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PROGRESS ON HIGHWAY

Everything Favorable for Completion of the Road in McDowell County Within 60 Days.

Old Fort, Sept. 22.—For several weeks much work has been in progress on the mountain section of the Central highway. One crew of men have been at work on the upper end and two on the lower, Mr. E. L. Pickard one of the State's engineers is in charge of the work and has surveyed out the route and relocated several sections of the road. An effort is being made to have the Southern Railway construct two underpasses on the route, one at Claytot's cut just below Round Knob and the other at the Allison place where the pipe line to the Round Knob fountain first crosses the railroad. The railroad engineer has made a survey of the proposed sites for the underpasses and the prospects are that they will be put in and very dangerous grade crossings avoided.

The road is now open and is in good condition for two miles from Swannanoa gap and is being extended as fast as possible. On the lower end the county commissioners of McDowell are co-operating with the State engineer, and many interested citizens, and have made appropriations for three steel bridges, and the contracts have been let for their completion before December. Two of these are to be erected near Old Fort, and the other near the old Belfour stone quarry some three miles from Old Fort. About one mile of new road has been built, starting some two miles from Old Fort, and in the course of another week the road will be practically completed to the old stone quarry.

There is much interest being manifested in the road in this section quite a number of subscriptions have been received and a number of the citizens along the route have given free labor to its construction. Every effort is being made to get this link open before winter and the engineer says that everything is favorable for the completion within the next 30 to 60 days. The work up to the present time has been done entirely by private subscriptions, but the road commissioners of Old Fort township have warmed up to the proposition, and have adopted the road and will now press the construction so that the road may be opened by December 1.

Broad River News.

Broad River, Sept. 1.—A large number of the Broad River folks attended the baptizing at Pleasant Grove last Sunday.

Johnson Ledbetter made a business trip to Marion Monday. School at this place has stopped for fodder.

Miss Pearl Ledbetter, who is teaching at Woodlawn, will begin her school again Monday after a three weeks' vacation.

Dr. and Mrs. Trust of Atlanta, Ga., were in Dome Wednesday.

Miss Lucy Huntley spent part of the week with homefolks on Middle Fork.

R. G. Owenby has purchased a farm on Laurel Creek and expects to move to it sometime soon.

Mr. Stroud will leave for Swannanoa soon.

Do you like Tea? If so try "Tempo." Its good, only 18c package and a pretty dish with each package. Sold only at Gaston & Tate's.

"Mountain Boomers" Want Better Road to Marion.

Dear Editor: I think all us mountain boomers ought to help on the matter of building roads in McDowell county, first where they are most needed. I was much interested in what Mr. Morgan had to say on road matters. He is a town man but he realizes that the support of the town must come from the country; he realizes that farmers both far and near need a good road to haul their produce to market. Therefore, it appears to me that when there is a fairly good road for a reasonable distance from Marion that our road commissioners ought to realize the importance of building portions of roads in the outskirts of the county to connect with the better roads near town.

As long as Marion township bears the expense of the chain gang, would it not be wise to open up all the important roads to the township lines without stopping to drag the chain gang all over town to smooth and sandpaper the streets and roads in and around town for the evening buggy riders, automobile and motorcycle riders to be flipping and flopping up and down the streets, trying to scare somebody's team.

We mountain boomers would like to see work done on the Buck Creek road, from top to foot of mountain. It is the most important road to Marion. There is a large force engaged in cutting timber on Black mountain, and if there was a graded road to Marion these people would go to Marion to buy supplies. More trade from Toe River would go to Marion and likewise more produce from Yancey county. A wise thing for the road commissioners to do is to open up the road to the top of the Blue Ridge. It means much to Marion.

J. P. P.

Sunnyvale, N. C.

Experimental Free Delivery to Be Tried.

Postmaster General Hitchcock is preparing to establish a limited free delivery service at postoffices of the second and third class. The experiments will effect deliveries to nearly 30,000,000 people now obligated to call at the local postoffices for their mail. An appropriation of \$100,000 was made by Congress for experimental free delivery in small communities, the amount to be expended at any one office not to exceed \$1,800 a year. Delivery by carrier is confined now to cities having a population of ten thousand or more, or annual postal receipts of at least \$10,000.

Among the offices in this part of North Carolina eligible for the experimental service are the following: Albemarle, Asheboro, Brevard, Biltmore, Burlington, Davidson, Elkin, Graham, King's Mountain, Lexington, Lenoir, Lincoln, Marion, Mocksville, Mooresville, Morganton, Mt. Airy, Newton, North Wilkesboro, Old Fort, Rutherfordton, Shelby, Spencer, Thomasville, Waynesville.

The fourth quarterly meeting of McDowell circuit will convene at Glenwood Methodist church October 12 and 13. A full attendance is desired.

BRIDGEWATER DOINGS

Graded School Doing Good Work—Personal and Local Items of General Interest.

Bridgewater, Sept. 24.—Rev. D. S. Richardson is conducting a revival meeting at Snow Hill this week. The revival meeting closed at the Presbyterian church last week with twenty accessions.

The graded school here is doing some very good work, having gotten the new books and classes organized. There is an enrollment of sixty students. The school will have a seven months term. The school has two societies with Misses Frances Ballew and Gertrude Gibson as presidents. Miss Gibson's society will entertain their opponents in song and verse Friday afternoon.

Miss Sadie Seals has returned to her home here, having resigned her position as nurse at Dr. Long's Sanatorium at Statesville.

Miss Mary Dobson of Nebo visited friends here during the week.

Miss Eddie Young left Friday to enter the State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro. She was accompanied by her grandfather, M. F. Tate, who spent several days there.

Mrs. J. Q. Blackburn visited her sister, Mrs. A. E. Neal, in Marion several days last week.

Mrs. M. F. Tate, who has been critically ill with bronchitis for several weeks, is slowly improving.

Fred Yelton is at Marion Junction where he and Jay Ballew are building an addition to their lunch room preparatory to keeping lodgers.

Miss Lula Kincaid has entered the State Normal at Greensboro.

Dr. R. Mouser was at Nebo Wednesday on professional business.

We especially enjoyed "H. A. B's." poem in the Progress last week. Hope to be favored with more.

Misses Katy and Rosebud Tate of Morganton spent a few days here last week with friends and relatives.

Misses Poteat and Byrd of Marion were the guests of Miss Cary Tate, Saturday and Sunday.

The Bridgewater choir meets every Sunday afternoon to practice new songs. They met at the home of Mrs. J. L. Gibson last Sunday and will meet at W. W. Hemphill's next Sunday.

Otis Lail of Morganton spent Sunday here visiting friends.

Robey Connelly and Frank Wilson of Nebo attended the singing here Sunday.

BETTY.

Crooked Creek News.

Crooked Creek, Sept. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Parker of Chapel Hill are visiting on the creek this week.

Misses Millie and Bulah Kanipe of Old Fort are visiting Miss Annie Parker. Corn on the creek is better than was expected.

The P. O. S. of A. lodge at Bethlehem is doing nicely. J. L. Byrd, James and Bert Gilliam are new members.

A good many of the young men from here have united with the Odd Fellows lodge at Old Fort. They say there is "something doing" over there now. They have been busy taking in new members for a week or two and have candidates to keep them busy several more weeks.

Bruce Parker left Saturday for Gastonia where he will take up work with his brother-in-law.

Postmaster General Talks of Newspaper Law.

Washington Dispatch.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has issued instructions for carrying into effect the newspaper and periodical law, first returns under which must be made by October 1.

The law requires that publishers shall file on the first days of April and October of each year, both with the Postmaster General and with the local postmaster, under penalty of denial of the use of the mails, a sworn statement of the names and addresses of the owner, publisher, editor, managing editor and business manager of their newspapers and periodicals. Religious, fraternal, temperance and scientific publications are excepted. For a corporation, the names of the holders of more than 1 per cent. of the stocks, bonds, or other securities must be given, and in the case of daily newspapers, a statement of the average paid circulation for the preceding six months is required.

All editorial or other reading matter appearing in a newspaper or magazine for the publication of which pay is accepted or promised, must be marked "advertisement" under penalty of a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$500.

"Although this law was not favored by the Postoffice Department," said Postmaster General Hitchcock, "it will be administered faithfully and impartially. In framing the act Congress doubtless had in mind the leading daily newspapers, but it will affect also nearly 18,000 weeklies. Many of these publications are having a hard struggle for existence and will find the making of returns a considerable burden."

Rutherford County Sunday School Convention.

Rutherfordton, Sept. 23.—The third annual session of the Rutherford County Sunday School Association was held in the Baptist church at Henrietta, September 19th and 20th, conducted by Rev. J. Walter Long, of Andrews, general secretary of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, assisted by Miss Grace Vandiver, of the South Carolina Sunday School Association. Rev. C. T. Tew, of Caroleen, was elected temporary chairman and Robert G. Howard, county secretary, acting temporary secretary.

The roll was called and delegates from seven townships were present and enrolled, and twenty-one Sunday schools were represented.

Rev. J. W. Long delivered an interesting and enthusiastic address on the "County and Township Organization." The association heard with pleasure Miss Grace Vandiver, on "Elementary Departments" of the Sunday School.

Among the subjects discussed were "The Big Boy and How to Deal with Him," "The Pastor and the Sunday School," "The Teacher Training Department," "Personal Work and Soul Winning," and "Memorizing the Scriptures in the Sunday School."

One of the noticeable and encouraging features of the association was the large attendance of men at every session.

The cash offering and pledges for future payment from the various Sunday Schools represented aggregated \$49.37.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, H. L. Toms, Henrietta; Vice-president, W. E. Owens, Caroleen; Secretary-treasurer, R. G. Howard, Rutherfordton; assistant secretary, M. H. Jones, Rutherfordton.

The next annual session will be held in the Brittain Presbyterian church, September 1913.

LATE NEWS OF INTEREST

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

Burke Progressive Republicans have nominated a county and legislative ticket headed by J. M. Mull for the Legislature.

Judge Boyd has appointed W. J. Houge, of Shelby, United States commissioner for Cleveland county and R. J. Mouser, of Lincolnton, commissioner for Lincoln county.

The Republican committee of the tenth congressional district has declined the challenge of Congressman Gudger for a joint canvass with Mr. Staton, his Republican opponent.

The Republicans of the seventh district met at Lexington last Friday and nominated R. Don Laws, editor of The Yellowjacket, for congress to make the race against R. N. Page.

A report comes from Morganton that the Kitchin and Clark men in Burke have formed a combination to canvass the county in an effort to cut down the Simmons vote. The factional feeling, it is said, is very strong.

Promotion for 13,000 railway postal clerks on October 1 are provided in orders to be issued by Postmaster General Hitchcock. In the railway mail service there are 16,700 clerks and a majority of those not promoted now will receive more pay before the end of the current fiscal year.

Caldwell county Republicans have nominated Mose Harshaw for the Legislature. E. F. Wakefield, of Caldwell, and C. A. Spencer, of Burke, have been nominated by the Republicans for the State Senate in the district composed of Burke, Caldwell, Alexander, and McDowell.

Stroudtown Items.

Stroudtown, Sept. 24.—Mrs. J. A. Hild is visiting her son in Saluda.

Misses Maggie Byrd and Ella Potest spent the week end with Miss Carrie Tate at Bridgewater.

Rev. and Mrs. Hunter left here Saturday for Black Mountain. Our best wishes go with them, still we regretted seeing them leave, because they have been such a blessing to our community.

Mildred, the little daughter of Elbert Silvers, was buried here last week.

The Stroudtown Debating Society met again Friday night and had an interesting debate on the following: Resolved, That there is more danger in traveling by water than by rail. The question was decided in favor of the affirmative.

Miss Byrd and the students of the intermediate grades went chincapin hunting last Friday afternoon. They report a nice time, although they failed to get many chincapins. The students are expecting to write compositions about their trip. Miss Finley, with the students of the primary grades, remained at the school house and had a spelling match and recitations.

On Tuesday, October 1, on his way east Colonel Roosevelt will make short stops at Asheville, Salisbury, Greensboro, Burlington and Durham and will speak in Raleigh on the evening of October 1. According to the schedule his special car will be attached to east-bound train No. 36, and will pass through Marion next Tuesday at 8:40 a. m.

Don't overlook that subscription. If you are in arrears remember that we can always find good use for the money.