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## DUKE COMPANY BUYS TWO MORE PLANTS

Purchases Lake Tahoma And Old Fort Plants. And Plans Extensive Improvements.

J. Q. Gilkey, prominent Marion financier, announced Saturday that he had completed a deal in which the Duke Power Company had obtained the Lake Tahoma power plant, which is located near here, and the Old Fort power plant at Old Fort, N. C.

The Lake Tahoma was bought from the Lake Tahoma corporation of Marion, and the Old Fort plant was bought from the Jupollo Service Company, of Cleveland, Ohio.

It is understood that the Duke Power Company will make many improvements at the Old Fort plant and will furnish power for the American Leather Company's tannery and extract plants there, besides furnishing power and lights for the town of Old Fort and its other industries.

The power obtained from the Lake Tahoma plant was formerly sold to the National Utilities Company here, which furnishes electrical operating power for Marion industries.

The former owners of the Lake Tahoma plant were the D. E. Hudgins Estate, A. M. Kistler of Morganton, George Chapman, and J. Q. Gilkey of Marion, who originally developed Lake Tahoma as a resort and the power incident to the impounding of a large lake, known as Lake Tahoma.

This entire property was purchased in July of this year by the Lake Tahoma Company, headed by Roy M. Mead of Cleveland, Ohio, and Asheville. Associated with him are Alfred S. Barnard, an Asheville attorney, J. Q. Gilkey of Marion, and Col. D. W. Adams of Old Fort.

Mr. J. Q. Gilkey of Marion will have charge of the supervising of a commodious club house and golf course and other recreational features, with a view of having a club membership drawn from the Eastern and Southern states that will justify the necessary expenditures.

The power plant and the electric system at Old Fort was originally constructed by the White Coal Power Company, headed by Col. D. W. Adams, and was sold to the Jupollo Public Service Company in October, 1928.

## DEBATING AND ORATORY TEAMS ARE ORGANIZED

The Marion High School has organized a debating team and a team in oratory, with M. W. Gordon and Hugh Beam in charge. The English department will also help in the coaching of these teams.

For the past several years little interest has been shown in public speaking, despite the fact that there is no other activity that so well fits one for life. The high school plans to make these teams one of her foremost features during the current year.

The following students reported to the initial call for members: Katherine Spratt, Nevelle Greene, Betty Wilson, Mamie Spencer, Mary Goldsmith, Katherine Giles, Eleanor Young, Lon Coone, Frank Moore, Ralph Stepp and Harold Klontz.

A number of trips are being planned for these students, which will be given them without cost. One of the first events will be the oratorical contest sponsored by the American Legion. This contest will be held some time in January. After this contest is over an orator will be sent to Lenoir-Rhyne and Mars Hill Colleges where high school contests will be held.

In the field of debating an interesting work is to be done. Marion will enter the state-wide debating contest, headed by E. R. Rankin, secretary of the North Carolina High School Debating Union. If successful, the students will be sent to Chapel Hill to take part in the contest there. Besides these activities several dual debates will probably be arranged.

The question which will be discussed this year by the High School Debating Union will be: "Resolved, That North Carolina should adopt the proposed constitutional amendment, authorizing the classification of property for taxation."

Missouri produced 1,164,000 bushels of sweet potatoes this year.

## MRS. H. A. GIBBS DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Mrs. H. A. Gibbs, 57, of Garden City, who before her marriage was Miss Letitia Brown, daughter of the late R. W. Brown of Garden City, died at the Rutherford Hospital Thursday, December 12th, following an operation on Monday. Mrs. Gibbs was ill only a few days prior to the operation.

By the gorgeous and lavish floral tribute of friends and relatives, one can readily understand the following phrases, "She never saw anything wrong in anyone"; "To know her was to love her". Mrs. Gibbs was noted for her lovely disposition and her wholehearted co-operation in aiding distressed and bereaved families. She had the true heart of a born mother. She was a devoted member of the Methodist Church since she became a member at the age of eleven.

Mrs. Gibbs lived in Garden City for thirty-six years and reared ten children who have gone out into the world of rumble and bustle and made good, which clearly demonstrates the correct qualities of motherhood.

Mrs. Gibbs, who had a large connection of very prominent people, is survived by her husband, six sons and four daughters. The sons are Avery, Bruce and Jack Gibbs, of Marion; Ernest Gibbs, of Richmond, Va.; and Charles Gibbs, of Waynesville. The daughters are Mrs. S. W. Westmoreland, of Shelby; Mrs. Stewart Turlington, of Dunn; Mrs. Mason Ledbetter, of Sanford; and Miss Nell Gibbs, of Jonesboro, N. C.

The funeral services were conducted last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. B. B. Price, aunt of the deceased, on South Main street by Rev. W. O. Goode, assisted by Rev. J. C. Story, Rev. P. D. Mangum and Rev. J. S. Lockaby, and interment made at Oak Grove cemetery.

## BAPTIST CHOR TO GIVE CANTATA SUNDAY NIGHT

A Christmas Cantata, "Prince of Peace," by Truman Wolcott, will be presented by the choir at the First Baptist Church next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The program follows:

Prayer and Scripture by Rev. P. D. Mangum. Prelude.

Recitative, tenor, "Comfort Ye My People," Nelson Parker.

Recitative, baritone, "The People That Walked in Darkness," Mr. Bell.

Chorus, with contralto and tenor solos, "Arise, Shine, for Thy Light is Come," Mrs. R. B. Phillips and Leroy Silver.

Recitative, baritone, "Behold a King," Mr. A. O. Leonard.

Quartet, "He Shall Feed His Flock," Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Mitchem, Mr. J. D. Little and Mr. A. O. Leonard.

Recitative, contralto, and aria, tenor, "The Angel Gabriel," Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Walker.

Aria, soprano, "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord," Mrs. T. A. Wilson.

Chorus, with bass recitative, and soprano solo, "How Beautiful Upon The Mountains," Mr. J. D. Little, Mrs. Ben Price.

PART II

O'er The Plains of Bethlehem. Soprano solo and chorus, "Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices?" Mrs. T. H. Henderson and choir.

Recitative, contralto, and tenor solo, "And There Were in the Same Country," Mrs. A. C. Leonard and Mr. Leroy Silver.

Baritone solo with chorus, "And Suddenly There Was With the Angels," Mr. J. D. Little and choir.

Soprano and baritone solos, "Calm on the Listening Ear of Night," Mrs. Henderson and Mr. Ray Queen.

Recitative, contralto, "And It Came to Pass," Mrs. A. C. Leonard.

Men's chorus, "Let Us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem." "And They Came," Mrs. A. C. Leonard.

Chorus, "The Holy Night," Miss Helen Ramsey, Miss Dorothy Saunders and choir.

Recitative, contralto, "And the Shepherds," Mrs. Phillips.

Chorus, "O Praise the Lord, All Ye Nations," Choir.

Benediction.

Mrs. T. A. Wilson is director, with Mrs. P. D. Mangum as organist, and Miss Betty Wilson, violinist.

## WEATHER DATA

Warm sunshine with a misty touch at dawn, has been the feature of much talk during the past week.

The average maximum and minimum temperature and precipitation for the week December 8th to 15th was:

	Max.	Min.	Prec.
	66.2	28.4	.00
One year ago:	55.1	26.5	.83

The Merchants and Farmers Bank and the First National Bank will be closed two days, December 25th and 26th, for the Christmas holidays.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

WHAT two words on human tongue are more heart-warming than these? They not only represent a friendly greeting, but in them are summed up the whole spirit of the Yuletide—brightness and laughter, joy of living and joy of giving, health and happiness, peace on earth and good will to all men.

It is a greeting which we will hear often in this community of ours during these happy days of the Christmas season. We will hear it on our streets, in our stores, along our country roads, and in our homes. For ours is a friendly community and nowhere is that friendly greeting more sincere. It is not possible, however, for each of us to say "Merry Christmas" to everyone and thus complete the happy circle of Yuletide good cheer.

But there is one who has that rare privilege, one who has been a welcome visitor at the firesides of the homes in this community throughout the year and who now claims the right to be the first to wish you joy at this joyous time. That one is your Home Paper.

So your Home Paper carries from you to all the community and from all the community to you, this friendly greeting:

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

—THE PUBLISHERS

## INDUSTRIAL BANK DIRECTORS MEET

Wm. Treverton of Marion Is Elected Cashier—New Bank Will Open First of January.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Marion Industrial Bank, composed of J. L. Morgan, John Yancey, W. R. Chambers, W. J. Atwell, A. L. Finley, Carter Hudgins, J. E. Neal, T. H. Henderson, and G. W. Chapman, the organization of the bank was completed by the election of Mr. William Treverton, Cashier.

Mr. Treverton has been a resident of McDowell county for twenty-five years. He was employed by the Union Tanning Company when a young man and stationed at Old Fort and was in charge of the records and finances of the Old Fort Tannery for more than twenty years. About a year ago he resigned and moved to Marion to enter business here. Mr. Treverton is now in the prime of life and his former business associates at Old Fort say that he has had such training and business experience as should qualify him to make the Marion Industrial Bank one of the leading financial institutions of its kind in the State.

The new bank will open about January first and will have its quarters on Main street where the Western Union Telegraph Company had their quarters until they recently moved into the new Burton building.

The new bank is designed primarily to meet the need of the person of small means and for the repayment of small loans upon the weekly or monthly basis.

## GLENWOOD DEFEATS GLEN ALPINE TEAMS

Tuesday night, December 10th, the boys and girls basketball teams of Glenwood High School won two victories from Glen Alpine, 69 to 6 and 26 to 18, respectively.

This was the girls' first game of this season, and the game was unusually fast, with only a few fouls made on either side.

Each girl on the team deserves praise. The outcome was never certain, for first one team would score and then the other. But Glenwood, by superior team work in the last half, outplayed them. The final score was 26-18 in Glenwood's favor.

The boys game was an easy victory; but very spectacular in watching Dan Haney looping the ball in the basket from all angles of the court. The score stood 69 to 6 for Glenwood at the end of the game. Fine sportsmanship was displayed at all times between the two teams.

One hundred thousand enumerators will be required to take the U. S. census of 1930.

## BAPTISTS PLAN MEETING AT NEBO

Program Announced for Mid-Winter Meeting of the Blue Ridge Association Dec. 29th

The mid-winter meeting of the Blue Ridge Baptist Association, which was recently organized in McDowell County, will be held with the Baptist Church at Nebo on Sunday, December 29th. There will be two sessions, the morning session beginning at 10:30 o'clock. An interesting and instructive program has been planned for the day. The principal speakers will be Dr. Perry Morgan, of the State Sunday School Department; Dr. M. L. Kesler, of the Thomasville Orphanage; and Dr. W. R. Bradshaw, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Morganton. The program follows:

10:30 a. m. Praise Service by Miss Ora Hull, of South Mountain Institute.

10:45 a. m. Round Table Discussion. Topic: "The Application of Christianity to Every Day Life."

11:25 a. m. Special Music by the Garden Creek Church.

11:30 a. m. Address by Dr. Perry Morgan, State Sunday School Department.

12:15 p. m.—1:30. Dinner.

1:30 p. m. Praise Service by Rev. Odus McGinnis, pastor of the Nebo and Oak Ridge churches.

1:45 p. m. Special music by Cross Mill Church.

1:50 p. m. Address by Dr. M. L. Kesler, of Thomasville Orphanage.

2:20 p. m. Special Music by Marion First Church.

2:25 p. m. Address by Dr. W. R. Bradshaw, Pastor Morganton First Church.

Every one attending is asked to bring a dinner basket well filled.

The sessions will be presided over by Mr. W. T. Morgan of Marion, moderator of the association. Rev. A. A. Walker, pastor of the Clinchfield Baptist Church, is clerk of the Association.

The Blue Ridge Association is composed of twenty-one Baptist churches in McDowell county, having an approximate membership of three thousand.

## RESIDENCE BURNED NEAR CLINCHFIELD

East Marion was the scene of a disastrous fire last Thursday afternoon, when the home of W. O. Bryson, situated on Baldwin avenue, was totally destroyed.

It is supposed that the fire was caused by a defective flue. Part of the household goods were saved. The loss was estimated at \$5,000, which was partially covered by insurance. The building was an eight-room two story frame structure covered with shingles.

## INTERESTING CONTEST ENDS AT CLINCHFIELD

On last Saturday morning the kitchens of twelve Clinchfield women were judged as a result of a kitchen contest that was put on by the Home Economics Department of the Clinchfield School.

The winners of prizes are as follows: Mrs. Myrtle Arrowood, first prize, an electric toaster; second prize, Mrs. R. B. Baker, aluminum roaster; third prize, six dinner plates Mrs. J. C. Norman; fourth prize, Mrs. J. N. Sexton, an earthen mixing bowl.

These women have made many improvements in their kitchens. The walls were painted by the Clinchfield Manufacturing Co. Convenient wood boxes were made and varnished at home, stools the correct height, covered garbage cans, built in shelves and other labor saving devices have been put into these kitchens. The necessary equipment that every good housewife needs can be found placed conveniently in these kitchens. Cleanliness and order is the keynote of each kitchen. With paint and varnish every rusty table, shelf and cupboard has been made bright and spotless inside and out. The color schemes are tasty, too.

Each kitchen is planned with some definite color scale in mind. Harmony and design prevail, giving a pleasing and colorful effect.

The women have worked hard. They have put forth every effort to make the contest a success. A wonderful spirit of co-operation and unselfishness has been shown by both the instructor and the members of the club.

All of the appreciation that is possible to give is offered by Miss Hilda Baldwin, the instructor, in return for this wonderful spirit of the women of the Clinchfield Mothers Club.

It is to be hoped that others in the community will realize the need of bringing their homes up to the present day standards and join us in the Spring contest which will begin in January.

The judging was done on the basis of improvement, credit being given to those who worked and made a special effort to better conditions in their kitchens.

A tea was given Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. B. Laughlin as the closing social event of the contest. Mattie Margaret Laughlin, Leona Baker and Aelne Norman served tea, coconut cake, nuts and mints. The following were present: Mesdames T. H. Henderson, Thomas Wilson, J. B. Laughlin, Myrtle Arrowood, R. B. Baker, J. M. Sexton, L. M. Early, T. V. Ellis, Arvin Ferguson, Clara Taylor; Misses Mary York, Annie Benson Priest, Ruth Greenlee, and Hilda Baldwin. Messrs. T. H. Henderson, A. V. Nolan, Arvin Ferguson, Charles Early, and J. B. Laughlin.

Supt. A. V. Nolan presented the prizes and other gifts given by the merchants of Marion.

## PENSION CHECKS FOR VETERANS ARE READY

The State of North Carolina is paying Santa Claus this week to nineteen Civil War veterans and forty-one widows of veterans in McDowell county, and in doing this will leave \$6,417.50 in the county.

The semi-annual pension checks for veterans and their widows arrived at the clerk of court's office last Saturday afternoon, and, as is the custom, are ready for distribution now, so that the "boys in gray" and the widows of those who have passed on, may have something with which to enjoy the holiday season.

Last year at this time twenty-eight veterans and forty-seven widows received \$7,660.

This year nineteen who wore the gray will receive \$182.50 each, totaling \$3,467.50. Nine widows rank in class 'A' and will receive \$150 each, totaling \$1,350. Thirty-two widows who are in 'B' class will receive \$50 each, totaling \$1,600.

## MARION DEPUTY RETURNS WITH NEGRO PRISONER

Chief Deputy Ben E. Henley, who left last Saturday for Washington, Pa., to bring Henry Sisk, negro, back to Marion on a charge of murdering Charlie Anderson, negro, in 1924, returned to Marion with his prisoner last Monday.

Sisk is alleged to have killed Anderson when an argument arose in a crap game here. Sisk was arrested by W. B. Dinsmore, Chief of Detectives, Washington, Pa.

## TEACHERS MEET AT EAST MARION

Mr. A. B. Combs and Supt. Nolan Speakers at Interesting Meeting Last Saturday.

East Marion School was the scene of a very interesting meeting of all the teachers of McDowell county last Saturday morning, December 14th, at 9 o'clock. Miss Mamie Stacy, principal of the school, rendered a word of welcome in behalf of the school.

Mr. A. V. Nolan, superintendent of McDowell county schools, explained that Dr. Highsmith would not be able to attend the meeting and Mr. A. B. Combs, assistant inspector of schools of North Carolina was sent in his stead.

Prior to the introduction of Mr. Combs by Mr. Nolan, Mr. Nolan pointed out several interesting items relative to teacher accomplishments in McDowell county. He told of the advanced steps in education that the teachers in McDowell county were making, and remarked that McDowell county ranked within two or three counties from the top in this field of general improvement. He said that inspiration and enthusiasm were required to create effective results, and that economy was in evidence, and too, that 85 per cent of the school children of McDowell county have access to eight or nine months school training.

Mr. A. B. Combs, speaking for Dr. Highsmith, gave the group of teachers a most interesting talk on their vocation. He stated that on last Friday he had visited a number of schools in McDowell county, and that he admired the teachers of this county for their original and intensive training that was adequately demonstrated in their classrooms. Another most interesting incident, he remarked, was the idea of the teachers supervising playground activities, and the discipline, team work and good sportsmanship that were in evidence. He said that directed learning is the soul and substance of teaching. He gave an interesting outline on observing results from teaching. He stressed the point of teachers adhering to the text book too closely, and said that to secure the maximum interest the teacher should consider the pupil's knowledge that he has outside of the text book. The true success of the teacher in accomplishing the greatest good, said Mr. Combs, is to have a sympathetic understanding of your pupil, that when you become unsympathetic you are doomed for failure in your chosen vocation; but sympathetic understanding means progressive accomplishment.

Mr. Crooks was a prominent merchant of the Clinchfield Mill section. He was married three times. His last wife, Mrs. Minnie Curtis Crooks survives. He also has two sons, Roby and John Crooks, of McDowell county, and two daughters, Mrs. Laura Dellinger of Worthville, N. C., and Mrs. Annie Clark of Nebo. The McDowell Post of the American Legion had charge of the burial. The interment was made in the Oak Grove cemetery.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT EUGENE CROSS SCHOOL

Mrs. Garland Williams, principal of the Eugene Cross School, announces that there will be a free Christmas program given in the school auditorium Friday evening, December 20th, at 7:30 o'clock.

## DEATH OF CHILD

Jennings Buel, thirteen months old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hodge, died at their home on Elizabeth Drive on Wednesday Dec. 11th, and was buried at Piedmont Baptist Church cemetery in Rutherford County Thursday.

G. W. Pyatt, of Nebo, was a visitor here Saturday.