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## KIWANIS CLUB HAS INTERESTING MEET

### Plan Discussed to Raise Community Chest Fund — Officers Nominated for Year.

The program at the regular Kiwanis meeting Tuesday was devoted to discussion of putting on a drive to raise funds for a Community Chest or general Charity Fund, and the nomination of officers for the ensuing year.

County Welfare Officer R. V. McGimsey made a stirring address stressing the need of such a fund to supplement the general levy made by the county, which, while one cent more than last year, is apt to be deficient due to the unfortunate conditions that have occurred this year, and which could not be foreseen. Also occasions that require immediate attention and relief are constantly arising. A general report was read by him of what was done last year in the way of charity and welfare work by the county through his office, and the number of cases handled were surprisingly large.

Short talks were made by the ministers of the different denominations in town, all of whom promised their co-operation. President Beaman appointed a committee from the Kiwanis Club which will meet with representatives of the other organizations and map out a program to put on a drive for contributions.

It is felt that this movement should commend itself to the whole community and result in much good toward alleviating sickness and distress which is always prevalent.

After a committee composed of past presidents had canvassed the ballots, nominations were announced as follows: President, H. D. Bishop; vice-president, W. T. Morgan; secretary-treasurer, J. D. Henry; district trustee, L. J. P. Cutlar; directors, J. F. Snipes, R. B. Crisp, H. D. Hoover, C. A. Workman, E. A. Beaman, R. L. Greenlee, H. E. Noell, F. R. Richardson.

J. H. Tate, J. W. Winborne and H. D. Bishop were named delegates to the district convention to be held in Greenville, S. C., next week.

Present as guests and representing the Woman's Club and Junior Woman's Club were Mrs. E. C. McMillan and Mrs. Ralph Alexander.

## MARION AND TROUTMAN TO PLAY HERE FRIDAY

Last Friday afternoon the Marion High School football team was scheduled to meet the Black Mountain combination, but due to weather conditions it was mutually agreed to postpone the game to another date, which will be announced later.

Coach Joby Hawn and his assistant, Hugh Beam, saw fit to give their squad a rest Saturday, but with the beginning of this week they have been driving the boys hard in preparation for Friday's tilt with Troutman High School. This game will be played on the high school athletic field at 3:30.

Troutman has somewhat of a mystery team, as very little is known of their strength and attack. However, this is known: Troutman defeated Mooresville 6-0 and at a later date defeated Newton 7-0; in turn Newton humbled Taylorsville 13-0, who, last year, succeeded in placing several men on the all-state list. From the above comparative scores it looks as if a worthy foe is to be met.

James Ouzts, quarterback and star player, is out on the injured list but will probably be able to begin the fray with Troutman. With this exception, the team is in splendid condition.

The probable lineup for Marion is as follows: Bowditch, center; Moore and Mashburn, guards; Captain Gilkey and Clay, tackles; Hennessie and Williams, ends; Ouzts, quarterback; Rabb and Roper, halfbacks; Martin, fullback. Others that will likely see action are: Ledbetter and Holcomb, ends; Glenn and A. Finley, guards; Stamey, tackle; and J. Finley, halfback.

Everybody remembers little DAVEY LEE who played with Al Jolson in "The Singing Fool". DAVEY will be here in his own starring picture "SONNY BOY", next Monday and Tuesday at the Marion Theatre.

## WINNERS ANNOUNCED IN SCHOOL POSTER CONTEST

Friday, Nov. 1, ended a highly interesting and successful poster contest in the Marion Public School. There were thirty-one posters submitted, most of which came from the first three primary grades.

The object was to foster in the school children a greater respect for school and other public property, especially the improved school grounds and shrubbery.

The grades were divided into three groups for the contest. Group one included grades 1, 2, and 3; group two included grades 4, 5, and 6; group 3 included grades 7, 8, 9, and 10. Three prizes were offered in each group. In group one, the first prize was a two and one-half dollar gold piece; second prize was a beautiful doll which was donated by Becker's variety store, and the third prize was an air-rifle donated by the McDowell Hardware Company. In groups two and three, the first prize was an annual pass to all high school athletic contests; second prize was a pass to all football games, and the third prize was a month's pass to the Oasis Theatre, donated by Mr. E. J. House.

The winners were in the order named: Group One—Ruth Saunders, grade 3a; Billy Grant, 3a; Mildred Glenn, 2a. Group Two—Ruby Nichols, grade 4a; Katherine Annie, 4b; Nelson Coone, 4b. Group Three—Mary Greene, 9th grade; Louise Smith, 7th grade; Virginia Wilson, 7th grade.

The winning posters are to be seen in the window of the Monogram building. A great deal of interest was manifested in the contest, and a greater respect for and care of school property is already apparent.

## SPECIAL TERM OF COURT TO CONVENE NEXT MONDAY

Interest is now centering on the special term of court to be held in McDowell county courthouse November 11, for the trial of 119 persons in connection with the labor riot which occurred at Marion October 2.

Judge G. V. Cowper, of Kinston, has been appointed by Governor Gardner to preside at this special term of court. Since Armistice Day is November 11, it is assumed that this special court will get under full way the following day. A special venire of 100 men have been summoned from Rutherford county for this term of court.

Word comes from the sheriff's office that there has been no further out breaks of violence. There are some twenty families at the Marion mill to move out. Two families were moved by the officers Wednesday morning. Nine more will move out Thursday. No extradition papers have been taken out for the families at the Clinchfield mill to date.

The North Wilkesboro militia are still on duty.

## ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETS AT MARION NOV. 11

On Monday evening, Nov. 11, at 7 o'clock, representatives of about ten schools in Western North Carolina will meet at the Marion high school building to form a schedule for basketball and baseball games for the school year. Group 1, as this division is called, will include: Hendersonville, Waynesville, Canton, Marion, Morganton, Forest City, Rutherfordton - Spindale, Shelby, Hickory, Lenoir, and any other schools wishing to come in. Group 2 of the association will be: Lexington, Concord, Monroe, Statesville, Newton, Lincolnton, Belmont, Kings Mountain, Albemarle, Spencer, Mooresville, and possibly others.

The winners of Group 1 may play the winners of Group 2 for the championship, if they so desire, at the end of each season. Representatives of Marion High School attended the organization conference recently held at Hickory. Any schools of McDowell county not already entered are invited to have representatives present and join at the meeting here Nov. 11.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HOLD BUSINESS MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting Monday, November 4. The general routine of business was carried out, such as bills being presented and checked for payment. There was nothing of major importance transacted.

## TEACHERS MEETING HELD AT OLD FORT

### Supt. Nolan, Mr. Phillips and Mrs. Williams Speakers at County Meeting Saturday.

On Saturday morning, November 2, the teachers of McDowell County came together at the Old Fort School for the second meeting of the year. Words of cordial greeting were extended by Mr. S. B. Smith, principal of the Old Fort High School, who with a fraternal quip, told the group that the Old Fort School would always extend the same warm welcome, regardless of the outcome of all the county contests.

Mr. A. V. Nolan, County Superintendent of Public Instruction of McDowell County, followed Mr. Smith, speaking words of praise of the work that is being done along educational lines in the county, and remarking that in thus addressing the teachers, he felt he was in the presence of a genuine professional group. Remonstrating with them to take inventory of themselves and their work, Mr. Nolan said that the only way, as loyal workers, that they could realize more far-reaching results would be for them to put themselves more unreservedly into their work. Rising to a point of eloquence, the county superintendent said that even though a teacher taught the same subject continuously, she could meet her classes unprepared no more, than a preacher could come before his congregation unprepared, even though all preachers had preached from the beginning, and would preach until eternity upon the one great theme.

Mr. R. B. Phillips, principal of the Pleasant Gardens School, outlined plainly and pointedly, but pleasantly and profitably, a few of the outstanding obligations of a teacher to the community in which she teaches. In the first place the attitude of a teacher, man or woman, should be that of a loyal citizen of the town in which he or she teaches. There should be affiliation with and regular attendance at a church, and according to Mr. Phillips, teachers should participate in social activities, always meeting the patrons on half-way ground; and should ever deal fairly in keeping parents posted as to progress or the lack of it on the part of their children.

Mr. Phillips reached the climax of his talk when he stated that the teacher's highest service and noblest work is achieved only when he takes advantage of every golden opportunity to develop the character of the child, and that character building should be correlated with every subject taught.

Mrs. Garland Williams in a few well chosen remarks told of how the progressive teacher no longer looks upon the writing out and submitting of lesson plans as an unnecessary evil, but rather as a distinct aid to all concerned, and quite as necessary as a plan made for any other purpose.

The assemblage then broke up into groups for the purpose of beginning the annual study along professional lines. The study course will be continued two weeks hence, the place of meeting to be announced by the county superintendent.

## TAX COLLECTION GOOD

Sheriff O. F. Adkins reports that taxpayers are taking advantage of the discount prices offered. More than 6,000 tax notices were mailed to property owners in McDowell county. Of the \$340,246.00 due in taxes for the year, approximately \$148,488.00 has been collected.

One-half of one percent discount will be allowed to all taxpayers for the month of November. Sheriff Adkins states that collections are coming in fine. These figures include all county tax items, such as poll tax, property tax, dog tax, and corporation taxes.

## BOX SUPPER

There will be a box supper at Ebenezer Church Saturday night, November 9, the proceeds to be used for a church piano. The public is invited.

Don't fail to see DAVEY LEE in his first starring picture "SONNY BOY", at Marion Theatre next Monday and Tuesday.

## BANQUET MONDAY EVENING AT HUT

### Board of Stewards of Methodist Church Discuss Plans for New Year—Officers Elected

Monday evening the official board of the Methodist Church met in the Hut as the guests of Messrs. Eugene Cross and C. F. James around the banquet board. After having partaken of a sumptuous meal the Board of Stewards met in business session to organize and discuss plans for the new year. A notable feature was that every member was present with the exception of two who were out of town on business.

A thorough organization of the board along with a junior board of stewards to be headed by Mr. Carter Hudgins was effected. The enthusiastic endorsements of every member and the pastor were given to a plan whereby an every member canvass of the church membership will be made at an early date. The purpose of this canvass will be to allow every member including the boys and girls to determine what he should and will give toward the financial support of the church and thereupon to sign the pledge card for that amount. The names of the entire membership will be distributed among the members of the board for the canvass. The hope was expressed that this would not be considered as a drive but simply as an effort to allow each member to express his will in the matter. The budget of the local Methodist Church can easily be carried if everybody will remember to do at least something during the year.

An unusual amount of enthusiasm and good will was manifest at this most pleasant meeting.

The organization and officers for the year are as follows: Eugene Cross, chairman Board of Stewards; B. H. Laughridge, secretary; C. R. McCall, treasurer; Finance committee, C. F. James, chairman, E. H. Dysart, J. H. Tate, Mrs. R. J. Noyes and Mrs. W. F. Wood. Church Property Committee: J. Q. Gilkey, chairman, J. C. Rabb and S. L. Copeland. Music Committee: Mrs. Annie Miller Pless, chairman, Mrs. D. F. Giles, Mrs. L. B. Coone, Mrs. J. W. Pless, Jr., Mr. Arthur Bradford, Mrs. G. S. Kirby, Miss Joyce Decker, organist. Education Committee: W. F. Wood, chairman, S. L. Copeland and T. W. Wilson. Evangelistic Committee: G. W. Chapman, chairman, J. W. Ouzts, Dr. J. F. Jonas and T. W. Wilson. Membership Committee: Homer Beaman, chairman, H. H. Tate and J. F. Wilkerson. Publicity Committee: F. R. Richardson, chairman, Mrs. Eugene Cross, Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey. Ushers: H. D. Bishop, chief; L. W. Erwin, J. H. Tate, J. M. Tate, R. W. Jenkins, Chas. Reed. Social Service Committee: W. W. Neal, chairman, Mrs. R. J. Noyes, L. A. Neal, Mrs. Annie Miller Pless and Mrs. L. B. Coone. Junior Board of Stewards: Carter Hudgins, chairman; W. W. Neal, Jr., secretary. Other members to be selected later. Flower Committee: Mrs. J. F. Jonas, chairman, Mrs. J. W. Ouzts, Mrs. R. J. Noyes, Mrs. W. Neal, Mrs. C. F. James, Mrs. R. H. Bomar, Mrs. J. H. Tate, Mrs. W. F. Wood, Mrs. S. L. Copeland, Mrs. G. W. Chapman, Mrs. Annie Miller Pless and Mrs. Eugene Cross.

## C. F. JAMES ERECTING NEW OFFICE BUILDING

Around the first of December, Marion will boast of another new modern and up-to-date double office building. This building is being built by contractor C. W. Buchanan for Mr. C. F. James. It is located next to the Buick motor company on Logan street.

Drs. H. B. Ditmore and R. B. Butt will occupy this new one story building. Mr. James stated that the building was going to be a modern doctor's quarters in every detail. Each doctor will have three rooms. There will be electric and hot water heating apparatuses. The building will be steam heated, and have shower and tub baths. The front of building is to be faced with pressed brick.

Hear little DAVEY LEE imitate Al Jolson in singing "Sonny Boy" in the picture "SONNY BOY" at Marion Theatre next Monday and Tuesday.

## NEBO SCHOOL TO HAVE STEAM HEATING PLANT

### Contract Has Been Let and Work Will Begin Soon—Good Average Attendance—Honor Roll.

The contract for putting in a steam heating plant in Nebo school has been let, and the work will begin as soon as the equipment for the plant arrives.

The third grade and section B of the fourth grade gave a good opening program last Friday morning. Several of the parents were present at this program. The parents are attending these Friday morning programs and seem to be enjoying them very much. All parents have special invitations to come to the Friday morning programs. Next Friday morning the second grade will give its program, and the succeeding Friday will be first grade day.

The average attendance in our school has been very good so far. The first month the average was 95 per cent while the second month the average was 96 per cent. The boys and girls always attend school fine in the Nebo school with a few exceptions. We are hoping these few exceptions will become no exceptions, so we can go higher in our average attendance. Over one-half of the student body did not miss a single day, and more than one-half of the remainder missed one and two days. The honor roll follows:

First Grade: Virginia Dare Gray, Mabel Gray, Lucille Simmons. Third Grade: Emmet Mason, Ned McGimsey, Jennie Dyson, Gladys Nelson, Thelma Simmons, Nona Snydes, Eula Wilson. Fourth Grade: Alva Snydes, Margaret Wessinger. Sixth Grade: Anna Simmons, Hattie Seales, Margaret Wilson. Seventh Grade: Claudie Chapman, Catherine Watson. Ninth Grade: Marshall Pate, Gwendolyn Moore and Burley Snipes. Tenth Grade: Maude Watson. Eleventh Grade: Mabel Gibbs.

## ENTERTAINMENT AT NEBO HIGH SCHOOL A SUCCESS

Much merriment and frolic were had by all those who attended the Halloween entertainment at Nebo High School, Wednesday night, Oct. 30. The features of the program were varied and interesting. The entertainment opened with a costume contest, in which there were about twenty contestants, all wearing attractive and novel costumes. In the weird and ghostly light of the pumpkin Jack-o'-lanterns on the stage, the contestants made their appearance, singly, before the audience and the judges. Then under brighter light they promenaded around the auditorium. Lillian Helmes, in a typical witch costume, received first prize, while Lucy Hoyle, in the costume of a sprite, received second prize.

The program proper was quite unique, consisting of a Halloween stunt, "Samuel Snickerwitz's Halloween"; two short plays, "Halloween on Baldy" and "Spooks and Hootin' Owls," all given by the high school students, and a song, "Shadows," sung by eight girls of the Grammar Grade department. These presentations were loudly applauded by an appreciative audience.

The box party after the general program was enjoyed by a number of the boys and girls. The auctioneer for the boxes was Mr. R. V. McGimsey, who in his brisk and humorous way succeeded in getting such a ready response to his demands that all the boxes were well sold in a very short time.

Needless to say that the entertainment would have been complete without the Gypsy fortune teller. Many on their way from the auditorium stopped by the fortune telling booth to have their future foretold in true gypsy style.

The two-fold purpose of the Athletic Association in having the program was realized, for everyone seemed to be entertained and the proceeds were satisfactory.

## MRS. OSCAR L. LEAGON DIES IN MORGANTON

Mrs. Oscar L. Leagon, of Marion, died at the State Hospital in Morganton last Thursday morning after a lingering illness. The funeral services were conducted from the home of the deceased's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Poston, in Statesville, last Saturday morning. Mrs. Leagon was 38 years of age and is survived by her husband and five children. Mr. Leagon holds a responsible position with the Teague Furniture company in Marion.

## GOVERNMENT WILL MARK VETS GRAVES

### Headstones May Be Secured Free From War Department For Confederate Veterans.

The last session of Congress passed an act which authorizes the Secretary of War to erect headstones over the graves of Confederate soldiers wherever such graves may be located.

For many years the War Department has been authorized by law to erect—and has been erecting—headstones at the graves of Federal and Revolutionary soldiers, but the act approved February 26, 1929, for the first time extends the favor of the National Government in this respect to the soldiers who followed Jackson and Lee.

The act in question follows: "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled: That the Secretary of War is authorized to erect headstones over the graves of soldiers who served in the Confederate Army and who have been buried in national, city, town or village cemeteries or in any other places, each grave to be marked with a small headstone or block, which shall be of durable stone and of such design and weight as shall keep it in place when set and shall bear the name of the soldier and the name of the state inscribed thereon when the same are known. The Secretary of War shall cause to be preserved in the records of the War Department the name, rank, company, regiment and date of death of soldier and his state; if these are unknown it shall be so recorded."

The design of the headstone follows: American white marble, 39 inches long, 12 inches wide and 4 inches thick; top slightly pointed; inscribed with rank, if above private, and organization followed by the letters "C. S. A."

Applications may be made now for these stones. Applications for stones for graves of soldiers already marked with tombstones will not be accepted. Each application must be accompanied with the information as to what company and regiment the soldier served; location of cemetery in which soldier is interred; whether soldier was killed in battle; wounded; died of wounds while in service; died of disease while in service or was honorably discharged from the Confederate Army.

Application blanks for headstones may be secured from J. L. Laughridge, Clerk of Superior Court. Mr. Laughridge will also furnish assistance in filling out the applications, if applicants desire.

## DR. A. T. ALLEN TO SPEAK AT OLD FORT

On Wednesday, November 13, at 2:00 p. m., Dr. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will address the people of Old Fort community at the school auditorium. County Superintendent A. V. Nolan will also be present. The entire afternoon will be given over to an educational rally and it is expected that practically every taxpayer and patron of the Old Fort School will be present. The school is making a special effort to acquaint the people of the Old Fort community with their school. One of the main features of American Education Week is "Know Your School Day". It is the desire of the school board and teachers of the Old Fort School that every parent should know their school better.

Mr. S. B. Smithey, the principal, states that the doors will be thrown open and the various school officials with the aid of posters and otherwise will show the public what it takes to make a standard school in the way of equipment and instruction. A cordial invitation is extended to all to "come out and know your school".

## SON BORN

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Von T. Ray, Sunday, November 3, a son.

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