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## AT THE COUNTY FAIR

Gathering of Old Soldiers and the School Children Features of the Big Event.

Do you remember last year in October, when the school children of McDowell County, together with the old soldiers—relics of another generation, and the remnants of a lost cause, tottering of limb and weak of fame—marched together through the streets of Marion? This mingling of youth and age will be one of the features of the Fair in October. The ladies of Marion, descendants of the Confederate Soldiers, have organized a chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy; and, on October 20th, they will entertain in Marion all of the soldiers of McDowell county. These ladies will have in charge the program for this day, and propose to make it one of merriment and pleasure.

Besides a day during the Fair being set aside for the old soldiers, one has also been set aside for the school children, and the programs for both of these days are being worked out by those interested, and the events of the Fair promise to be the greatest for Marion and McDowell county ever held. Let all plan now to make the Fair better.

Premium lists have been made out, and we are authorized to say that every man, woman and child in Marion and McDowell County can offer for any premium in the list. Let all plan to make the Fair better by reason of entering into the spirit of it.

## Old Currency.

Some very old currency was brought to this office a few days ago by Mr. A. B. Gilkey. One was a forty dollar bill which "entitled the bearer to receive forty Spanish milled dollars, or the value thereof in gold or silver, according to a resolution passed by Congress at Philadelphia, Sept. 26, 1778." On both the face and back of the bill is a picture resembling a puzzle card. It is a curiosity. Another bill, North Carolina currency, calls for five hundred dollars, "agreeable to an Act of Assembly passed at Newbern the 10th day of May, 1780." "Death to Counterfeit" is printed on one end of this bill. Mr. Gilkey has had them in his possession for quite awhile and prizes them very highly as old relics.

## Commissioners Meet.

The county commissioners held a monthly meeting Monday. The most of the day was taken up with routine matters. A special school tax election was ordered held in School District No. 2, Crooked Creek township, October 30.

Horace Sentelle, of Waynesville, has been appointed private secretary to Congressman J. M. Gudger, Jr., to succeed Owen Gudger, who was given the appointment during the spring, but who on account of his law practice, his connection with the Western North Carolina Fair association, of which he is secretary, and other business, felt it to his interest to resign.

The returning Congressmen must face the explanation of why those garden seed didn't sprout.

## BRIDGEWATER NEWS

Mrs. John D. Adams Passes at the Home of Her Parents—Personal Mention.

Bridgewater, Sept. 5—Mrs. John Adams of Lancaster, S. C. died here last Thursday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Tate, after an illness of several months. Besides a husband she leaves three small children, the youngest about two years of age. Mrs. Adams' age was about forty. She has been a member of the Bridgewater Methodist church from girlhood and was known as one of the most perfect christian faithful women. She was buried at the Tate graveyard Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Richardson of Nebo.

Messrs. Walter and Marvin Stacey of Nebo spent Thursday in Bridgewater on business.

Misses Florence and Nettie Hemphill have entered Glen Alpine High School.

John and Clinton Cilley of Hickory spent last week here with their little cousin John Lyerly.

Mrs. Ben Conley and children of Marion are visiting relatives here this week.

Eck Abernethy of Hickory spent Sunday in Bridgewater.

Wilfong Tate of Caperton, Va. was called home on account of the death of his sister Mrs. J. Adams.

W. W. Hemphill made a business trip to Glen Alpine Monday.

BETTY.

## Cotton Mill News.

Supt. H. F. Little and Boss Carder J. R. Frye went to Rutherfordton last week on business.

Wm. Clay has been promoted by Supt. Little to the position of Chief Engineer and Master Mechanic.

H. W. Pressley and family have moved back to Marion after a few months at the mill at Rutherfordton, N. C.

S. O. Crawley of Spartanburg, S. C. is now running a section in the Spinning Room.

Our Mill run off 100,000 lbs. of cloth during the month of August. This is the largest production we have ever gotten since the mill started.

We need some more houses down on our side of town as you can't rent one down this way for "love or money." The town is bound to come our way.

## Greenlee News.

Greenlee, Sept. 4.—The Greenlee School will stop for fodder pulling Friday, Sept. 8.

There will be an ice cream supper at the Greenlee School-house, Friday, Sept. 8. The public is cordially invited.

Miss Mary Greenlee returned home Saturday from North Cove where she has been teaching.

Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Woodhouse, and Misses Margaret and Elizabeth Woodhouse were pleasant visitors of Mrs. W. H. Greenlee, Saturday afternoon.

Dr. J. K. Biddix, of Hickory, visited his brother, J. B. Biddix, Sunday.

J. W. Biddix is visiting relatives near Greenlee.

There has been an organ purchased for the M. E. Church at Greenlee.

Rev. J. W. Bradley, of Raeford, spent a few days at home last week.

STUDENT

## Sugar Hill News.

Sugar Hill, Sept. 3—W. M. Wilson made a business trip to Marion the latter part of last week.

The school at Maple Grove Academy closed last Friday until the farmers get their "crops" gathered. And now there can be seen long faces on every side; caused by the departure of our two most excellent teachers, Misses Jennie Hunter and Grace Finley.

The society which was organized at Maple Grove by Misses Hunter and Finley gave its first public entertainment on last Friday afternoon, which was quite a success. An interesting program was rendered and those taking part performed their duty with credit to themselves and to their teachers. The most interesting part of the program was the reciting of Miss Finley.

We are sorry to lose another one of our most charming young ladies, Miss Ester Harris, who is to leave this week for Nebo where she will enter school.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Jonas of Marion visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crawford, the latter part of last week. Mr. Jonas went out squirrel hunting while here, but with little success. I suppose he did not have the luck of finding a tree with as many in it as that reported by R. A. Marlow and J. C. Crawford. It is said that while these two gentlemen were hunting last week that they came across a tree which was loaded with squirrels, and after shooting away all their ammunition and killing nineteen, that Mr. Marlow seized a stick and ran down to the body of the tree and killed two more as they came down; then they went away leaving squirrels in the tree.

Rev. Joe Womick filled his regular appointment at Pleasant Grove, Sunday. D. W. Crawford has returned home for a short time.

Miss Annie Wilson spent last Sunday with Miss Mammie Crawford.

ISAAC

## Dysartsville Dots.

Dysartsville, Sept. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Walker entertained last Wednesday on the occasion of the former's birthday, he being 51 years old. And the strangest coincidence of the matter is that 51 persons ate dinner at his house that day. We take the liberty to say they had every thing needful to gratify the inner man, from turkey down.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Satterwhite were visitors here recently.

J. Webb Walker and daughter, Rachel Condrey, were visiting last week in the Camp Creek country.

Rev. Kip Giles was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Goforth, last week. Mortimer Howard passed through our town Saturday. He is a traveling man.

Decatur Daves has moved to and will tend Reid and Deck's flouring mill.

Mrs. McKibben Denton and her three children, James Marion, John Robert and Annette, of Asheville, are guests of J. R. Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Denton spent a day last week with J. Webb Walker. Mr. Walker cut for his guests a watermelon about eighteen inches long, red meat, sweet and good, weighing twenty-four pounds.

ZERO.

## Crooked Creek News.

Old Fort, Sept. 4.—Mrs. John Kennedy and Miss Mary Bowman of Wallace are visiting at the Croom home.

On August 27th O. W. Robertson and Miss Lillie Padgett were married. A. W. Gilliam officiating. Thursday, August 31, Edgar Gilliam and Miss Lennie Noblett were married at the residence of H. C. Marley at Old Fort, Mr. Marley officiating. They leave for their home in Denver, Colo., in a few days. Best wishes to both of the young couples.

J. B. Clay and family of Hickory were guests at the home of Mr. Croom last week.

Misses Annie Lizzie Croom, Mary Bowman and Mrs. John Kennedy are visiting in Asheville.

Walter Bradley spent Saturday night with his cousin, Arthur Morgan, near Curfew.

Several of the young people enjoyed a trip to the falls, Sunday. We have had enough rain on the creek to do for a while.

## WINTER CLOVER CROPS

Clover, Vetch, and Small Grain Crops Are Best for This Purpose.

The unprecedented drouth which prevails in some sections of the State is an object lesson as to the value of organic matter or humus in the soil, as it is a well known fact that in addition to other desirable qualities, decaying organic matter or humus increases the water holding capacity of all soils.

For the protection of the soil and to provide against the disastrous effects of a possible drouth next summer farmers should put in winter-cover crops. The best crops for this purpose are the clovers, vetches, and small grain crops. On land where the clovers and vetches will grow successfully they are better than rye or other small grain crops, but where they will not grow it will be advisable to sow rye.

For best results these crops should be put in as quickly as possible, especially in the western part of the State. Prepare the land by disking and harrowing and sow 15 pounds clean crimson clover seed per acre, and if convenient, sow also 300 pounds Acid Phosphate per acre, as that will help to insure a stand of clover. Some sow in addition to this one pound of turnip seed per acre, preferably the Cowhorn variety, claiming that the turnip leaves protect the young clover plants in their early stages. It can do no harm to sow the turnip seed as these crops are intended to plow under next spring to improve the soil.

The seed should be covered with a cultivator or with a harrow about one inch deep. In the western part of the State these should be put in at once so as to make sufficient growth to withstand the winter. In the central part of the State they should be put in not later than the last of September, while in the eastern and warmer sections of the State they can be put in as late as the middle of October.

In the Coastal Plain section Bar Clover is also fine for a winter-cover crop.

Hairy vetch also makes a fine winter-cover crop, and will succeed in almost any part of the State on well drained land, especially where Patridge or Mountain peas grow. If sown along sow at the rate of 30 pounds of seed per acre, and if with rye or other small grain, one bushel of small grain and 20 pounds of vetch per acre. They should be sown at about the same time as crimson clover and covered from one to two inches deep.

Where none of these crops will grow successfully sow rye at the rate of one and a half bushels per acre. You want a heavy growth to protect the land and to add a great quantity of vegetable matter when turned under next spring.

Turn under two or three weeks before you wish to plant the crop which is to follow. Rye, especially, should not be permitted to get woody before turning under. Better turn it under as soon as the heads begin to appear than to wait until it is grown. If it gets full grown and dry weather follows it would suffer more than if no rye was put on the land.

All these crops should be disked

well and thoroughly cut up before plowing under next spring. Good results may be expected only when they are well mixed with the soil before the crop is planted.

If any one doubts the benefits to be had from these winter-cover crops let him prepare one acre of average land and treat it as described above. Next spring plant another acre by the side of it that has had no winter-cover crop and cultivate both alike. One demonstration like this will usually convince a person of the value of winter-cover crops.

See for any of the above mentioned crops can be had from almost any reputable seedman, but buy only the best and freshest from impurities. The best are none too good. T. B. PARKER, Director Cooperative Experiments, N. C. Department of Agriculture.

## Symantha Responds.

"Isaac" says "that Symantha since returning from the north is unable to respond."

"Isaac" no doubt was unable to distinguish Jacob from Esau in his old age. That convinces me that he is deceived again when he says, that "Symantha" is unable to respond.

Now I do not know exactly what he means, when he says that "Symantha" is unable to respond, whether it is mental, physical, or moral, disability. Let it be either of these, "Symantha" will meet "Isaac" in open combat, either mental, physical, or moral, and prove to him that "Symantha" is able to respond.

(SYMANTHA.)

## Rutherfordton News.

Rutherfordton, Sept. 5—The Rutherfordton graded school opened yesterday morning with the following teachers: Capt. W. T. R. Bell, superintendent; Miss Eula Walker, first and second grades; Miss Emma Carpenter, third and fourth grades; Miss Susie Shaw, fifth and sixth grades; Miss Margaret Quinn, seventh and eighth grades.

J. Van Carter, of Raleigh, general secretary of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, was here Monday consulting with some of the Sunday School workers relative to holding a county inter-denominational Sunday School convention in Rutherfordton in October.

E. H. Dysart, one of Marion's prominent citizens, spent several days in the city last week.

Rev. L. G. L. Taylor, formerly of Dysartsville, now located near Gilkey, was in town Saturday.

B. B. Bolch, of Hickory, after an absence of several weeks, has returned to the city and resumed his position as compositor with The Rutherfordton Sun.

Mrs. Robert G. Howard has returned from a visit to relatives at Marion and Nealsville.

The Westminster School opens to-day with Rev. T. E. P. Woods as principal.

The graded school won the Upton piano Thursday given free by McDaniel & Saunders, after a contest of six months.

GORDON

T. M. Pittman of Henderson, J. A. Lockhart of Wadesboro, E. R. Preston of Charlotte, J. W. Pless of Marion make up a committee appointed to investigate the Torrens system of registration and assurance of land titles and report to the next meeting of the North Carolina Bar association.

The Catawba river which has been lower this summer, than for many years, is up several feet as a result of the recent continued rains. It will have to rise several feet to the normal level.