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PRINCIPALS HIGH SCHOOLS HOLD MEET

Program Proves Interesting and Profitable—The Larger Schools to Open Sept 2.

The meeting of the principals of the schools of McDowell county held in the court-house on Tuesday and Wednesday was well attended and proved to be interesting and profitable to those attending.

The first day's program was in charge of Supt. N. F. Steppe, who recently resigned as county superintendent of McDowell county schools after serving twelve years in that capacity. The principals who took part in Tuesday's program had practically all served the schools of the county under Mr. Steppe's leadership for a long number of years, and gave further evidence of their whole hearted spirit of co-operation and interest in the welfare of the schools by their response and their manner of handling their various parts on the program.

W. B. Harrill, principal of the Glenwood High School, interestingly and ably discussed "Transportation Problems and How to Solve Them"; R. B. Phillips, principal of the Pleasant Gardens High School, presented with telling effect the subject of "Beautifying the School Grounds." The subject "Athletics" was well presented by Fred Abernethy, principal of the North Cove Consolidated School; "The Daily Schedule" was discussed by A. V. Nolan, county superintendent, in his usual clear and forceful manner; Miss Mamie Stacy, principal of the East Marion School, spoke on "The Use of the School Library," and handled this subject with her accustomed way of saying much in a brief but highly interesting way; "School Supplies and How to Get Them," was the subject presented by Miss Ruth M. Greenlee, principal of the Clinchfield School, which she handled in her characteristic, direct and forceful manner; and "Care of the School Building and Equipment" was N. L. Wessinger's subject. Mr. Wessinger is principal of the Nebo High School, and knows his subject from first-hand experience, and presented its problems so clearly, yet briefly, as to win the closest attention of his hearers. William H. Noah, principal of the West Marion School, spoke on "Science in the Elementary School"; "Community Organization" was briefly outlined by S. B. Smithey, recently elected as principal of the Old Fort High School, and "Professional Ethics" was the subject which F. R. Richardson, superintendent of the Marion High School presented with interest and profit to the principals.

Mr. Steppe, who will retire from active school work on August 15th, addressed the meeting, delivering his farewell remarks as superintendent to principals, and expressing his great and lasting appreciation for the loyalty, co-operation and devotion given to him and the cause of education in McDowell county for the many years spent together in this service. He reviewed the work at some length and thanked each principal for the genuine and worthwhile service rendered, the results of which only the coming years can reveal. Sincere and appreciative response to Mr. Steppe's speech was shown by the principals, who, at the close of the program, presented him with a parting gift, as a token of their regard and esteem. Mrs. Garland Williams, chairman of the committee, who presented the gift to Mr. Steppe, expressed the sentiments of the principals and teachers generally when she said: "Mr. Steppe, we, as principals and teachers of the schools of this county, wish to express to you our deep appreciation of your services during these past years. You have been, not only our superintendent, but our counselor and adviser as well. You have continuously helped us over rough places and helped us solve hard problems; you have stood squarely behind us at all times and at the same time you have had the best interest of the children at heart. The real depth of our appreciation cannot be expressed in words. In this spirit we wish to give you this little gift." The gift of the principals

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SEE AND LEARN TOUR PROVES INTERESTING

A party of some fifty people, consisting of farmers and business men, some with their wives, sons and daughters journeyed through McDowell, Burke, Catawba and Lincoln counties Tuesday on a "See and Learn Farm Tour". The stops were made as follows: L. G. Hollifield, near Marion; Sterling Poultry Farm, Valdese; D. & D. School Farm, Morganton; Howard Hickory Nursery, Hickory; Catawba Creamery, Hickory; R. L. Shuford's Dairy Farm, near Hickory; Luther Yount's and T. A. Warlick's farms near Lincoln, and M. S. Rudisill's farm near Crouse.

A very fine example of diversification was observed at Mr. Hollifield's. Some twelve years ago he began farming in the woods near Nebo, and today has a farm of some 30 acres in a high state of cultivation. His field crops consist of corn, soybeans, alfalfa, oats, vetch, etc., grows considerable truck crops, keeps from 200 to 400 hens, has some six to eight acres in pasture grasses and clovers, milks from 3 to 4 cows, and produces practically all food and feed crops required on the farm. In a short talk Mr. Hollifield told of the importance of living at home, and of having something to sell throughout the year produced at a cost below market value. He had secured a good pasture by clearing his land and sowing grass and clover seed on the surface of the ground in February and allowing the seed to be covered by the thawing following a freeze. He emphasized getting good breeding stock in poultry, and giving the proper attention to feeding, sanitation, culling and housing.

The Sterling Poultry Farm gave an example of what can be accomplished by one having a vision, with a determination, and giving the farm proper management. The owner started only a few years ago, with poor health and only about \$100.00, and today his farm is worth some \$8,000, which he has paid for with his poultry work, and has regained his health. R. L. Sloan, County Agent of Burke, met the tour at this farm and told of the work being done. From here the tour went to the D. & D. Farm at Morganton, where Mr. Sloan and Mr. Parks, manager of the farm, told about the growing of alfalfa. From the middle of August till the middle of September they sow about 20 pounds of alfalfa seed per acre. Some four to five cuttings are secured each year, or a yield of some four to five tons per acre. They recommend it as a fine feed for dairy cows, and for other livestock on the farm.

John W. Hendricks, County Agent of Catawba county, met the tour at the Howard Hickory Nursery Company. A tour was made over this 150 acre farm on which more than 200 varieties of shrubs and ornamentals are being grown, as well as some fruit trees. A fertilizer demonstration was studied and Mr. Howard, the manager, gave a demonstration and a talk in showing how fruit trees are budded. A visit was made through the greenhouse where Mr. Howard showed how various cuttings of the ornamentals were being rooted, and later showed how these cuttings were transplanted to pots, then later to the fields.

A visit to the Catawba Creamery showed the operation of a creamery, the making of butter, ice cream, and also purchased various products from the farmers such as poultry, eggs, hogs, truck crops, etc. Delicious ice cream was served by the Creamery.

The noon hour was spent at the dairy farm of R. L. Shuford, near Hickory. Lunch was served "picnic style". After lunch the herd of dairy cattle was observed, and their records told by the official tester, Mr. Jackson, and commented upon by Mr. Hendricks. According to some statistics given by Mr. Hendricks, the average cow in North Carolina gives 350 gallons of milk and 150 pounds of butter fat per year. In some official tests made during the past two years in Catawba county in which 39 cows' records are completed, ranging in ages from yearlings to 15 years old, the average production was 4.3 times greater in milk production and 5.5 times greater in fat production than the average North Carolina cow. The importance of breeding, feeding, care and management was brought out at this farm.

Graham Morrison, County Agent

COUNTY TAX RATE REDUCED 21 CENTS

County Commissioners Fix Rate for the Coming Year at \$1.24 on \$100 Valuation.

The board of county commissioners at a meeting last week adopted a new tax rate for McDowell county effecting a reduction of twenty-one cents less than the rate of the past year's taxation. The rate in 1928 was \$1.45 on the hundred dollars valuation, while the reduction places the rate for this year at \$1.24 on the hundred dollars. The rate is based on a levy of \$20,042,252.

The new general county rate for the year is made up of the following figures: General county fund (same as last year), 15c; schools, 57c; highway bonds and bridges, 17½c; highway bonds, interest and sinking fund, 17c; funding bonds and interest, 2½c; court house bonds and interest, 10c; health and poor fund, 5c.

The levy for health and poor was increased one cent, while a ten cent decrease in the rate was made in highway and sinking fund. This decrease was made possible by the application of \$23,460 which McDowell county will receive from the state's extra one-cent tax on gasoline.

The tax levy for schools was reduced ten cents on the hundred dollars valuation. This reduction was made possible partly by the allotment to McDowell county of \$27,558.67 from the state equalization fund for schools, as compared with \$11,760.08 last year.

The township-wide rates for the various townships of the county will be as follows: Brackets, \$1.50; Crooked Creek, \$1.64; Dysartsville, \$1.61; Glenwood, \$1.41; Higgins, \$1.54; Marion, \$1.42; Montford's Cove, \$1.45; Nebo, \$1.34; North Cove, \$1.56; Old Fort, \$1.43.

MARION STRIKE CASE SET FOR NEXT FRIDAY

Burnsville, Aug. 13.—The hearing in the injunction against the striking employes of the Marion Manufacturing company, of Marion, will come up again in Superior court here Friday, following its continuance late Monday afternoon.

The continuance was granted to give the strikers opportunity to secure affidavits to offer in rebuttal to affidavits introduced by attorneys for the Marion mill. The hearing is to determine whether the restraining order against picketing the mill, granted about three weeks ago by Judge Harwood, shall be made permanent.

The continuance followed a delay in the hearing, when attorneys disagreed as to the date of the signing of the original order. When the disagreement arose, Judge Cameron F. MacRae dispatched an attorney to Marion to secure the original order.

of Lincoln county, and some of his farmers met the tour at Shuford's farm, and directed the tour through Lincoln county. The first farm visited was that of Luther Younts. He has a field of Korean Lespedeza that is now "knee high" which was sown in the wheat during February. This field made a fine appearance and made a fine impression on those present. This clover does not require lime or inoculation nor any special preparation of seed bed.

T. A. Warlick's farm showed another fine example of diversification. He is growing the principal feed crops in rotation, milks some 8 to 10 cows, keeps 300 to 400 hens, raises some 50 to 100 turkeys, keeps about 2 to 3 brood sows, and a flock of sheep.

The last stop was at the farm of Milton S. Rudisill, Crouse, N. C. Here the visitors saw some crop rotation work that was very interesting.

At the close of the tour, expressions of "gladness" could be heard from many lips, expressing themselves as being glad that they made the tour.

Don't fail to see "THE KING OF KINGS" at Marion Theatre next Monday or Tuesday. Pronounced by ministers, and people in all walks of life as being the finest moving picture yet made.

PLAN INDUSTRIAL SURVEY OF MARION

Expert Engineers Secured For Making Survey of Conditions and Possibilities.

The Chamber of Commerce has secured the services of the Craig P. Gilbert Co., Inc., Industrial Engineers of Washington, D. C., to make a complete and thorough survey of Marion and surrounding territory. The survey was started last week, August 7th, and should be completed by the 17th of this month. There has been a long felt need for an industrial survey of this city and it is expected that this survey by expert engineers will greatly add stimulus to industrial development here, for the survey will not only serve to acquaint the people of this city with the advantages and opportunities offered locally, but a definite piece of authentic literature will be secured to send to parties interested in locating in this section of the state.

B. G. Curtis, representative of the Gilbert Company, is in the city this week to consult with officials of the Chamber of Commerce concerning the survey. At a meeting held last week a special industrial committee was named to work with the Craig P. Gilbert Co. This committee is composed of Mayor H. H. Tate, L. E. Neal, C. F. James, and J. S. Goode, chairman. The Gilbert organization specializes in securing suitable factory locations for manufacturers of every kind and in this connection they are in a position to render Marion an incalculable service by using the survey of this city with national advertising and other sources of contact with manufacturers.

EVICITION CASES GO TO SUPERIOR COURT

Twenty-two textile workers from Clinchfield mill appeared Friday before Magistrate Conley to resist efforts of mill officials to have them ejected from mill houses. Attorneys for the mill refused to accede to the request of D. F. Giles, attorney for the mill workers, that the hearing be postponed on account of the death of a child in one of the homes affected.

Jury trial was demanded in the case of all defendants after J. L. Lamb was ordered evicted. Mr. Giles appealed the case to Superior court. The 21 other cases, all to be tried separately, will also be heard in Superior court.

The Clinchfield Manufacturing company's two large mills remain closed, having shut down two weeks ago. Prior to that time more than a hundred of the employes of the company had been discharged, the discharged men claiming their discharge was brought about because they had joined the local union. Twenty-one of the discharged men are the defendants in the ejection proceedings.

GREAT REVIVAL CLOSURE AT BROAD RIVER CHURCH

Dome, Aug. 10.—A thirteen day revival, one of the most progressive series of meetings known in the Broad River section for many years, has just come to a close at Broad River Baptist Church. The services were conducted by the pastor Rev. R. L. Crawford, and Rev. R. Buckner, two young Missionary Baptist ministers of Spindale, N. C.

Thirty-five professions were made of which fourteen were baptized and received into the Broad River church. The interest increased daily and was so great at the close of the meeting it would have continued longer except for the obligations of the preachers to fill other appointments.

CHARGE THREE STRIKERS SHOT AT SHERIFF ADKINS

Charging that three striking employes of the Marion Manufacturing Company, T. L. Carver, Randolph Hall and J. Will Roberts fired at him while his automobile was parked in the mill village, Sheriff Oscar F. Adkins late Thursday brought charges of assault with a deadly weapon against the three men at a hearing before Magistrate Conley. They were held under bond for September term of McDowell county Superior court.

TESTS IN LIFE SAVING TO BE GIVEN HERE MONDAY

Mr. Ramone S. Eaton, field representative of the American Red Cross First Aid and Life Saving Service, will be in Marion on Monday, August 19th, to give instructions and necessary tests to pass the life saving examination. Mr. Eaton is sent here by the American Red Cross. All persons wishing to take the tests should get in touch with J. S. Goode, chairman Life Saving, Marion Chapter, Red Cross.

Mr. Eaton has played an active part in First Aid and Life Saving work for many years, having to his credit many rescues performed under hazardous conditions.

While a life guard at various Atlantic seaboard resorts, including Miami, Florida, he had extensive experience in general water safety work, and is a recognized leader in that field.

Mr. Eaton's experiences include a 3,000 mile cruise in a 50 foot power boat, during which he rescued several persons from drowning at various points enroute.

He was for some time recreation director of the city of Alexandria, Virginia, and has had extensive training and experience in Red Cross Life Saving and First Aid Methods.

Each day 20 persons drown at America's beaches, lakes, ponds and rivers. This month will claim a total of more than 600 lives—the next 12 months will reveal 7,300 deaths by drowning. This tragic loss of life each year has caused the local chapter of the American Red Cross to institute one of the most far-reaching campaigns for water safety that has been attempted in this locality. In classes, by demonstrations, and individual instruction, every swimmer enrolling for the course will be given an opportunity to become a Red Cross Life Saver—qualified to care for himself and to protect others in the water.

Red Cross officials state that through the enrollment of a large number of local swimmers here in the course, it is hoped to approach the Red Cross goal of "Every Swimmer a Life Saver."

TO START CREAMERY ROUTE NEXT TUESDAY

A cream route will be started in McDowell county on Tuesday, August 20th. W. M. Conley of Dysartsville will be the routeman on this route. Mr. Conley will make the trip each Tuesday, leaving his home about 7 a. m. From his home he will go out by the home of J. W. Jarret, Will Laughridge, Bob Laughridge, Fulton Kirksey, R. H. Cowan, Ben Landis, Nichols Suttles, and Bob Upton into Dysartsville. From the Allen place he will go out by Hobie Ellington's to Ivey Crawley's and W. B. Biggerstaff's, Fred Jackson's at the Rock Pass Road to Rex Wilson's, Joe Craig's and Tom Hall's, then into Marion. All those living on this route will be served, as well as anyone who will place their cream on the roadside of this route. Cream and eggs will be purchased on the first day. Later it may be arranged to pick up other products.

VEIN MOUNTAIN NEWS

Vein Mountain, Aug. 10.—Mrs. J. W. Booth of Forest City is the guest of Mrs. W. R. Stone.

Miss Mildred Drake of Hendersonville, North Carolina, is visiting Miss Eva Stone this week.

Miss Elizabeth Flack of Union Mills was a week-end guest of Misses Billie and Genoese Flack.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Freeman of Hendersonville, visited the latter's mother, Mrs. W. R. Stone, Sunday.

The following young people, chaperoned by Mrs. U. S. Drake of Hendersonville, had a very enjoyable week camping near Linville Falls: Miss Mildred Drake of Hendersonville, Miss Eva Stone of Vein Mountain, Miss Annie Laura Proctor of Chapel Hill; Messrs. Frank Proctor and George Smith of Chapel Hill.

Misses Celia Nanney and Ives Upton of Marion, and Genoese and Billie Flack spent the past week in Washington, D. C., visiting their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Upton.

Miss Kent Flack, who has a position with the Southern Methodist Assembly at Lake Junaluska, is expected home soon.

The big Cecil B. DeMille Special "THE KING OF KINGS" will be at Marion Theatre next Monday and Tuesday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS MEET

McDowell Convention at Nebo Is Well Attended — A. V. Nolan Re-elected President.

The McDowell County Sunday School convention convened at Nebo Baptist Church Friday, August 9. It was a success in every respect. It was well attended by Sunday School workers from the various churches over the county. There were about forty Sunday School teachers, officers and pastors present during the three sessions of the day. The talks made by the two state workers, Misses Flora Davis and Daisy Magee, of Raleigh, were inspiring as well as educational. Those who heard the talks on the different phases of Sunday School work were made to feel that, after all, the developing of christian character is the greatest work of the day. Miss Magee brought out in one of her talks the fact that our jails and penitentiaries are filled with people who have never gone to Sunday School or received religious training anywhere. On the other hand, those who have gone to Sunday School and received religious instruction in the home from childhood are the leaders of today. They are the backbone of our country, and constitute the good citizenship. The fact that about one-half of our people, on an average, are in Sunday School is a sad situation. The great need of today in our Sunday School is more earnest and better trained leadership.

The Old Fort Baptist Sunday School received the attendance pennant. In working out the county organization, it was decided to combine some of the townships and let them try working together. The following is a list of the county officers for the ensuing year: A. V. Nolan, Old Fort, president; Miss Ruth Greenlee, Old Fort, vice-president; Miss Maggie Taylor, Nebo, secretary.

Division Superintendents
Children's — Mrs. M. H. Witherston, Marion.
Young People's — Mrs. Garland Williams, Old Fort.

Adult — R. O. Wilson, Nebo.
Administrative — T. G. Stump, Old Fort.

Township Presidents
Crooked Creek and Old Fort — H. R. Early, president; D. P. Pyatt, vice president.
Dysartsville and Brackets — Miss Mamie Goforth, president; Mrs. M. P. Flack, vice-president.

Glenwood and Montfords — W. M. Wilson, president; Oscar Morgan, vice-president.
Nebo and Higgins — G. W. Wilson, president; J. M. Parker, vice-president.

North Cove — J. M. Lonon, president.
Marion — H. H. Justice, president.

AUTOMOBILE SALES SET UP NEW RECORD
Raleigh, Aug. 8.—Automobile sales made a new record in North Carolina last month when Tar Heels purchased 7,795 new automobiles at a cost of approximately \$5,846,000, according to Sprague Silver, head of the motor vehicle bureau of the state department of revenue.

July sales, in addition to setting up what Mr. Silver believes to be a new high mark in volume, set up another record in the number of cash transactions, he said. More cars were sold for cash during July, he continued, than since the title law went into effect in 1923.

July sales brought the total for the year to 47,243 vehicles. At an estimated average price of \$750 per vehicle the sales figures, including automobiles and trucks, would total an investment of about \$35,500,000 for the first seven months of the year in North Carolina, not including the amount spent for used cars.

CLINCHFIELD TO RESUME OPERATION NEXT MONDAY
Announcement was made yesterday that the Clinchfield Manufacturing Company, which has been closed for the past three weeks, will resume work next Monday.

The fir tree is used as a symbol of long life in China.