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MR. GILES SAYS GOODBYE

He Says He Will Ever Remember McDowell and Pleads for Higher Educational Standards.

In leaving McDowell county, I have thought many times of my friends in every section that I cannot say goodbye to in person, and to them I wish to say that I treasure and appreciate their friendship and my association with them in a way that I cannot express in words. I have in mind the most pleasant and lasting impressions of friendships and associations, and I do not intend that they shall ever be broken or forgotten. I think first of the school teachers with whom I have worked through the years, and I remember their honesty of purpose, and how they contributed of their zeal and enthusiasm to help build up and make stable the organized educational system which we now have. I think too of the school committeemen with whom I have worked, and of their faithful services in trying to do that which was best for the community and for the school. And to the fathers and mothers whose children must look to the schools of McDowell county for their education, I would say that the schools will be in the different communities just what the fathers and mothers want them to be. Whatever demand they wish to make for better and higher education for their boys and girls, will be heard if they insist that their children are worthy of the best to be had.

The County Board of Education will on the first Monday in July select a new Superintendent of the McDowell County Schools. This selection means more at this time to the welfare of the children of McDowell county than anything that has been done in a long time, and I am hopeful that the Board of Education will use their every effort to find a man who knows the school work, and who has had experience in the school room to the extent that he can appreciate and sympathize with every child, every teacher, every father, every mother, and every tax payer in McDowell county. McDowell county deserves the best, and must have the best. The Board of Education will no doubt look first to those teachers who have taught in McDowell county, and have made good from every angle and who are competent. Many of these I could name in person, but the school law is so clear in defining the duty of the County Board of Education in selecting a superintendent that I am persuaded the McDowell County Board will be guided by nothing in making this selection save the interest of the boys and girls that must get much of their training in their native county.

I love every hill and valley in McDowell County, and shall watch for her development not only because it is my native county, but because of my associations here. I appreciate every thing that the County has done for me, and shall be ready at any and all times wherever I may be to help promote the interest of any school, or to do anything that will be for the continued development and progress of my native county. With this, I say Goodbye.

D. F. GILES.

Woodhouse - Goodman Wedding near Greenlee.

Greenlee, June 28.—Riverside Farm, near Greenlee, was the scene of a beautiful outdoor wedding Thursday afternoon, June 24, at five o'clock, when Margaret, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Woodhouse of Concord, N. C., became the bride of Rev. Walter Hall Goodman, of Old Fort. The cottage home of the bride's aunts, the Misses Stuart, where the bride's family have spent the last two or three summers, was artistically decorated with boughs of hemlock and rhododendron. The veranda was a veritable bower of green and pink and hung with baskets of maidenhair fern and rhododendron. An avenue strewn with ferns and lined with the laurel led from the porch to a picturesque arbor of rhododendron under a beech tree, and the whole grove was resplendent with the pink and white bloom.

The wedding march was played by Miss Adelaide Porter of Biltmore, a talented musician who has studied in New York at the Damroch School of Music. She also sang Cadman's "At Dawning" just before and played softly an air from Samson and Delilah during the ceremony. Rev. W. M. Walsh of Statesville, a classmate of the groom at Davidson College, performed the ceremony. In keeping with the simple outdoor effect, there were only two attendants, the bride and groom were preceded by the bride's lovely sister and cousin, the Misses Elizabeth Woodhouse and Robbie Porter carrying baskets of rhododendron and maidenhair fern. The bride wore a gown of white tulle and carried a bouquet of bride's roses with a shower of rhododendron and maidenhair fern.

Miss Woodhouse is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Woodhouse of Concord, an M. A. graduate of Converse College, and has a host of friends. Mr. Goodman is the pastor of the Old Fort and Siloam Presbyterian churches and has endeared himself to all during his two year's stay with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodman left at 5:45 in automobile for Old Fort where they took No. 21 for the mountains.

Ice cream and cake were served by the young ladies of the congregations, while Miss Mary Burgin and Mrs. J. B. Johnson presided over the punch bowl under a hemlock on the lawn. The popularity of the young people were evidenced by the many handsome and useful presents they received. Silver, cut glass, china, linen were in abundance, besides a complete kitchen outfit.

Some of the guests present were: Mrs. John A. Porter of Biltmore and her two daughters, Misses Adelaide and Robbie; Miss Lelia King of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Morrison, Mrs. Bernard Fetzner of Concord, Mrs. David Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Woodhouse of Concord. The groom's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Goodman, Misses Emma and Fanny and Mr. Arthur Goodman of Mt. Ulla, Geo. Goodman, Miss Hall of Mooresville, Misses Margaret Hall, Lily May Thompson, Carl Hall of Barber, Mrs. Phillips of Lexington. The Old Fort and Siloam congregations were well represented.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

BRIDGEWATER

Bridgewater, June 29.—Miss Viola Seals of Fletcher is the guest of the Misses Jarrett this week. Carl Justice of Lawrenceville, Va., is here visiting homefolks. Mrs. J. R. Rust has returned from Raleigh after spending several weeks with relatives.

W. Lyerly has removed his family from Hickory to Bridgewater where they will spend the summer months.

Lynn Corpening of Lenoir spent the week-end here with his cousins, the Misses Tate.

Mrs. Cal. Gibbs and children have returned to their home in Knoxville after a short visit here with relatives. They were accompanied by the former's mother, Mrs. Jane Gibbs, who will spend some time there enroute to California.

Rev. and Mrs. Mann of Nebo spent Saturday and Sunday here at the home of Mrs. T. A. Seals.

Miss Carrie Tate spent last week in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Hendrix of Elizabethton, Tenn., are here visiting at the Rust house.

J. U. Ballew of Mohank spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mrs. W. W. Rust and little daughter left last week for Florida where they will spend the summer with Mr. Rust, who is engaged in bridge work there.

Mark Giles and Tom Berry of Fonta Flora spent Sunday here with friends.

Miss Sallie Bennett of Louisiana is here visiting relatives.

Rev. Ivey T. Poole of this place was married to Miss Ethel Donahoe of Portsmouth last week. They are here now visiting the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Poole.

HANKINS.

Hankins, June 28.—Mrs. W. McNeely and daughter, Blanche, of Marion spent several days here last week.

Mrs. J. Y. Finley of Marion visited relatives here last week.

Miss Lettie Lentz of Marion spent Saturday and Sunday here with her mother, Mrs. Geo. Lentz.

Miss Annie Barnes spent Sunday with Mrs. C. McNeely.

Mr. and Mrs. Phifer Wise spent Saturday and Sunday in Burke county.

Mrs. R. D. Barnes spent the latter part of last week in Marion with her son, J. Y. Barnes.

Mrs. Mattie Hensley of Marion spent last week here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Arthur Hamby is visiting her parents in Marion.

Miss Effie Burnett of Marion spent Saturday and Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. J. C. Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. John McNeely were shopping in Marion Saturday.

Miss Sallie Burgin of Marion is visiting her aunt, Mrs. R. D. Barnes.

Little Silas Burnett, who has been on the sick list for some time, is improving.

R. D. Barnes was in Marion today on business.

WOODLAWN

Mrs. C. F. Barnes, who has been very sick for several days, is improving.

Sunday, June 20th, was a good day for Woodlawn church. The singing classes of the adjoining churches came together and we had a singing contest, which was much enjoyed.

Mrs. Tid Quinn of North Cove spent the week end here with her aged mother, Mrs. Lowery.

Roe Byrd of Little Switzerland made a business trip to Woodlawn one day last week.

The T. T. Adams Band Mill will close work the first of July. The crew in the mountain will continue their work cutting timber and logging.

Prospects are fine for a good corn crop in the Cove. Most of the farmers are

nearly ready to lay by their corn. Wheat is not very good.

N. Y. Leakey and wife made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

THOMPSON'S FORK.

Nebo, Route 1, June 28.—Miss Hattie Crawley of Marion visited relatives here Sunday.

D. C. Brown of Marion was a visitor here last Tuesday.

William Cuthbertson made a business trip to Marion during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Snipes of Marion were recent visitors here.

Bruce Tate of Nebo visited relatives here Wednesday.

J. H. Janes made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

Mrs. Maggie Janes has been very ill for the past few days.

Misses Olen and Zelda Yelton of Asheville are spending a few days here with homefolks.

W. A. Gibbs has moved his corn mill to Nebo.

DOME

Dome, June 26.—J. C. Garrison died Tuesday, June 22nd, and was buried in the Garrison cemetery. He leaves a wife and seven children, four daughters and three sons, all of whom are married except one son.

Mrs. D. L. Clements and little daughter, Essie of Black Mountain spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Ledbetter.

Mrs. M. W. Elliott of Red Top spent Saturday and Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ledbetter.

A. Hudgins has been very ill.

J. W. Stroud is visiting homefolks.

Maude Wright of Durham is visiting her father here.

Horace Ledbetter of Black Mountain is spending the week with homefolks.

SUNNYVALE

Sunnyvale, June 26.—Crops are looking very good here.

Miss Maude Simmons of Cleo spent last week with her brother here.

Mrs. Mary Ratliffe of Busick was a visitor here this week.

M. J. Padgett visited relatives in Yancey county last week.

Frank McFalls of Graphiteville was a visitor here last week.

W. M. Johnson was in Marion on business Friday.

Attention, Farmers.

Some years ago the Commissioner of Agriculture drew a bill, which was unanimously passed by the Legislature, to reduce the cost of legume inoculating material from the exorbitant price of two dollars an acre to a price at which he felt the average farmer could afford to use it. The effect of this bill was to reduce the price of this material not only to the farmers of North Carolina, but to those of the entire South as well, and a number of the other southern states have since followed the lead of North Carolina in reducing the price of this material to their farmers also.

At first the Commissioner placed a cost price of fifty cents an acre on the material with the determination to reduce the price lower and lower as the demand increased. During 1914 the Department distributed nearly 8,000 acre bottles from August to December, thus effecting a direct saving to the farmers of the State of over \$10,000 in less than four months. During the past six months the distribution has reached around 1,200 acres and the season has hardly opened. The Commissioner feels, therefore, that the time has come to make another cut in the price, and he now plans to reduce the cost price of the material from fifty cents an acre to forty cents an acre, beginning July 1, 1915.

JAS. L. BURGESS,
State Agronomist.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Judge Frank Carter, who recently announced his candidacy for Attorney General, has established campaign headquarters in Asheville with J. W. Haynes of Asheville campaign manager.

Three times within three years lightning has struck the Fruitland Baptist church, at Fruitland, Buncombe county. The last bolt struck the church last week and the building was badly damaged.

Asheville is investigating the social evil and a vice commission has found that 225 women in that city are prostitutes—and it is doubtful if the census is complete. What to do with the women is a problem. One suggestion is that the city and county jointly build a house of refuge.

The C. C. & O. Railway company has asked the citizens of this section to furnish an estimate of the probable tonnage a railroad from Toecane to the head of Cane creek would be likely to secure. This looks as if we are going to have a railroad through here in the near future.—Banner, Bakersville.

Three large distilleries were destroyed by officers in Transylvania county the latter part of last week.

The mill building of the Azalea Woodworking company, seven miles from Asheville on the bank of the Swannanoa river, was destroyed by fire Sunday morning at an early hour with a loss of between \$40,000 and \$50,000. Insurance to the amount of \$20,000 was carried on the structure. A large quantity of lumber was saved, it being estimated that the stock on the yards, which was not reached by the flames, is valued at \$65,000.

Transporting Insane.

Beginning July 1, the law passed by the last legislature relative to the taking of insane persons to the various State hospitals goes into effect. After that date the sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who now have to perform that duty will be relieved of it. It will then be the duty of the clerk of the court, justice of the peace, or such other officer, before whom the papers are taken out, to notify the hospital and the hospital must send an attendant who will take the insane person to the hospital.

Summer School Conference.

Mr. C. R. Hudson, State Agent, Demonstration Work, announces that the Summer School for Demonstration Agents will be held at the A. & M. College in Raleigh, August 17th to 26th inclusive. The last three days will embrace the State Farmers' Convention.

The program for the Summer Meeting is now being gotten up. It will be arranged to embrace all the activities of farm work. Most of the lectures or discussions will be led by the experts of the College faculty.

A number of Marion folks occupy pretty homes today through the Building & Loan. It will help you build, too. New series opens July 1st. Take stock and build.