

MARION PROGRESS

A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF McDOWELL COUNTY.

ESTABLISHED 1896.

MARION, N. C., THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1915.

VOL. XIX—NO. 39

GILES TO WAKE COUNTY

Former Head of McDowell Schools Accepts and Takes Charge of Wake Schools July 1st.

State Senator D. F. Giles of this place has accepted the position of superintendent for the Wake County public schools, succeeding Prof. Z. V. Judd, who has joined the faculty of the University of North Carolina. The Raleigh News and Observer of May 20th contained the following with reference to the selection of Mr. Giles:

"Prof. D. F. Giles, of Marion, will become county superintendent of education for Wake county on the first of July. The county board met yesterday at noon in the county superintendent's office and unanimously selected Mr. Giles. He is in the city and has accepted the position.

"Mr. Giles accepted at a salary somewhat less than he is now receiving, it has been ascertained, and when questioned as to why he did this, stated that he just could not keep out of the work. "During the past two years since I gave up the work as county superintendent of McDowell I have been attending county institutes during the summer, and I have not attended a one but what I felt that I would like to get right in and help some county superintendent solve his problems." When the call came to Wake county, Mr. Giles stated he could not roll back the inclination to get back in the work in which he has spent practically all his life since leaving college. I have watched with considerable interest the development in Wake county, and if I can carry forward the work begun and laid on such stable foundation I shall be satisfied."

In speaking of the selection of Mr. Giles, Chairman Sears said:

"Mr. Giles was selected after consultation with State Superintendent Joyner and a number of other good school men. In view of the splendid work he has done in McDowell county and of his executive ability, the board feels that it has made a wise selection, and asks that the people of the county render him all the support possible in carrying forward the work of education and keeping Wake county in the forefront."

MAN OF MUCH ACTIVITY.

"The superintendent-elect is thirty-four years old, but is a man of broad experience in the work he will again take up in July. He is likewise a man of successful accomplishment. His largest work probably was raising the standard of the public school teachers of McDowell, which gave him fame even beyond the State. In increasing the revenues of the schools he has been equally as successful, having waged successfully special tax campaigns in thirty-one out of fifty-four districts of the county, losing the cause in only two elections. McDowell now has 33 special tax districts, two having voted the levy before Supt. Giles took office, but one of which he was instrumental in carrying.

"Mr. Giles was educated at Trinity and the University. At both places he was one of the most active and popular students, a fine athlete in baseball and football,

fondly dubbed "Fatty" by his fellow students. Mr. Giles can still fill the qualifications of the title. He married Miss Katherine Reed, of St. Louis, and to them have been born two daughters, Jewel Reed, aged five and Katherine Claire, not quite a year old. Mrs. Giles visited in Raleigh last winter when her husband was in the State Senate representing McDowell and Burke and was shown much social attention. Mr. Giles is a native of McDowell, the son of a Methodist minister. His first work after leaving college was the founding of Nebo High School, at Nebo, of which he was principal for two years. He was superintendent of the Marion schools two years and county superintendent seven years. While in the State Senate last winter he took a strong stand on educational matters, was chairman of the Committee on Education and was highly successful with legislation proposed by the committee."

Mr. Giles will not move his family to Raleigh until fall.

High School Closing at Old Fort.

Old Fort, May 25.—The High School department of Old Fort Graded School closed the most successful years work in its history Friday, May 21. The exercises were a departure from the ordinary nature of such closings, being on the line of a more practical and educative value. The students gave demonstrations of the work in the various departments, such as a lecture on Julius Caesar, lecture in telegraphy illustrated with the instrument, mathematical problems solved and analyzed, illustrative discussion of the inclined plane, a practical lesson in history, a spelling match, exhibits of drawings, etc. This was all of a high order and reflected much credit on both teacher and pupils. The excellency of the demonstrations showed the exceptional advantages that the students are enjoying under the able supervision and instruction of Prof. N. F. Steppe.

The high school department here was established only three years ago and has reached a standard of which the citizens of Old Fort have a right indeed to be proud. Prof. Steppe came to us at the beginning of our high school, and by his earnest and aggressive plans, his rare executive ability, and his equipment as a thorough scholar and an efficient teacher has made it possible for the school to advance to its present high standard. So rapid has been its growth that it is necessary to erect a new building which will be completed by the opening of the fall term. The building will be built on the highest approved plans, and will be one of the best in the state, and a credit to any town much larger than Old Fort.

We feel that a great deal of the credit for this phenomenal growth of our school work is due to the untiring efforts and construction work of Prof. Steppe. We feel ourselves peculiarly fortunate in having him accept the superintendency of our schools again and are looking forward to a great work in the coming school year.

Weather Report.

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

Maximum,	87 degrees
Minimum,	52 degrees
Rain,	1.73 inches
Sunshine per cent	.64

ITALY ENTERS INTO WAR

Active Military and Naval Operations on Between Italy and Austria-Hungary.

Rome, May 23—via Paris—Italy is at war with Austria-Hungary.

With the issuance of the general mobilization order, the Italian government issued a proclamation declaring war on Austria, which officially will begin tomorrow.

Prior to this, and after a lengthy consultation the ministers of war and marine proclaimed all the evidences bordering on Austria and the islands and coast towns of the Adriatic in a state of war, which was equivalent to the establishment of martial law, the step usually preceding the formal declaration.

The entrance of Italy into the world war which began last August increases the number of States engaged in the conflict to 11. Italy, allied with Germany and Austria-Hungary since 1882 in the Triple Alliance, was called on last summer shortly after the assassination of the Austrian crown prince to support the Germanic Empires. She declined and there began a series of diplomatic negotiations which soon resolved themselves into the efforts on the part of Germany and Austria-Hungary to induce her to remain neutral, but in the meantime there was a war party in Italy which grew stronger and stronger.

One great purpose of Italy in entering the war is to gain possession of "unredeemed Italy," a sweep of Austrian territory north and east near the head of the Adriatic Sea. This region, which includes Trent and Trieste, is Italian in all but nationality. To attain it has long been her cherished ambition.

Austrians Bombard Towns of Italy.

London, May 24.—Little or no time has been allowed to elapse between the declaration of the war and actual fighting between Italy and Austria. Austrian aeroplanes, destroyers and torpedo boats early today descended on the Italian coast of the Adriatic and bombarded several towns, including Venice; while in the Tyrol and on the eastern frontier Italian and Austrian advance guards have fired the first shots.

The plan of campaign has not yet been disclosed, but it is generally believed attempts to inflict a quick and decisive defeat or, at least, one that will discourage the Italians, will be undertaken, largely by the Germans under Field Marshal Von Hindenburg.

Border Skirmishes.

London, May 25.—Austria has struck first with her navy and aircraft along Italy's east coast; Italy promptly countered by throwing troops across the northeastern frontier and occupying a stretch of Austrian territory along the river Isonzo. Thus, although Field Marshal von Hindenburg, who has a reputation for forcing matters, is reported in command of the Austro-German troops along the new front, Italy, in a sense, has forestalled him.

Rome officially announces that the Italians have occupied a number of comparatively important towns and have compelled the Austrians to retreat.

Value of the Silo—The Soy Bean—Farm Notes.

W. R. Bailey, Farm Demonstrator.

The following farmers will build silos: D. J. Dobson, T. A. Porter, T. W. Wilson, J. M. Haney, B. G. Hensley and J. F. Greer. The silo has so many advantages that the above list should grow. Barn room for storing an equal amount of feed will cost more than a silo. Much feed is saved that would otherwise be lost. Succulent food is provided for the winter. The corn crop is gotten off sooner so winter crops can be sowed earlier. With many the question should be not can you afford to build a silo, but can you afford not to.

In planning a silo remember the height should be twice the diameter. The greater the height the more tightly it will pack. Thus the silo will hold more in proportion, also the silage will keep better. Then after beginning to feed the silage it is necessary to feed off about two inches per day to keep it from spoiling. Thus a 20 foot silo would need to be fed out in about 120 days, a 24 foot silo in about 5 months.

No one longer questions the real value of the silo. It is the most economical plan of providing rough feed for the winter. The state dairy department, realizing the great need for more silos, will, as far as possible, help those who will build. Send me your name if interested. The cement silo is the best and when sand is convenient the cost is not so much. The stave silo is good. The common sense, the cheapest silo, is very simple and proving satisfactory.

The soy bean is in many respects a wonderful plant. Being a legume it improves soils. It yields more seed per acre than any other legume, yields of fifty bushels per acre having been recorded. The beans analyze about 20% fat while peas contain only about 2% fat. Both hay and grain are rich in protein. Since fat and protein are the most costly food constituents, the great food value of soys is easily seen. Soys will stand considerable frost both in spring and fall. Seed is cheap. One half bushel per acre in rows 30 inches apart is about right. Phosphate, of course, pays well under all legumes. In one case the profit was estimated to be over 500%. A temporary fence can easily be put around the field so hogs can gather the grain. Thus the soil will be improved and the hogs fattened. Properly prepared the beans make a palatable and nutritious dish for the table. To sum up, soy beans are good for land, man and beast. What more do we want? McDowell should plant many acres of them after wheat comes off.

One ounce of Paris green mixed with one pound of lime and dusted on the potato vines makes a good diet for the bugs. An empty sugar bag makes a good duster. J. C. Pool prefers middlings to lime and he finds a duster made by punching small holes in a baking powder can very efficient.

T. W. Goforth has some very fine sweet clover. This is a great honey plant and as almost every one has some bees there should be more of it planted. It requires lots of lime.

See the mysterious clock at The Peerless Store.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The Supreme Court decides the act of the last legislature giving women authority of notary public is unconstitutional, and Mrs. Noland Knight of Asheville loses her commission.

A. R. Poteet, a section hand on the Southern railway, was found Sunday morning unconscious on the track between Old Fort and Ridgecrest. He was taken to the Mission hospital at Asheville, where he died about 8 o'clock Sunday night. How the accident occurred is not known.

The Corporation Commission announces an adjustment with the Southern Railway Company whereby the Southern will on June 27 restore trains Nos. 15 and 16 between Salisbury and Hickory on a schedule, the leaving time for which at Salisbury will be 6:50 instead of 5 o'clock. By the new arrangement the Salisbury connection with No. 44 will be re-established and the newspapers from all sections will have a chance. This is likewise a concession to the summer travel which will be admittedly much heavier after June.

James Harbin Shot and Seriously Wounded.

James LaFayette Harbin, the 17-year-old son of Mr. Robt. J. Harbin, is at the Sanatorium suffering from a pistol shot wound which is expected to prove fatal. His spinal cord is severed and if he recovers his case will be a record breaker.

Young Harbin received the injury Saturday night between 11 and 12 o'clock, while riding in a buggy with three other young men in the vicinity of Harmony. He said he did not know who shot him and it has not been ascertained who fired the shot. Harbin's three companions—Clyde Heath, John Moore and G. W. Munday—are in jail here awaiting developments.

Talking to a physician at the Sanatorium yesterday afternoon young Harbin stated that he and all his companions were on good terms and that he was sure that if either of them shot him it was entirely accidental. Harbin said that there had been some shooting from the buggy prior to the time he was shot. It was suggested that some one beside the road who thought he was being fired on returned the fire and the ball struck Harbin, but this is merely conjecture. Evidently the bullet came from a pistol in the hands of one of Harbin's companions.—Statesville Landmark.

Mr. Harbin is a grandson of Mrs. N. A. Elliott of this place.

School Teachers for Old Fort.

The Old Fort School Board has elected teachers for the next term of the Old Fort graded school as follows: Prof. N. F. Steppe, superintendent; Miss Ellen Crawford, 1st grade; Miss Carrie Bradford, 2d grade; Miss Maggie Bird, 3d and 4th grades; Miss Mary Carter, 5th and 6th grades; Rev. J. P. Bennett, 7th grade and assistant in high school. The music teacher and second assistant high school teacher will be elected at a future meeting of the Board.