying a corsage of white sweet peas and fern.

Mrs. Robbins is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Elliott of West Marion. She has a large number of relatives and friends in this section of the state who will be interested in her marriage. She recently graduated as a nurse. She is a brunette and possesses a personality which wins for her many lasting friendships.

Mr. Robbins is a well known nurseryman and is the owner of the Gardens of the Blue Ridge. He has made his home in Avery county for a number of years and is well favorably known throughout this section.

Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Robbins left for a short motor trip. After July 1st they will be at home at Pineola, N. C.

TEXT BOOKS FOR M'DOWELL COUNTY

High School Committee Adopts Text-Books For Use During The Next Five Years.

In compliance with the state law which requires that high school text books be adopted every five years, McDowell County High School Committee, composed of N. F. Steppe, County Superintendent; C. W. E. Pittman, superintendent of Marion Schools; A. V. Nolan, principal Old Fort School; W. B. Harrill, principal Glenwood High School and N. L. Wessinger, principal the Nebo High School, met several days ago and selected the books to be used for the next five-year period. Under the present law, all high schools in the county are required to use the same books. This makes it possible for pupils to go from one high school to another without having to buy new textbooks. The adoption of the county text books was on the same basis as the adoption of elementary books in the state.

The committee made a few changes as possible. The books had to be selected from a multiple list submitted by the State Textbook Commission. Books that were already in use and giving satisfaction were retained. In some instances a revision of a book classed as a new book but even where the revised books have been adopted, in some cases, the old adoption can be used.

The text books selected by the committee for the coming five-year period in the high schools of McDowell county are as follows:

Eighth Grade

English: New Practical English For High Schools (First Course); Lewis & Hoesic.

Grammar: Studies in Grammar; Hermans.

Spelling: High School Word Book; Sandwick & Bacon.

Dictionary: Webster's Secondary School Dictionary.

Literature: Literature and Life, Book I; Greenlaw-Miles.

Latin: Latin For Today; Gray and Jenkins. New Latin Grammar; Bennett.

Algebra: First Book in Algebra (Enlarged Edition); Durell and Arnold.

Arithmetic: The Stone Arithmetic, Eighth Year; Benj. J. H. Sanborn Company.

Science: Elements of General Science (With Experiments); Claywell and Eikenberry.

Civics: Textbook in Citizenship; Hughes.

Ninth Grade

English: New Practical English For High Schools (First Course); Lewis & Hoesic.

Spelling: High School Word Book; Sandwick & Bacon.

Dictionary: Webster's Secondary School Dictionary.

Literature: Literature and Life, Book II; Greenlaw-Miles.

Latin: Latin For Today (Second Year); Gray & Jenkins. New Latin Grammar; Bennett.

Algebra: Second Book in Algebra; Durell and Arnold. (Complete Book I and II may be had).

Biology: New Civic Biology; Hunter.

History: History of Europe (Our Own Times); Robinson & Beard.

Tenth Grade

English: Written and Spoken English (Revised Edition); Clippinger.

Spelling: High School Word Book (Briefer Course); Sandwick & Bacon.

Dictionary: Webster's Secondary School Dictionary.

Literature: Literature and Life, Book III; Greenlaw-Miles.

History: History of Europe (Ancient and Medieval); Robinson and Breasted.

Geometry: New Plane Geometry; Durell & Arnold.

Geography: Elementary Physical Geography; Davis. Modern Business Geography; Huntington-Cushing.

French: The Phonetic Chardenal (Chardenal).

Eleventh Grade

English: Written and Spoken English (Revised Edition); Clippinger.

Spelling: High School Word Book (Briefer Course); Sandwick & Bacon.

Dictionary: Webster's Secondary School Dictionary.

Literature: Literature and Life,

Book IV; Greenlaw-Miles.

French: The Phonetic Chardenal (Chardenal).

History: History of the United States; Beard & Beard.

Physics: Elements of Physics; Millikan and Gale.

Commercial

Baker: 20th Century Bookkeeping and Accounting, Revised, Complete text.

Lessenberry: 20th Century Touch Typewriting, Complete, Parts 1 and 2

Gregg: Gregg Shorthand Manual, Revised. Gregg: Speed Studies.

Walters: Fundamentals of Salesmanship.

Rowse and Fish: Fundamentals of Advertising.

Cole: Elements of Commercial Law.

Hotchkiss and Drew: Business English.

SoRelle and Gregg: Secretarial Studies.

DeHaas: Business Organization Essentials of Business Arithmetic; Miner, Elwell, Touton.

Home Economics

Foods and Home Making; Greer.

A Girl's Problems in Home Economics; Trilling and Williams.

Song Book: The Golden Book of Favorite Songs; Hall.

MARION HIGH CLOSES SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Just a few days ago the Marion High School closed one of the most successful athletic seasons in its history. The curtain came down with Marion doing battle with Forest City, last year's State Champions, at Forest City. The contest resulted in a 3-1 victory for Marion High.

During the season our local boys met strong combinations like Forest City, Canton, Newton and Black Mountain. Of the total number of scheduled games only two were lost, those by close margins to Black Mountain and Newton.

The offense was built around Arrowwood and Murray, both veterans of last year. They were hard fighters and the pep of the team. As the season closed Murray was hitting well over six hundred, while Arrowwood closely followed for second honors. Rabb and Ouzts were bright lights in the infield, with Williams and Conley roaming the outer garden to perfection. The entire squad, with one or two exceptions, proved to be reliable in every instance.

In summing up the laurels of the past season reference must be made to Marion's grid outfit. Fans of Marion will long remember such contests as the Hendersonville-Marion football game, resulting in a 7-0 victory; as interesting was the Marion-Forest City game which resulted in another victory, this time 18-0. There were nine scheduled games and of these Marion chalked up nine trophies, winning the initial contest with Swannanoa by a 76-0 count. At the beginning of the season Marion's prospects were not so bright, for the coaches had only a few letter men around which to build, what resulted to be, a winning combination. Marion was shown recognition by the Asheville Times in their pick of an All Star Team in Western North Carolina. Kanipe, plucky guard, was given first place, with Bowditch, center; Howard and Rabb, backs, receiving second mention.

Every now and then some school can and does push itself to the forefront in athletics, but when some particular school does that and remains there, by hard and fair fighting, that school deserves the consideration and second thought of athletic fans. Just that has happened at our local high school, and it has happened since Coach "Joby" Hawn became head of the athletic department. Too much praise can hardly be given Coach Hawn. Perhaps the greatest secret of his success lies in his ability to gain and hold the confidence of every member of his teams. Mentor Hawn's methods of coaching embrace, not only the essentials of athletics, but fair play and good sportsmanship as well. During the football season Hawn was aided materially by the work of Hugh Beam, who had charge of the line which many backs found to be a stone wall.

REVIVAL CLOSES

The revival meeting which has been in progress at the First Baptist Church here for the past ten days, conducted by Rev. J. L. Viperman of Spartanburg, S. C., came to a close Wednesday night. The services were well attended and it is believed that much good will result from the meeting.

WILLIAM M'CALL CLAIMED BY DEATH

Prominent McDowell Citizen Died Here Sunday — Last Rites Tuesday Afternoon.

William McCall, 82 years old, well known citizen of McDowell county and father of Dr. A. C. McCall, of Asheville, died at the Marion hospital here Sunday night, following injuries sustained a week ago when he fell and broke his hip.

A resident of the North Cove section, Mr. McCall, one of the county's leading farmers, had spent his entire life within a half mile of the place where he was born. He was married to Miss Katherine Conley, of the North Cove section. She died about 25 years ago. Mr. McCall had been a semi-invalid for the past five years.

Mr. McCall was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church and was held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends.

The deceased is survived by seven sons, W. C., R. E., George S. and Clifton R., of Marion; J. H. McCall, of Murphy; Chas. A., of North Cove, and Dr. A. C. McCall, of Asheville. Also surviving are one daughter, Mrs. E. H. Morris, of Portland, Oregon, and a brother, Samuel McCall, of Swannanoa. An eighth son, the late Clarence M. McCall, was the postmaster at Biltmore at the time of his death, about five years ago.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church here with Rev. J. C. Story officiating, assisted by Rev. P. D. Mangum, Rev. W. O. Goode and Rev. T. L. Klutz. Interment was made in Oak Grove cemetery.

The seven sons of the deceased were active pallbearers, with the following as honorary pallbearers: Dr. B. L. Ashworth, Dr. G. S. Kirby, Dr. J. F. Miller, J. L. Morgan, H. S. Brown, C. F. Spencer, Joe McNeely, C. S. Henline, S. H. Yancey, J. Clay Conley, J. H. Tate, W. T. Morgan, Joe G. Brown and G. C. Conley, Dr. A. B. Greenwood and Clyde S. Reid, of Asheville.

WM. ROBINSON OF MARION KILLED BY FELLEED TREE

Struck by a falling tree, William Robinson, 55 years old, resident of Marion, was instantly killed about 2 o'clock Friday afternoon in the Buck Creek gap section where he and his two sons, Carl and Earl Robinson, were chopping trees for acid wood.

One tree had been cut and had lodged in another. While Mr. Robinson was cutting the second tree, the first became dislodged and struck him. He died as his sons stood by, powerless to aid him.

Mr. Robinson came to Marion from Yancey county about three years ago and resided near the State Highway garage on No. 10 highway.

Surviving are his widow, the two sons, Earl and Carl, and one daughter, Miss Pearl Robinson.

The funeral services were held at Clear Creek church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and interment made at Clear Creek cemetery.

FUNERAL FOR MRS. S. L. DOBBINS AT PROVIDENCE

Funeral services for Mrs. S. L. Dobbins of Marion were conducted by Rev. T. A. Smith at Providence Church Sunday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock and interment made in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Dobbins died last Friday at Stuart Circle Hospital in Richmond, Va., following a lingering illness. She was a member of Providence Church, having joined the church in early girlhood. Evidence of her wide friendship was shown in the many floral tributes and large attendance at the funeral.

Mrs. Dobbins was 68 years of age and in addition to her husband is survived by two sons and several daughters.

P. O. S. OF A. MEETING

An interesting meeting of Washington Camp No. 40, P. O. S. of A., was held last Monday night. Officers were nominated and one candidate initiated. On next Monday night there will be initiation work, refreshments will be served and a full attendance is desired.

The average length of a lion's life is 40 years.