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## COUNTY TEACHERS MEET

Large Attendance—Many Interesting Reports Made—Active Work Being Done.

The regular County Teachers' meeting was held in the Graded School building on Saturday, Dec. 7th. There were fifty-two of McDowell's rural teachers present. This is considered a good attendance.

The retiring superintendent, D. F. Giles, opened the meeting by asking all the teachers to join in singing "Ho, For Carolina." After this he called on teachers from every district to find out what had been done in order to get the children in school. Many interesting reports were made from various districts, demonstrating that active work is being done by McDowell's teachers. After this Superintendent M. S. Giles took charge of the meeting and stated briefly his ideas of the work necessary to be done in McDowell's schools. He closed his part of the program in a short talk on the subject "How May the Teacher Aspire to Real Leadership in the School District."

Miss Maggie Hudgins, of the Marion Graded School, with a class of boys and girls demonstrated to the teachers in a professional way, how reading should be taught.

Immediately following this ex-Superintendent D. F. Giles paid a high tribute to the late Governor Charles B. Aycock and announced that North Carolina Day will be celebrated in McDowell County Dec. 20th in memory of this, one of North Carolina's most gifted sons; and insisted that every teacher in the county do his best to make the Aycock Memorial Fund as large as possible in McDowell. He then made his retiring address to McDowell teachers.

### MacDonnell-Gilkey.

The following from Monday's issue of The Asheville Citizen will be read with interest in Marion:

"Miss Agnes MacDonnell, daughter of Mrs. J. S. MacDonnell, of Mobile, Ala., and Mr. Edward P. Gilkey, of this city, were married last night at St. Lawrence's Catholic rectory, the Rev. Father Peter Marion officiating. The wedding was a quiet one, only a few immediate relatives and friends being present. The parlors of the parish house where the ceremony was performed were beautifully decorated with palms, chrysanthemums and lighted candles. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Gilkey left for Washington, D. C., where they will spend their honeymoon. They will return to Asheville in two weeks and will make their home at the Langren hotel.

"The announcement of the wedding was heard with much surprise in this city last night, as the plans of the principals had been carefully guarded. The bride is a member of a wealthy and socially prominent family of Mobile. Mr. Gilkey has been associated with the C. A. Raysor drug store for the last fifteen years and has a large number of friends in this section of the state. He is the son of A. B. Gilkey, a prominent and well-to-do citizen of Marion, N. C."

Begin the campaign of Christmas seals early. Paste one on the back of every letter sent out this month. It shows that your heart is right and it will stir up the fellow at the other end. Get in the game.

## Meeting of Twentieth Century Club

On last Friday afternoon the Twentieth Century Club held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey on Main street. Eighteen members answered to roll call. The subject for the afternoon was "Current Events," and most excellent papers showing thoughtful study and careful preparation were read. Mrs. John Decker gave a splendid article on The Wonderful Construction of the Panama Canal now nearing completion, giving many interesting points on the mode of building and the vast quantity of material used. Mrs. Hugh Little read a very interesting paper on Luther Burbank and the marvelous things he has done in the plant life. Well may he be given the name of Wizard by crossing the California walnut and the black walnut of Maine he has given a walnut tree the largest tree growth in the temperate zone and finest of timber. He has also given us a white blackberry, the primus berry, the plumcot, one of the most luscious fruits known, and the pomatoc. His variations of flowers are without number—the verbena, with the fragrance of the trailing arbutus; lilies of all kinds, and shrubs without end. His gardens in California may well be called the Wonder Gardens of the World.

Mrs. Guy S. Kirby read a pleasing paper on Marconi and the Wireless Telegraph, one of the most wonderful inventions and discoveries of modern times.

Mrs. Minnie Blanton's paper was on Radium and Its Discoverer, Medm. Currie, who as a poor peasant girl has risen to one of the world's foremost scientists and was awarded the Nobel prize, \$40,000.

The program was ended by Mrs. Bird singing a Lullaby, after which "Tea" was served.

The next program will be Christmas quotations for roll call. Ancient Christmas Customs, Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey; Christmas Myths and Legends, Mrs. A. Blanton; The Madonna in Art, Mrs. E. A. Thomas; Story of the Sistine Madonna, Mrs. D. F. Giles; Story of Murillo's paintings, "The Immaculate Conception," Mrs. D. E. Hudgins. Music, local and instrumental. This meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Pescud Craig. Delightful former programs have been Biblical women, women in philanthropy, and women of the stage, one afternoon being given to each subject, with quotations, music, etc.

## Mr. Cooper Released From Broad Oaks.

Mr. L. C. Caldwell, of Statesville, Judge Osborne, of Charlotte, and Mr. A. A. Whitner, of Hickory, appeared before Judge W. J. Adams at Morganton Tuesday in habeas corpus proceedings for the release of Mr. W. W. Cooper, who was detained in Broad Oaks Sanatorium under order of the clerk of Superior Court of McDowell county on the ground that he was insane. Judge Adams held that the commitment was improper, declared it void and released Cooper. The guardian appointed by the clerk of court was also discharged and Mr. Cooper's estate returned to his own control and custody.—Statesville Landmark.

## BOYS CORN CLUB CONTEST

McDowell Boys Win Five of the Seven Prizes Offered by the State in This District.

I don't know of anything more encouraging, or that is more of an endorsement of the work of the boys in the Corn Club of McDowell county, than the fact that they have won five of the seven prizes offered by the State Department of Agriculture. Below is a report just made by the State department for this (the Eighth) district which includes the counties of Surry, Alleghany, Wilkes, Alexander, McDowell, Mitchell, Yancey and Avery. The prizes for the district are as follows:

First Prize—Arthur Fox, Nealsville, 97.6 bushels; cost 11.5 cents per bushel.

Second Prize—Fred Morris, Nealsville, 89.9 bushels; cost 20.2 cents per bushel.

Third Prize—Charles Hensley, Marion, 95.1 bushels; cost 24 cents per bushel.

Fourth Prize—J. J. Clark, Morganton, 106.5 bushels; cost 32.1 cents per bushel.

Fifth Prize—Rhom Houck, Marion, 104 bushels; cost 33.4 cents per bushel.

Sixth Prize—Joseph L. Greenlee, Old Fort, 103.2 bushels; cost 34.5 cents per bushel.

Seventh Prize—J. G. Yancey, Marion, 109.7 bushels; cost 45.3 cents per bushel.

These are the prizes given by the State and in no way have to do with the prizes that are offered by the Fair Association. Fred Morris' prize is a free trip to the National Corn show at Columbia, S. C. Charles Hensley's prize is \$15.00 cash. Rhom Houck's prize is \$10.00 cash. Joseph Greenlee's prize is \$5.00 cash. J. G. Yancey's prize is \$2.50 in cash.

I have no doubt but that the local committee, that will award the prizes, in awarding the fair prizes will give part of the money to some of the boys in the county who made large yields and yet failed to get a State prize.

I call the attention of the teachers in the county to the fact that a good problem in arithmetic in the sixth and seventh grades will be for the class to find the net profit from the cultivation of these five acres in McDowell county. I ask that this be worked out by the classes, and that the answers be sent to THE MARION PROGRESS.

I hereby give notice to all the boys who are members of the Corn Club in McDowell that they are called to meet in the court house in Marion on Monday, December 23, at 12 o'clock. I hope that the 72 boys who joined at the beginning of this year will be present at this meeting, and that any others who care to join will also be present to take part in the meeting and help perfect the organization for next year. We have some big plans, and every boy who comes to this meeting will not only enjoy it very much but will profit by it.

D. F. GILES.

The Sentinel says that electric lights are assured Old Fort; that the poles are now being delivered on the streets and will be in position and ready for the wires in a short time.

## Will Observe Aycock Day.

North Carolina Day, which has been devoted this year to honoring Governor Aycock in the schools throughout the state, will be appropriately celebrated in the Marion Graded School Friday, Dec. 13, beginning at 2 o'clock. The following program has been arranged:

Song—Hol for Carolina!—The High School.

Reading—The Life of Governor Aycock.

Declamation—Selection from Aycock's Speech—J. W. Pless, jr.

Reading—Aycock's Contribution to Education.

Declamation—Selection from Supt. Joyner's Address—J. W. Streetman, jr.

Stories from the Life of Governor Aycock—Read by High School Children.

Song—The Old North State—The High School.

Remarks by Citizens.

Announcements of Offerings on the part of the Women's Club, the Citizens at Large, and the School Children.

Song—America.

The exercises are public and friends of the school are cordially invited.

## Let McDowell Be Represented.

In conversation with William B. Troy, Field Agent, Department of Farm Improvement Work of the Southern Railway Company, he called our attention to having noticed the following farmers in McDowell county as having taken premiums on corn exhibits at our last county fair, viz: George Carson, G. C. Conley, J. H. Hemphill, W. S. Pyatt, T. B. Conley, W. A. Houck, Clarence Pool, A. L. Bright, L. H. Miller. Mr. Troy would like to get in touch with these farmers, as he is interested in having as many exhibits from his territory as possible at the National Corn Show to be held at Columbia, S. C., during January 1913, and we would advise our farmer friends who are interested to get in communication with Mr. Troy at Asheville, N. C., and make appointments with him for this purpose. It will cost you nothing as the services of this department of the Southern Railway Company is without price to the farmers along its line.

## "The Heartbreakers."

Edward Hume who will be seen as "The chimney sweep" in "The Heart Breakers" the new musical comedy, which Manager Mort H. Singer, will present at the Auditorium, in Asheville, matinee and night, Dec. 16, will be remembered for his clever work with Frank Daniels, and also with "The Fowler of the Ranch" several seasons ago. Mr. Hume is considered one of the best eccentric dancers in the musical comedy game today and ample opportunity has been given him to show his versatility in the second act of the "Heart Breakers." The chorus of this pleasing musical play has not only been picked for their singing, but also their dancing ability as well, and in the "Honolulu Honey Lou" number in the second act they more than prove it.

Nebo High School will give an entertainment at Nebo to-morrow (Friday) night. A splendid program has been arranged.

## Woodlawn Notes.

Woodlawn, Dec. 10—Erlie Huskins is on the sick list.

J. P. Rabb of Lenoir, was here on business Saturday.

T. W. Hall was here on business yesterday.

Henry Tipton of Altapass was here on business last week.

Ross Hollifield went to Marion one day last week.

James Brown has moved to other quarters of the cove.

M. L. Good went to Marion yesterday.

STUDENT.

Woodlawn, Dec. 10—Miss Mattie Huskins returned home last week after a short visit with relatives in Raleigh.

Mrs. Altha Reid, age ninety-six, died at her home here last Friday.

Floyd Foster died at his home near Sevier, Sunday.

Miss Pearl Ledbetter went to Marion Saturday to attend the teachers' meeting.

JOSEPH.

## Nebo Matters.

Nebo, Route 1, Dec. 9—The people of this vicinity are getting ready for Christmas, some cutting wood and others hauling.

The school at Harmony Grove is doing good work now. The boys are busy sawing wood and getting ready for the box supper to be held at the school house Saturday, Dec. 14. Every body invited.

Married, at the residence of Elmira Weaver, near Nebo, on the evening of December the 8th, Mr. J. A. Dale, of British Columbia, and Miss Ella Dale, of McDowell county, Rev. M. L. Kayler officiating.

About 40 cars of steel rails have arrived at Mcaville to be used in the construction of the Black Mountain railway. It now seems to be a question of securing cross-ties, but the mills will be turning these out in a few days, and it is thought now that trains can be operated to Burnsville by January 1st.—Eagle, Burnsville, 6th.

## Weather Report.

Thomas McGuire, Sergeant U. S. Army, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion station for the week as follows:

Maximum	73 degrees
Minimum	33 degrees
Rain	.97 inches
Sunshine per cent	71

## Sale of Valuable Lands.

By virtue of the decree of the Superior Court of McDowell county, rendered in the Special Proceedings entitled "Thomas F. Hall, et al, heirs at law of Edwin S. Hall, deceased, Mrs. Mary Cox, et al, heirs at law of Joseph McDowell Carson, deceased, and Wm. W. Moss, et al, heirs at law of Mrs. E. A. Moss, deceased, plaintiffs, versus M. F. Matthews, et al," said decree having been read on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1912, the undersigned Commissioner will expose to sale to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Marion, North Carolina, on

Monday, the 6th day of January, A. D. 1913, at 12 o'clock M.,

the following described tract of land, situate in the county of McDowell, North Carolina, on Rose's creek, to-wit:

Beginning on a water oak on Pompeys knob in Snipes line and runs north, with said line, thirty poles to a black gum and chestnut oak, Snipes' corner, then west forty-four poles to a chestnut oak on the top of Pompeys' ridge, then north 53 degrees west one hundred and eight poles to a pine, then north 58 degrees west one hundred and fifty poles to a chestnut on the top of the Blue Ridge, Joseph Conley's corner, then south 15 degrees west, with the county line between Yancey and McDowell, one hundred and forty-eight poles to a black oak, then south 65 degrees west twenty-four poles to a black gum and maple, then south 75 degrees west, with the county line, sixty-six poles to a chestnut, then north 75 degrees west, with the county line, seventy-two poles to a chestnut, then south 66 west fifty-six poles to a stake on top of the North Fork Knob, then south 8 degrees west seventy-seven poles to a stake on the top of the first one of these knobs, then south 60 degrees east one hundred and fifty-eight poles to a white oak, Conley's corner, in the gap of the Big Ridge, then north 60 degrees east seventy-five poles to a lynch on the bank of Pines creek, then south 80 degrees east, down said creek, fifty-four poles to a stake, then south 50 degrees east, down said creek, one hundred and twenty-five poles to a birch in Snipes' line, then north, with said line, sixty-five poles to a stake, then east, with said line, sixty-six poles to a stake, then north 20 degrees west sixty-six poles to a chestnut, Matthews' corner, then north 60 degrees east, with his line, one hundred and forty-two poles to the beginning containing 580 acres, more or less, and accepting from said boundary about 150 acres. A plot of said land will be exhibited on day of sale showing exact number of acres and location of the exception. A number of acres has been ordered by the Court for the purpose of obtaining exact number of acres.

This 4th day of December, A. D. 1912.

J. L. C. BIRD, Commissioner.