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## NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Board of Education Elected Byron Conley Superintendent—Other School Matters.

Monday was a very busy day for the County Board of Education which held its quarterly meeting in the County Superintendents office. Many matters of importance were brought before the board, most of which were acted upon, altho several of them were held open until investigation could be made.

Mr. Byron Conley was unanimously elected as County Superintendent to succeed Mr. M. S. Giles, who is leaving the county to take work elsewhere. Miss Barnard was asked to continue her work as Rural Supervisor. D. E. Hudgins was employed as attorney for the Board.

The committeemen were appointed for 1915-16. Their names will be published in next week's paper.

It was ordered that the schools of the county begin work on the 19th of July in all districts where it is practical.

The superintendent and supervisor were asked to investigate the conditions of the colored school building in Marion No. 1, and recommend necessary repairs.

Settlement was made with the County treasurer.

## Building & Loan Meeting.

The annual meeting of the McDowell Building & Loan Association was held in the court house last Monday night. Quite a number of the stockholders were present, representing a good majority of the stock. The report of Secretary and Treasurer J. E. Neal was most satisfactory and gratifying, showing the past year to have been a most prosperous one. Loans to the stockholders have been made during the year in the sum of \$38,150.00, and a total of \$51,744.00 was paid out to stockholders. There are 2411 shares in force. The administration of the association has been prudent and economical, in the view of the board of directors, and the stockholders are pleased with the year's showing.

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. C. Gilkey, J. L. Morgan, Geo. I. White, William Sweeney, J. E. Neal and A. Blanton, directors.

## Morris-Rogers.

A surprise to their many friends here was the marriage of Miss Maggie Mae Rogers to Mr. Lester Morris, which was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents in Barnesville, Georgia, on Sunday, July 4th, at 5 o'clock.

The charming young bride is well known in Marion, having made a number of friends while visiting here last year. Mr. Morris is a young business man of marked ability and at present holds the responsible position of Secretary and Treasurer of the Clinchfield Manufacturing Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris arrived in Marion Monday and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh F. Little in East Marion.

## Tyler-Gibbs Wedding.

At high noon on Wednesday, June 30th, the wedding of Miss Hallie Mae Gibbs and Mr. John Mosely Tyler was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gibbs. The house was decorated throughout with ivy and rhododendron. In the parlor, which was softly lighted with shaded pink candles, the vows were plighted before an improvised altar of the trailing ivy and pink rhododendron.

Prior to the entrance of the wedding party, Miss Elma Carson, of Knoxville, Tenn., who wore an imported gown of embroidered rose chiffon, sang "Because God Made Thee Mine," and Codman's "At Dawning." Promptly at the appointed hour, Miss Julia Burton, wearing a dress of white lace and a white picture hat, played the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin for the entrance of the bridal procession. During the ceremony she rendered Gounod's "Barcarole." The two little ribbon bearers, Margaret Craig and Mildred Hudgins, formed the aisle for the party. Both of these girls wore dainty white dresses and carried baskets of sweet peas. Miss Pearle Gibbs, sister of the bride, as maid of honor, entered with Dr. Raymond Buie of South Carolina. Miss Gibbs wore a dainty dress of white taffeta together with a large picture hat of white and carried a bouquet of sweet peas and fern. Next came the charming little ring bearer, Jeanette Gilkey, carrying the ring in a large white rose. The bride, attractively gowned in a handsome sand suit with hat to match and carrying a bouquet of roses, lilies of the valley and orange blossoms, entered with the groom. Rev. J. B. Johnson of Winston assisted by Rev. W. H. Moore, gave the wedding vows. After the ceremony Miss Lucy Jordan, of Gastonia, who was dressed in white lace and satin, sang "A Perfect Day," then Mr. and Mrs. Tyler informally received the good wishes and congratulations of the many friends present.

Mrs. J. L. Morgan and Mrs. J. L. C. Bird, assisted by Misses Frances Wood, Mary Griffin and Josephine Bird, served ices and cake. Punch was served on the vine covered veranda by Mrs. Hugh F. Little and Mrs. Geo. I. White. In the hall, Miss Maud Barnard registered the guests in the Bride's Book, while Miss Hattie Gibbs presided in the Gift room, where many attractive presents were displayed.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyler left on the afternoon train for Asheville, Lake Toxaway, and other points. After the bridal trip, they will be at home at Bailey, N. C. The bride is an attractive and popular young lady, with a host of admiring friends and will be greatly missed in Marion. Mr. Tyler is the principal of the Bailey High School and has made a decided success in his profession.

The first installment of our new serial story, "The Eternal Lover," by Edgar Rice Burroughs, author of "Tarzan of the Apes" and "The Return of Tarzan," will be published in The Progress next week.

Miss Kate Finley, of Statesville, is visiting relatives here.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

### DYSARTVILLE

Dysartville, July 5.—Mrs. J. M. Gibson and son of Old Fort visited her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Parker, several days last week.

Jonas Holler sold his house to C. A. Jaquins and has gone to live with his son in Rutherford county. Mr. Jaquins will move in his house early in the fall.

J. B. Mangum of Danville, Va., is visiting homefolks here.

Quite a crowd of the young folks attended the Fourth of July celebration at Nebo last Saturday.

Mrs. H. C. Daves has returned from a visit to her mother, Mrs. Alice Rudisil, at Henry. Mrs. Daves has been seriously sick since she came home, but glad to say she is better.

Bratches Laughridge attended church yesterday after being seriously sick for about five months. His many friends are proud to know of his recovery.

Mr. Smith of New York is spending the summer at J. R. Kirksey's.

R. C. Laughridge and family of Spencer are visiting relatives here.

Abner Greene of Marion spent a week with relatives here recently.

### GARDEN CITY

Garden City, July 5.—The members of Carson's Chapel Sunday school observed Sunday, July 4th, as Children's Day. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and rhododendron. The children's exercises began at 10:30 o'clock. Each child rendered his part well. Rev. J. M. Ridenhour addressed the children on the subject, "Obedience to Parents." A bountiful picnic dinner was spread for all. Rev. Mr. Ridenhour preached in the afternoon.

Mrs. W. J. Brown of Ashford spent a few days with friends here last week.

Mrs. D. T. Harris and little son, Thurston, of Marion, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jameson.

Mrs. W. H. Hennessee visited friends in Glen Alpine last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gorman and son, Carson, of Salisbury, are spending several days here with Mrs. Kate Gowan.

Rom Avery and Charlie McCall spent Sunday with friends here.

The Young Ladies of Carson's chapel will give an Ice cream supper in the church yard, Saturday night, July 10th. The proceeds will be used for the parsonage. The public is invited.

### WOODLAWN

Woodlawn, July 5.—M. L. Good made a business trip to Marion last Wednesday.

Mrs. M. W. Yancey and the Misses Corpening are visiting Mrs. Heesie Lonon in Marion.

Uncle Wash Byrd has been very sick for the past ten days, but is improving.

Several youngsters passed here Saturday enroute for Little Switzerland to celebrate the 4th. Little Switzerland may well claim the most beautiful scenery east of the Rockies.

Jas C. Goforth spent the 4th with G. W. Conley at Sevier.

Smallpox has effected the Sunday school in this part of the county.

Miss Adelaide Adams spent the 4th with relatives in Virginia.

The singing class of Woodlawn church is planning to sing against the Turkey Cove class next Sunday. The Woodlawn class makes a splendid appearance considering the practice it has had and this class will be hard to turn down.

### HANKINS.

Hankins, July 5.—Mrs. Ben Martin of Bridgewater spent Saturday and Sunday here with her mother.

H. M. Bigelow of Praise, Ky., is here visiting homefolks.

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## Social Affairs.

(Received too late for last week's paper.)

The spectacular play, "The Seven Ages of Woman," given by local talent under the auspices of the Presbyterian Aid Society on Monday night, June 28, was decidedly the best entertainment of its kind ever presented in Marion. There were about seventy-five taking part in the different scenes.

"Babyhood," the first picture, was represented by Mrs. J. C. Story and child while Mrs. Booth softly sang a lullaby. Thirty children joined in the fairy dances and songs which portrayed "Happy Childhood Days" in the second scene. Little Martha Sprague was Fairy Queen, with Margaret Craig and Eva Goforth as attendants. Twelve of the High School girls jauntily dressed in red and white middie suits gave a number of popular songs and drills typical of college life. The drills were led by Miss Ruth Kirby. The Society Age was beautifully represented by eight young ladies in blue and pink evening gowns, carrying garlands of pink roses. During the dance "A Garden of Roses" was sung.

In the fifth scene, a rainbow wedding was pictured. Miss Alma McCurry made a very charming bride. The six bride's maids carried arm bouquets of daisies and asparagus fern. Miss Moffitt Sinclair, as matron and Miss Julia Burton as maid of honor, carried sweet peas. Little Miss Jeanette Gilkey and Doris Troutman were flower girl and ring bearer. Mrs. Booth's solos "Because" and "I Love You Truly" added much to this scene.

While "Home Sweet Home" was sung, Mrs. I. C. Griffin, surrounded by a happy group of children, made an ideal picture of home. Perhaps the daintiest picture of all was given with Mrs. S. F. E. Gruber as Grandmother in Life's Evening. The sweet strains of "Loves Old Sweet Song" accompanied this last scene.

The second part of the program consisted of two readings by Miss Julia Grace Kincaid, the skillful director of the evening's entertainment, and several solos by the gifted singer, Mr. Cornelius Reed, of St. Louis.

On Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gibbs entertained the Tyler-Gibbs bridal party at six o'clock dinner. In the party were Misses Hallie Gibbs, Maude Barnard, Lucy Jordan of Gastonia, and Hattie and Pearle Gibbs; Messrs. John M. Tyler of Bailey, Joe Conley of Winston, J. B. Johnson, Dr. Hoke Hemphill of Forest City, and Dr. Raymond Buie of South Carolina.

Mrs. D. F. Giles entertained a number of the younger society set on last Wednesday evening in compliment to her brother, Mr. Cornelius Reed, of St. Louis. At five tables different progressive games were played, after which an ice course was served. Mr. Reed, whose rich baritone voice has been much enjoyed and appreciated by all who have heard him since he came to Marion, then sang several solos.

The Misses Davis are offering their stock of millinery at reduced prices. See ad. in this paper.

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly has been selected principal of Claremont college, Hickory.

The North Carolina Press Association, holding its annual meeting in Montreat last week, adopted a resolution endorsing a movement to erect a monument to the late J. P. Caldwell and a committee was appointed to take the work in charge.

Having the material on the ground, 75 to 100 men met Saturday and practically built in one day a church for Oak Forest Methodist congregation, the church being located between the town of Morganton and the State Hospital.

The Montreat Summer school has been organized. Prof. Thomas W. Lingle is director and Prof. Fred L. Blythe, of Baily Military Institute, former principal of Concord public school, is professor of Latin and Greek. The school term is from July 12 to August 20th.

## Mrs. Giles Entertains.

Mrs. Denison F. Giles entertained on last Friday morning between the hours of ten and twelve for her sister, Mrs. John Reed of St. Louis. The house was very attractive with its decorations of cut flowers and ferns. On the porch the punch bowl, which was arranged in a huge block of ice, surrounded by sweet peas and ferns, was presided over by Misses Nelle Blanton and Gladys Goodson.

Progressive Forty-two was played at the seven tables in the sitting room, hall and dining room. The prize—a pretty potted plant—was won by Mrs. Gaston B. Justice and Mrs. D. E. Hudgins received the consolation—an ivory hat pin holder. The guest of honor prize was a dainty hand painted bon bon dish. At twelve o'clock a delicious salad course was served.

## Young People Entertain.

Last Monday night several of the boys of the younger set entertained for the girls at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. C. Bird on North Garden street. Miss Josephine Bird served punch in the hall as the guests arrived. Guessing contests and different games were played after which Miss Sallie Bennett gave several piano solos which were greatly enjoyed. Miss Elizabeth Gorman assisted Miss Bird in serving the ices. Those present were Misses Ruth Kirby, Josephine Bird, Frances Wood, Margie White, Mary Yancey, Elizabeth Gorman Helen Lonon, and Sallie Bennett. Messrs. George Streetman, Bill Lonon, Malcom Sinclair, Fred Bird, Clinton Landis, Tannie White and Benjamin Williams.

## Vital Statistics.

The records of Statistics Officer McGuire for the month of June shows the following: Births in the town 2, township 14, total 16. Deaths in town 1, in township 5; total 6. The summary for the six months ending June 30 shows 26 births in the town and 91 in the township, total 117. Deaths in the town 8, in the township 34, total 42.

President Wilson is advised that Germany's reply to the last American note on submarine warfare may be expected about July 8 and he intends to return to Washington from Cornish, N. H., his summer home, July 9 or 10 to consider the note.