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TRIAL OF STRIKE CASES UNDER WAY

Judge Cowper Opens Special Term; 119 Face Charges Growing Out of Strikes.

The special term of McDowell Superior Court called by Governor Gardner to try all cases growing out of the three strikes that have occurred here during the past four months was opened here Tuesday morning with Judge V. G. Cowper of Kingston presiding. A total of 119 defendants face trial on charges ranging from breach of the peace to murder and is expected that several weeks will be required to dispose of the various cases.

Judge Cowper, in his charge to the grand jury, dealt particularly with the definitions of rioting and rebellion.

There are six groups of defendants. Four groups were indicted by the McDowell county grand jury in September, and the grand jury is called to consider charges against the other two groups at the special court term.

Those not yet indicted by the grand jury are eight deputy sheriffs, charged with murder, and 37 workers, charged with "rioting, inciting to rebellion, assault on officers, unlawful assembly and breach of the peace, and resisting arrest." These men were arrested following the fight in front of the Marion Manufacturing company mill on October 2. They were held to the grand jury by Judge W. F. Harding, who, sitting as a committing magistrate, conducted an investigation of the disorder that resulted in the shooting in which six were killed and more than a dozen were wounded.

At the September term of court the grand jury indicted other 75 defendants. Fifty-four, including Alfred Hoffman, southern organizer for the United Textile Workers of America, are charged with "rioting and rebellion." Another group of 16 face trial on charges of assault with a deadly weapon on R. W. Baldwin, president of the Marion Manufacturing company. And four are charged with dynamiting.

Hoffman and five others of the 54 charged with "rioting and rebellion" were placed on trial at the September term of court, but a mistrial was ordered when J. Hugh Hall, one of the six, escaped from the McDowell county jail while the trial was in progress. The other four defendants placed on trial here were Lawrence Hogan, Wes Fowler, Del Lewis and Will Russell.

Hall was re-captured the day after the mistrial and has been in jail since. The first case to be taken up was that of Alfred Hoffman and five others charged with rioting and rebellion, and the process of selecting jurors is now under way.

Assisting Solicitor J. Will Pless, Jr., in the prosecution of the cases against the strikers are W. T. Morgan, J. W. Winborne, R. W. Proctor, G. F. Washburn and Carter Hudgins of Marion, E. F. Watson of Burnsville, and C. O. Ridings of Forest City.

Defense counsel include D. F. Giles of Marion, A. Hall Johnston and Judge Thomas Jones of Asheville, Charles Hutchins of Burnsville and Thos. B. Moss, of Forest City.

Troops Withdrawn

The North Wilkesboro company of national guard troops, which had been on duty for two weeks at the Marion Mill, were withdrawn at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, November 11th, by order of Governor Gardner.

National guardsmen have been on duty at Marion since the rioting early in October, when six strikers were fatally wounded. The North Wilkesboro company relieved the Winston-Salem national guardsmen about two weeks ago.

SEVERAL ARRESTS MADE

Four arrests were made by local officers in Marion over the week-end for drunkenness and fighting.

On the night of November 11th, State Highway Patrolman Beck brought in two more drunks charged with reckless driving on the highway.

SPECIAL Picture at the Marion Theatre, next Monday and Tuesday. "NOAH'S ARK", one of the biggest pictures of the past few months.



DR. THURSTON B. PRICE
Evangelist

REVIVAL BEGINS SUNDAY AT METHODIST CHURCH

Dr. Thurston B. Price, evangelist, of Texas, will hold a ten days' meeting at the First Methodist Church beginning Sunday, November 17th. Dr. Price has spoken in many pulpits, and the people of Marion are fortunate to have him conduct a revival meeting here.

Dr. W. A. Lambeth, pastor of the Mount Vernon Place Church, Washington, D. C., where Dr. Price recently conducted a meeting, says: "He is a sane and balanced evangelist. He avoids controversial subjects. There is no display of temper. He is free from slang and vulgarity. He makes few propositions, and they are not embarrassing to saint or sinner. He does not seek unduly to arouse the emotions of his congregations. He does not endeavor to frighten his hearers by stories of death and the next world."

"He reasons and convinces, talking calmly but earnestly. Those who are swayed by reason more than by emotion listen to his sermons with deep satisfaction. His way of holding meetings causes a congregation to think more of evangelism in general."

"He exalts our Savior. He supports the regular pastor. He becomes, during the meeting, one of the pastors of the local church. He talks much about the elemental virtues of honesty, honor and purity. He is practical, not theoretical or visionary. His sermons result in repentance and consecration."

"I found him lovable in disposition. I liked him inside the pulpit and out of it."

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AT PLEASANT GARDENS

Pleasant Gardens School will give an educational program at the close of American Educational Week, Friday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p. m. This is the close of a week of visits from the parents of the community to the various class rooms to see the actual class room work of the children. It has been the purpose of the school to more fully acquaint the patron with the usual work of the school, and many other facts related to the administration of it.

This program will consist of several state and national songs by the school, a few selections by the primary orchestra, recently organized in the school, and a number of illustrated facts about the schools of the state, the county and particularly the school at Pleasant Gardens. County Superintendent A. V. Nolan will be present and make a brief talk to the patrons of the school. It is earnestly hoped that every parent in the community will be present.

ARTISTIC DISPLAY OF TROPHIES OF WORLD WAR

A display celebrating American Legion week in the window of the J. D. Blanton store is very unique. It is well worth anybody's time to pause and notice the significance of this artistic display, conceived and executed by R. F. Blanton.

Two cross-cut saws are used in making the gunwale of a battleship. Hardware representing the radio, gun turrets, lifeboat davits, smokestacks, crow's nest, vent holes, anchor and chain, and gun deck was used.

Trophies of the World War, with a few relics of the Civil War, including the pictures of Field Marshal Foch, Generals Pershing and Haig were artistically arranged to recall memories to the legionnaires.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL OPENS TODAY

Plans Made to Begin Drive With Canvass of Business District; County Quota 300.

Plans for the Red Cross drive to begin in Marion and vicinity Thursday, November 14th, were perfected at a dinner given in the American Legion hall last Tuesday night.

It was decided that the Senior Class of the Marion High School be assigned to take a part in the Red Cross membership drive, and canvass the business district of Marion. A committee of speakers were assigned to particular manufacturing plants. These speakers are to give a short five minutes talk during the noon day hour at which time the work of the Red Cross will be explained.

The pastors and business men of the city were assigned to perform this service. These men and other members of the committee are urged to meet Thursday morning at the Chamber of Commerce at 9 o'clock for final preparations and assignments.

The township will be divided into 14 districts, with the women workers to be assigned to the residential section.

Rev. J. S. Lockaby will be sent to the Marion and Clinchfield Manufacturing Companies Thursday noon to speak.

Rev. W. O. Goode will address the McDowell, Drexel and Teague Furniture Companies at noon Thursday and Friday.

Mr. C. F. James will talk at the Elizabeth James Mill and Cross Cotton Mill Thursday at noon.

Those who were appointed as a working committee unit to have charge of the different assignments are as follows: C. F. James, E. A. Beaman, Howard Hoover, J. F. Lockaby, Frank Richardson, E. H. Dysart, J. F. Snipes, Dr. G. P. Bingham and Dr. J. F. Miller, Eugene Cross, Mrs. Annie Miller Pless, Mrs. Fred Washburn, and Mrs. R. J. Noyes.

Mr. J. S. Goode, Roll Call Chairman for McDowell county, announces that the quota for the county is 300 members.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAS SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH

Last Sunday morning the pastor read a brief statement of the growth and development of the First Presbyterian Church for the past seven years. In August 1922 the work of building the new church was begun. It was completed in October 1923, and the first service was held in the new church on the fourth Sabbath in the same month. The building all complete with pews and organ cost nearly \$70,000.

During this period of seven years the congregation has contributed \$78,614 for all purposes, \$5,000 having been given to benevolences.

In the seven year period the membership was increased by 137 received on confession of faith and 77 by letter, a total of 214. Through these years, the report shows, a fine spirit of harmony and co-operation has prevailed. Practically every member did something to make this growth and development possible. The future is hopeful and reassuring.

LECTURE AT BAPTIST CHURCH THURSDAY NIGHT

Dr. Edward Beecher Ray of North Carolina State University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Harvard University, will give a free lecture at the First Baptist Church of Marion Thursday evening, November 14th, at 7:30. He will take up a free will offering in order to help defray expenses. Dr. Ray is a learned scholar and excellent preacher. He is of sturdy mountain stock. At the age of ten he became totally blind; but this was not his handicap, for he worked his way to wonderful achievements through every school he attended.

Dr. J. E. J. Flowe, superintendent of Mission work, will preach at Siloam Presbyterian Church next Sunday at 11 a. m.; at Oakdale Presbyterian Church at 3 p. m., and at Old Fort Presbyterian Church at 7:30 Sunday evening. All members are urged to attend these services.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEET

Student Patrol System. Thrift and Dental Programs Adopted—A Large Attendance.

The Parent Teachers' Association had their regular monthly meeting in the high school auditorium last Monday afternoon, November 11th. Approximately one hundred interested mothers attended the meeting.

There were four features presented at the meeting as follows: The organization and presentation of the student patrol; a thrift program; a dental program; and a fine program rendered by high school students, under the capable supervision of Mrs. A. A. Morris and Miss Ethel Spratt.

The Marion High School has adopted the Student's Safety Patrol system which is sponsored by the American Automobile Association.

Mr. C. T. Matthews, assistant general manager and director in safety department of the Carolina Motor Club, gave an interesting talk on auto traffic. He stated that he was directing his efforts toward organizing student patrols in the state at this time. He gave several interesting facts why every school should have student patrols. He said that 675 people were killed by automobiles in North Carolina last year; of these 136 were school children under 15 years of age. Mr. Matthews said that children should be taught to be safety minded, for the youth of today will be the rulers of tomorrow. He also stated that one car out of every 90 had a serious accident, and one out of every 634 had a fatality. He finished with a strong plea to teach children when, where and how to cross the street and asked mothers to help.

Following his address, Mr. Matthews presented sixteen fine looking young men to the assembly. Each patrolman had his official insignia as a traffic officer on, and can be seen performing their duty now in a most efficient manner on the street intersections.

Following Mr. Matthews' introduction of the new traffic officers, a most entertaining program was rendered by different members of the high school as follows:

Song by 8th and 9th grade Girls Glee Club.

Song by 10th and 11th grade Girls Glee Club.

An Operetta—"An Afternoon Tea."

Readings by: Eleanor Young, Betty Wilson and Virginia Tyler. Piano Duet.

A four act playlette written by a member of the senior class.

A thrift program was explained by Mr. Richardson. Mrs. Giles is the sponsor of this movement and working in conjunction with the First National Bank. Each school student can start a bank account with one cent. They will have their own individual account and pass book.

Mr. Richardson said that the dental program was going to culminate into a most successful venture. He remarked that the dentists displayed a fine spirit of co-operation with those who were sponsoring the dental movement. Every child is to have a tube of paste and brush free to begin with, and it will only be a matter of time until every child will have teeth free of decay.

45 TRUE BILLS RETURNED BY McDOWELL GRAND JURY

The McDowell County grand jury Wednesday morning returned true bills against eight deputy sheriffs charged with murder in connection with a gun fight at the Marion Manufacturing Company mill gates October 2, in which six men were fatally injured. The deputies named were B. L. Robbins, W. A. Fender, Dave Jarrett, Jim Owens, C. L. Tate, Taylor Green, William Twigg and Robert Ward.

Later in the day the grand jury returned true bills against 37 strikers, charging them with rioting, resisting arrest and preventing workers from entering the plant of the Marion Manufacturing company to work.

"NOAH'S ARK", a Cecil B. DeMille WARNER BROTHERS picture, will be shown at Marion Theatre next Monday and Tuesday.

MARION HIGH WINNER OVER TROUTMAN 26-0

The Troutman High School football team invaded Marion's fighting mountaineers last Friday, determined to carry home a victory, but Coach Hawn's fighting warriors turned the heavier boys back with a 26-0 defeat. It was necessary for Coach Hawn to be out of town during the game, so the affair was in the hands of Assistant Coach Beam.

Troutman put up a stiff fight at the beginning of the game and it looked as if the local lads would have their hands full, but after bucking the line for substantial gains the ball was placed in enemy territory, then a pass Ouzts to Roper marked the first touchdown. The extra point failed. Troutman received and made a first down, then pulling the unexpected started a pass through the air, but before a Troutman receiver could handle it Bowditch intercepted it and raced for Marion's second touchdown.

During the remainder of the first half no great gains were made by either eleven, until the final minutes of play, when Ouzts, by a wide end run, registered the final marker of the second period. Rabb's drop kick was good. The half ended: Marion 19, Troutman 0.

The beginning of the second half was hard fought. No scoring was done during the third period. In the fourth period, in the best play of the game, Rabb received a punt on the sixty yard line and evaded the entire Troutman team for Marion's last touchdown.

Under prevailing circumstances Marion played wonderful ball, using only eight different plays during the game due to the fact that scouts from Hendersonville were present. The local coaches thought it better to hold their team in check than to expose a bagfull of tricks to the watchful eyes of the scouts.

Marion's line stood out with Captain Gilkey and Moore as main cogs. Stars in the backfield were Rabb, Roper and Martin.

The line up for Marion was as follows: Bowditch, center; Moore and Mashburn, guards; Captain Gilkey and Clay, tackles; Ledbetter and Williams, ends; Rabb, quarterback; Ouzts and Roper, halfbacks; Martin, fullback; J. Finley, A. Finley, Glenn, Holcombe and Stamey, substitutes.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HOLDS MEETING IN MARION

The Western North Carolina High School Athletic Association met in Marion Monday, November 11th, for the purpose of perfecting this organization. There were six schools represented out of the ten selected in this group. The constitution governing this organization was read and discussed.

It was learned that there are to be two divisions of the association, one to be known as the Western group and the other to be known as the Piedmont North Carolina group. These two divisions are to have no connection with any other high school athletic associations. There is to be post season games between the two ranking teams of each division, and these teams will be judged winner on a percentage basis. The rules call for the minimum of five games in football, ten in basketball and ten in baseball.

R. W. Carver of Hickory is president of the association; J. E. Gassell, of Concord, secretary-treasurer; and C. Hoed, of Mooresville, vice-president. The executive committee is composed of C. S. Warren of Lenoir; E. L. Spikes, Rutherfordton; G. W. Bradshaw, Monroe; W. F. Starnes, Morganton.

The schools in the Western division are Hendersonville, Hickory, Marion, Morganton, Rutherfordton, Shelby, Forest City, Waynesville, Lenoir, Canton.

The schools in the Piedmont division are Newton, Spencer, Statesville, Lincolnton, Albemarle, Concord, Monroe, Mooresville, Kings Mountain, Belmont, Lexington.

DEATH OF FRED SEAGLE

Fred Seagle, aged 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Seagle, died at his home at East Marion last Thursday. The funeral was conducted by Rev. A. A. Walker and Rev. J. H. Strickland at the East Marion Baptist Church November 8th. The body was buried at Murphy's Chapel cemetery. He is survived by his parents, six brothers and two sisters, all of East Marion.

EDUCATION WEEK AT CLINCHFIELD

Fine Program Given by The School on Tuesday Night—Miss Kelly Principal Speaker

In observance of Education Week, a fine program was rendered by the Clinchfield School at Clinchfield school last Tuesday night. Miss Elizabeth Kelly, formerly a member of the State Board of Education, but now on the State Board of Equalization, was the principal speaker of the evening. The school auditorium was filled with the exception of a few seats in the rear, due to inclement weather.

This spirited and well executed program opened with the Glee Club girls singing "Carolina, Carolina", and "Ho! For Carolina". The Indian pageant "Hiawatha", enacted by the second grade, under the supervision of Miss Bennett, was a feature of the evening. It represented the class room work. Every costume and other Indian utensils were made by these second graders. Miss Baldwin, head of the Home Economics department, conducted a fashion review of her class in sewing, by having each girl promenade across the stage in beautiful and artistic dresses of their own handiwork.

Mr. A. V. Nolan, county superintendent of schools for McDowell county, gave a short snappy talk, and then introduced the speaker of the evening, Miss Elizabeth Kelly.

Miss Kelly, who is now on the Equalization Board of North Carolina, explained the duties of this organization. She stated that this board distributed the revenue from special privilege taxes to every county in the state according to their needs. Miss Kelly interspersed bits of humor and satire in her talk to the delight of her audience. She asked "What is an educated person?" It is not one that has a high school or college diploma, she remarked. She said that the alphabet and numerals we learn are just mere tools for further advancement in education. Miss Kelly remarked that there were six points in judging an educated person. First, a spirit of honest inquiry (seek the truth, have no prejudices); second, accurate scholarship; third, clean personal moral habits (inside decency); fourth, the willingness to co-operate in spirit of good citizenship; fifth, ability to work; sixth, self discipline.

The program was closed with all standing and singing America, and The Star Spangled Banner.

PLAN DENTAL PROGRAM FOR MARION SCHOOLS

At a meeting of the dentists of Marion last Wednesday night with Supt. F. R. Richardson, in the office of the Chamber of Commerce, plans were put on foot for the working out of a permanent arrangement whereby all school children of the Marion Schools will be induced and encouraged to have their teeth examined, treated and given an o. k. each six months of the year. Cards with the legend of each child, the home conditions, and a great deal of other information will be filled out and properly filed as the first step in this program. Tooth paste and possibly tooth brushes will be delivered to the children gratis at an early date. Further details of this particular part of the general health program for the Marion Schools will be published from time to time.

The dentists who are so willingly co-operating in the working out of this plan are Drs. P. D. Sinclair, D. H. Crawford and B. A. Dickson.

The interest, attention, and sympathy in this matter of all mothers and fathers of the Marion school children are requested by the school authorities.

A large per cent of the school children need dental work of some kind. One of the very greatest deterrents to school children is the bad condition of the teeth.

The program that is being worked out is permanent in its nature and not merely for one or two terms.

A large number of children have already visited the dentists since the recent hurried examination of their teeth was made by the state dentist. A much larger percent are expected to do likewise as soon as the full plan can be initiated.