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MERRY CHRISTMAS

To our subscribers, most of whom we can greet as personal friends, we extend our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas.

We hope that this season finds you healthy and happy, that the wholesome spirit of the occasion leaves a lasting imprint into your consciousness, that peace may reign in your hearts and throughout the world during this period and for the ages to come. Crime and war, vice and poverty, dishonesty and brutality, all would cease to trouble us were mankind but capable of following the example of the Prince of Peace.

We trust that you have experienced joy in giving and satisfaction in receiving acknowledgements of affection and esteem from your family and friends.

We hope, above all, that the true significance of the day may not be forgotten in the rounds of merry-making; and may the day find you in a jovial and happy mood, but may it also bring to you a few serious thoughts upon its more profound significance.

COMMUNITY PROGRESS

While Marion has much to boast of as it considers past achievements, it would be sheer folly at this stage of its community development to rest content with past laurels and cease striving for further advancement.

Marion's present high standing among centers of equal population has been won by foresight and aggressive policies in the past. This generation should be just as eager to assure an enviable future for the community as were those men of former generations who often fought a stiff, up-hill fight to gain those things upon which the city's present prestige rests.

Never before in its history has Marion been in such good position to go forward in rapid and substantial development as right now. It has all its pristine attractions plus many relatively recent acquisitions. But to do the things that must be done if the community is to progress along desirable lines of commercial, industrial and residential expansion and betterment, there must be no diminution of that spirit of co-operation and willing effort on the part of a considerable number of citizens which has been manifested in all its past accomplishments.

And just as men and women of vision and civic consciousness have always been available in the past, so will they come to the service of the community in future hours of need.

WELCOME SANTA CLAUS

Santa Claus, inevitable master of childish hearts, is about to pay his annual visit to the homes of Marion. Children are already writing their letters to the good Saint, making known their dream desires, and counting the days and nights until he makes his entrance into their homes.

What man or woman can bear the thought of disappointed faith in the hearts of little children? What one of us would not give 'til it hurts in an effort to help fulfill juvenile hopes?

Let's make the heart of every child in Marion glad for one Christmas day. Let's see that every child in our community has at least one day of unalloyed happiness, a day of joy and gladness, a day when their dreams shall come true.

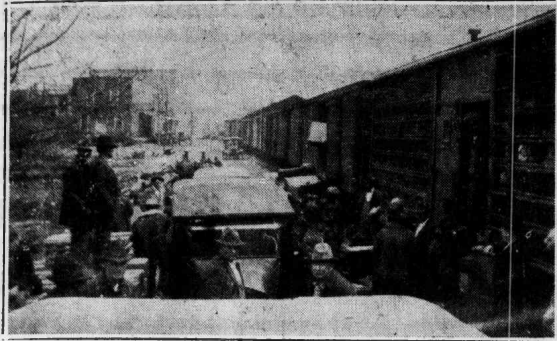
BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

The sale of Christmas seals, undertaken by the National Tuberculosis Association, is now on in Marion and thousands of other communities in the United States.

The proceeds of the sale of these attractive little stickers are used to fight tuberculosis, the dread scourge of mankind. It is a cause that deserves the unstinted support of all citizens, and we hope that the sale here will evidence our interest in the battle against the white plague.

Our easy Christmas shopping: For father, mother, son, daughter, sister, brother, cousin, aunt, friend and acquaintance, give a subscription to The Progress. Let your own enthusiasm specify the number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hubbard, of Clinton, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter on December 10th. Mrs. Hubbard was before her marriage Miss Grace Finley, of Marion.



POULTRY LOADING AT MARION
Picture shows first co-operative shipment of poultry from McDowell county made at Marion on September 21, 1925.

POULTRY INDUSTRY SHOWS RAPID INCREASE IN COUNTY

Reports of the poultry business that has recently been compiled for McDowell county from December 1, 1928, to December 1, 1929, by the co-operative car shipment method of marketing has just been tabulated by W. L. Smarr, County Agent, and the results are most gratifying.

The total number of pounds for December 1928-29 was 89,850 pounds of poultry, amounting to \$21,582.03. Comparative figures for the year December 1927-28 shows 59,597 amounting to only \$11,462.92.

The first co-operative shipment from McDowell county was made on Monday, Sept. 21, 1925, and on that date only 1,721 pounds were shipped for the small sum of \$375.18. The second shipment was made on December 15th, 1925, when 3,011 pounds sold for only \$656.46.

A compiled statistical report for the past five years is as follows:

1925, 4,732 pounds,	\$ 1,031.64
1926, 19,277 pounds,	4,433.71
1927, 30,225 pounds,	8,445.50
1928, 59,597 pounds,	11,462.92
1929, 89,850 pounds,	21,582.03

Rapid progress can be noted in the comparative figures and co-operative shipments continue in effect to this date.

Prices in car loadings have been as high as 28c a pound for heavy hens, and several farmers have sold cull hens for as much as \$2.25 each. A few have sold several hens for as much as \$2.50 to \$2.80 each.

Before the co-operative shipment of poultry began, poultry was kept on the farm principally to provide poultry and eggs for the table, and especially so, for the preachers' visits. There was very little demand for poultry locally, since most every one produced enough for their own need. Poultry was sold "so much apiece", and sometimes, was exchanged in trade for goods. Later a few of the local merchants began shipping some surplus poultry in crates by express to some of the eastern markets. This crate shipment brought about the beginning of weighing and selling poultry by the pound.

During the past year, the poultry car has run on a regular schedule, on Wednesday of every two weeks in Marion, and once a month at Old Fort during the fall and spring months. With this regular and definite schedule for a poultry car to be in Marion, and with the highest market price being paid on a "cash at the car door" basis, farmers have become more interested in growing more and better poultry.

The McDowell Produce Company has also assisted in providing a cash market for the surplus poultry on the farm. During the period, December 1, 1928, to December 1, 1929, this firm paid out \$6,453.48 for poultry. During 1928 this company paid out \$5,562.44 for poultry, and \$4,882.90 during 1927. This company offers a cash market six days in the week throughout the year for all kinds of poultry. Besides furnishing a local market for poultry, it also usually has a surplus of all kinds of poultry for sale, thus enabling those wishing to buy an opportunity to buy a fryer, broiler or hen.

Thus during the past five years the tonnage of poultry amounts to 201,949 pounds for which the farmers have received \$46,955.80 from the car shipments. Adding the value sold to the McDowell Produce Company gives a grand total of \$63,854.62 for poultry.

MINSTREL AT GLENWOOD

Thursday evening, December 19, at 7:30 o'clock, Glenwood High School is presenting a negro minstrel consisting of two short plays, namely, "The Booster Club of Nealsville" and "The Great Chicken Stealing Case of McDowell County". The performance includes a group of negro spirituals. The glee club has been working on several good choruses, "Kentucky Babe", "Oh, Dem Golden Slippers", "In the Evening by the Moonlight Long Ago", and several others. Everybody is promised plenty of excitement.

TRIAL OF DEPUTIES IS NEARING AN END

Burnsville, Dec. 18.—The defense rested Wednesday morning shortly before 11 o'clock in the trial of the eight McDowell county deputies charged with the second degree murder of six men in a cotton mill strike disorder at Marion on October 2.

Indications were that the Yancey county jury trying the officers might get the case late Thursday. Immediately after the defense rested the state began presenting rebuttal evidence. It was indicated that 12 or more witnesses would be called on the rebuttal.

Court attaches believed that the evidence would be completed Wednesday afternoon or at the night session Wednesday, and that the argument of counsel and the charge of Judge G. V. Cowper could be completed Thursday, thus making it possible for the Yancey county jurors who are trying the case, sent here on a change of venue from McDowell county, to get it late Thursday.

Testimony for the defense ended when Taylor Green, one of the defendants, had told his story of the shooting from the witness stand Wednesday. The other defendants, Robert Ward, William Twiggs, Webb Fender, Charles Tate, Jim Owens, Broad Robbins, and Dave Jarrett previously had testified.

Green spent less than an hour on the stand. He corroborated testimony of other defense witnesses that the officers fired in self-defense. Greene said he shot at two men who opened fire on him.

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9:45 a. m. Sunday School.
11 a. m. Sermon by the pastor.
Seven o'clock; a special program.
The Christmas tree and Sunday School Christmas program will be given on Monday night at seven o'clock.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

P. D. Mangum, Pastor
White Gift service Sunday at 9:30 a. m. Gifts to be given local poor and to South Mountain Orphanage.
Christmas sermon at 11 a. m. with appropriate music. Sermon subject, "The Christmas Star."
Christmas cantata Sunday night.
Christmas entertainment by Sunday School Monday evening at 7:30. Program by Primary and Junior departments.

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