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### Visit of Corn Club Agent.

State Corn Club Agent T. E. Browne, of Raleigh, spent Friday in Marion making plans for the work in McDowell. Mr. Browne talked with the teachers Friday afternoon upon the importance of their co-operation in this great work. He says the State is expecting an enrollment of 250 boys from McDowell county next year. We have 68 boys now and there is no reason why McDowell county cannot lead in the corn club work in another year.

### Second Week of institute.

The second week of the teachers' institute is proving as interesting as last week's work. The members of the County Board of Education visited the school Monday afternoon and expressed themselves as being well pleased with the work being done by Mr. Allen and Miss Royster. Tuesday was "School Day" and the regular schedule for a one-teacher school was carried out, with the teachers as pupils. A number of visitors were present, tho thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed this special feature of the institute.

### For the Teachers.

As usual the merchants of Marion are trying to make these two weeks pleasant for the teachers and have demonstrated it in different ways. P. A. Reid & Co., Gaston & Tate, The Davis Pharmacy and the First National Bank have presented tickets for cold drinks at the drug stores. This week Supt. M. S. Giles, J. W. Streetman, McCall Bros., The Marion Bargain House, and The Grand Theatre have given tickets to The Grand.

### Visitors at Institute.

Among the visitors at the school this week were Misses Ellen Crawford, Lucy Davis, Jennie Davis, Marjorie Pratt, Mary Gordon Greenlee, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Giles, D. E. Hudgins and G. M. Carson of Marion, T. W. Stacy of Nebo, Miss Cuthbertson of Charlotte, T. E. Browne and E. E. Sams of Raleigh.

### Meeting of Board of Education.

The Board of Education met in regular session last Monday. Committeemen were re-appointed to fill the term of those expiring this year, and money was apportioned for building a new school house in District No. 7, Old Fort Township. In the afternoon the board visited the institute to note the good work being done there.

### Engineer Easterby Killed in Collision.

Engineer J. F. Easterby, of Southern railway passenger train No. 114, from Columbia to Marion, N. C., was killed last Friday morning at Royster when his train ran into a shifting engine. The fireman jumped and escaped injury. Three passengers received minor injuries. Engineer Easterby's home was at Blacksburg, S. C., and he was well known in Marion.

Mr. Easterby was 36 years of age and is survived his wife and infant child.

### Miss Sinclair Resigns and Miss Merideth Will Fill Vacancy.

Miss Moffitte Sinclair has resigned her position in the Graded School here to accept the position of commercial teacher in the Fayetteville city schools. This will cause much regret for Miss Sinclair has proven herself to be a most competent teacher during her two years service in the Graded School. Not only in the the third grade but also in the commercial department of the high school she did work that will be hard to duplicate. The position she has accepted is a very lucrative one, and she could not afford to refuse it.

In the social life of our town Miss Sinclair will be greatly missed also, and Fayetteville is to be congratulated upon this addition to its social life.

Miss Katy Lou Merideth, of Wilmington, N. C., has been elected to fill the vacancy in the third grade. She has accepted. Miss Merideth comes to us from Merideth College and brings with her very high testimonials.

Miss Fannie Robertson, of Rowland, a graduate of the State Normal College, has accepted a position in the high school. This completes the faculty for next year.

### Building & Loan Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the McDowell Building & Loan Association was held at the court house last Monday night. J. E. Neal, secretary and treasurer, read his annual report, showing 2,237 shares in force as compared with 2,000 shares in force one year ago, and this number will be considerably increased when stock in the 20th series is closed this month. The association has been in existence for ten years and has matured six series, amounting to \$54,600. Stock amounting to \$2900 will mature in October. The number of shares in force now are double that of four years ago and the association has had a most successful year.

At the meeting Monday night officers and directors of the association were re-elected as follows: Thomas Morris, president; R. F. Burton, vice-president; J. E. Neal, secretary and treasurer; D. E. Hudgins, attorney; Thomas Morris, R. F. Burton, D. E. Hudgins, J. Q. Gilkey, J. L. Morgan, Geo. I. White, William Sweeney, J. E. Neal and A. Blanton, directors.

### Pension Board Meets.

The county pension board met in regular annual session at the court house last Monday. Seven new applicants for pensions were before the board, five widows and two soldiers, and all were approved. Several names have been dropped from the roll on account of death during the past year. The pension money will be paid out to applicants the last of December. The members of the pension board are Wm. M. Blanton, chairman; S. P. Tate and T. Y. Lytle.

The State convention of Socialists met in Greensboro last Saturday. The convention nominated H. J. Oliver, of Asheville, as candidate for United States senator, and H. C. Jenkins, of Morganton, was selected as nominee for corporation commissioner.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

### Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

#### BRIDGEWATER.

Bridgewater, July 7.—Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Middleton and little son, James, of Asheville are visiting relatives here.

S. P. Tate attended the meeting of the pension board in Marion, Monday. Misses Willie Bell Lee, Jessie Folks, Alleta McCall, and May East of Wilson, La., are spending some time at the Rust House.

T. J. Gibbs and daughter, Miss Olen, of Marion, spent Wednesday here.

Miss Belle Bright of Rutherford College was the guest of Mrs. G. C. Anthony during the latter part of the week.

Misses Carrie Tate and Eddie Young are visiting friends in Asheville.

Mrs. Homer Robinson of Newton is spending a few weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Tate.

Miss Carrie Kincaid of Glen Alpine was the guest of Miss Sadie Seals Sunday.

J. W. Ballew has returned to his work at Elkhorn, Ky., after a week's visit with homefolks.

Misses Pink Tate, Belle Bright, Nettie Hemphill and Sadie Seals and Messrs. Jay Ballew, Ervin Pitts, Abner and Robert Seals spent Saturday in Asheville.

Roby Conley of Nebo was here on business yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tate and little daughter, Virginia, of Hickory, spent the week-end with relatives on Muddy creek.

Quite a number of our young folks went to Glen Alpine Springs Saturday on a picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hildebrand spent Sunday in Nebo.

Mannuel Haskin met with a rather serious accident Monday, by piece of timber striking him in the head, while at work in the Abernethy, Lysterly Co. shop. Medical attention was at once given him and it is thought that he will soon recover.

Mrs. Ben Martin and children visited relatives in Marion last week.

Miss Donnie McGimpsey of Fonta Flora was the guest of Miss Julia Rust the latter part of last week.

Walker Lysterly attended the Shriners meeting in Asheville last week.

Bill and Joe.

#### ASHFORD

Ashford, July 7.—Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stair and children of Greenville, Tenn., are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. English.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Connelly spent last Saturday with Mrs. Stokes Penland at Linyville Falls.

Misses Ethel Wilson, Louise and Madge Brown are attending the teachers institute in Marion this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Swafford.

Mrs. Heb. Wiseman and children of Altapass spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. J. B. Lonon.

The Pitts and Ashford ball teams crossed bats on the Ashford ball grounds July 4. Pitts won the game.

A party was enjoyed at the home of Mrs. J. S. Brown, Saturday night, July 4. Those present were Misses Ethel Wilson, Madge Brown, Myrtle McGhee, Essie and Maymie Wiseman and Sarah Wilson; Messrs. O. J. Wilson, Ruskins and Marion Hawkins, Neil Buff, Joe McGhee, Mack Lonon, Green Chapman, Oscar, Joseph and Charles Wilson.

The Concord Sunday school is progressing nicely. Good attendance and much interest is being manifested. Sunday morning, July 5th, the superintendent and teachers treated the school to ice cold lemonade. In the afternoon all enjoyed an outing to the "Flat Rock." A bible class will be organized next Sunday, July 12. The parents are requested to come out and take part.

Red Wing.

#### NEALSVILLE.

Nealsville, July 7.—A. R. Byrd spent Sunday in Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morgan and family

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### Lodge Officers.

Officers were elected by the Knights of Pythias recently for the next term, and the installation will take place tonight. The officers elected are: E. P. Foy, C. C.; H. H. Tate, V. C.; B. P. Davis, P.; W. E. Laughridge, M. of A.; A. U. Wall, I. G.; W. W. McConnell, O. G. The master of finance, master of exchequer and keeper of records and seals will remain the same.

At the regular meeting of Marion Lodge No. 47, I. O. O. F., last Tuesday night new officers for the ensuing term were installed as follows: Oscar Atkins, N. G.; B. F. Corpening, V. G.; Thomas McGuire, secretary; C. R. McCall, treasurer; B. P. Davis, conductor; I. A. Holland, warden; John M. Tate, chaplain; C. C. Boone, outer guard, and J. M. Grindstaff, inner guard.

At the last meeting of Mystic Tie Lodge No. 237, A. F. & A. M., the following named officers were installed for the year: C. E. Prestwood, worshipful master; J. F. Sprague, senior warden; J. F. Conniffe, junior warden; J. A. Laughridge, treasurer; C. W. Buchanan, secretary; Oscar Atkins, senior deacon; B. F. Davis, junior deacon; J. S. Downey and W. B. Hensley, stewards; J. M. Clay, tyler.

### Postmasters Get Increased Pay.

Beginning July 1st all first, second and third-class postoffices in North Carolina were placed upon a new classification and of course a change in salary. Of the larger offices, Greensboro, Winston-Salem and Reidsville show an increase in business sufficient to advance the salary of the postmaster. Reidsville made the largest gain and the pay of the postmaster will be increased from \$2,300 to \$2,500, while Greensboro and Winston-Salem get \$100 each. Greensboro is advanced from \$3,300 to \$3,400 and Winston-Salem is advanced to the same figure. Among other offices where the business warrants an increase in salary are the following:

Biltmore, \$1,500 to \$1,600; Lenoir, \$2,100 to \$2,200; Lincolnton, \$1,800 to \$1,900; Marion, \$1,800 to \$1,900; Morganton, \$2,100 to \$2,200; Newton, \$1,800 to \$1,900; Old Fort, \$1,100 to \$1,200.

Cleveland county voted \$80,000 in bonds to build railroads. Forty thousand dollars of this amount goes to bring the interurban through Cleveland via King's Mountain and Shelby from Gastonia. The other \$40,000 will be added to the \$80,000 voted by townships of upper Cleveland for a railroad line from Shelby to Casar, a distance of 20 miles. This gives a total of \$160,000 bonds to be issued for railroad building.

The Episcopalians of the South will establish a summer colony near Black Mountain. The organization to forward the enterprise, which is known as the Church Retreat, is being promoted by Bishop Horner of Asheville, and the organization expects to spend a large sum for the purpose. A gift of 213 acres of land, valued at \$20,000, has been made to the organization by Mrs. Florence M. Weatherly of Birmingham, Ala.

## ASK GOVERNOR'S AID

### Old Fort Citizens Want Road Built West to Top of the Mountain—Much Interest Aroused.

Asheville Citizen, 3rd.

J. C. Greene, H. A. Westerman, J. K. Cowan, J. H. Turner and D. W. Adams appeared before Governor Locke Craig yesterday to ask that he use his influence to have the commissioners of McDowell county spend the money received from the township and the government in the construction of the road from Old Fort west to the top of the mountain. The chief executive advised the delegation of his recent action in writing to the commissioners and advising that such a course be followed and he gave assurance that he is firm in the belief that the road should be built toward the west rather than in an eastern direction to Greenlee.

Much interest has been aroused in the township over the route of the road and the indications are that large delegations will appear before the commissioners when the time comes for deciding how the money shall be spent. The construction of the road toward the west would result in the completion of one of the important links of the central highway of North Carolina and is the logical course for the commissioners to follow, according to the views of the men who held a conference with the governor yesterday. However, others residing in the township are said to be bitterly opposed to the expenditures of the money on this road, believing that the fund should be used in the construction of a highway from Old Fort to Greenlee.

Good roads enthusiasts of the township are showing a great deal of interest in the action of the commissioners. In view of the fact that the manner in which the money will be spent will affect the central highway of North Carolina statewide interest is being shown in the question now under consideration and many good roads advocates of various parts of the state are writing to the commissioners advising that they use the money to build the incomplete link of the central highway.

Petitions are now being circulated in the county, it is understood, by the men who are interested in the constructed of the two roads.

### Severe Storm at Morganton.

News-Herald, 2nd.

A wind and rain storm yesterday afternoon did considerable damage in the section from the mouth of Silver creek to the lower end of the Quaker Meadows farms. Several barns and other buildings were uprooted and wheat in the stack was scattered over the fields. Sheds were blown down at Joseph Duckworth's brick yard and a falling barn on Thomas Walton's farm caught two horses but they were not seriously hurt. A falling tree damaged the residence of J. A. Lackey and the barn on Ward & Goodson's farm was blown down.

Dr. A. W. Dula, O. D., Eye-sight Specialist will be in Marion July 13th at Hotel Marianna one day only. Special low prices will be made on fitting glasses on this trip.