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## EDUCATIONAL COLUMN

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### Formal Opening of New School Building at Old Fort.

The new graded school building at Old Fort will be formally opened on the date of Friday evening, December 17th. Exercises befitting the occasion will be held. The address of the day will be delivered by State Superintendent, Dr. J. Y. Joyner. Dr. Joyner will be introduced by former County Superintendent of McDowell, D. F. Giles, now County Superintendent of Wake. Short speeches will be made by Dr. D. H. Hill, president of the A. & M. college, Dr. J. I. Foust, president of the State Normal, and Dr. W. P. Few, president of Trinity college. A number of City Superintendents and County Superintendents will be present and short responses will be made by several of them.

The folks at Old Fort are taking much interest in this occasion. For the pleasure of visitors arriving at Old Fort on train No. 11 automobile tours over the new highway are being arranged. The building committee will also arrange other entertainments.

The new building has been erected at a cost of something over \$16,000. It is pronounced one of the most attractive and best arranged buildings in the State. It is provided with first class furnishings throughout. The auditorium has 400 comfortable opera chairs of the latest design. All class rooms are fitted up with individual desks. The building is steam heated and electric lighted throughout.

The public is cordially invited to the opening exercises.

### White Pine School.

The most successful school in its history closed last Friday with Miss Rosa Houk as teacher. Miss Houk had the community co-operation of the people in her work and she has proven herself to be one of the best teachers in the county, this being her second year in that community. This school has led the county in the first Community Fair. Much work of improvement has also been done. The well has been put in good healthful condition, stumps have been removed, and a good road made to the building. Congratulations to Miss Houk, and many good wishes for her in her future work.

A Friend.

### Morgan-Parker.

Curfew, Dec. 6.—Miss Alice Parker and Mr. Arthur Morgan, both popular young people of this place, were married at the home of the bride's parents yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The bride was dressed in a brown coat suit with hat, gloves and shoes to match.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party went in carriages to the home of Mr. G. G. Morgan where a delightful reception, with a six-course dinner, was given in their honor. For the occasion the parlor and dining room were artistically decorated with cedar and fall chrysanthemums.

The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Parker, and the groom a prominent young farmer of our community. May joy go with them always.

## Social Affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Little entertained at a Thanksgiving dinner Thursday evening for the office force and overseers of the Marion and Clinchfield mills. Those present from the Marion mill were Messrs. A. F. Hunt, S. L. Copeland, J. G. Hickerson, E. S. Brown, S. N. Bradford, R. O. Wylie, J. R. Frye, J. T. Laughlin; from Clinchfield mill, W. L. Morris, J. M. Ellis, W. A. McCall, J. F. Miller, J. B. McLaughlin, J. C. Hunt, and Miss Beatrice Simmons. The guests were received by at the door by D. D. and H. F. Little and ushered into the reception room where they were pleasantly entertained until 7:15 when they were escorted to the dining room. The tables were beautifully decorated with emblems of the day, and all were served to a bountiful dinner.

Mrs. John Decker was hostess to the Twentieth-Century Club Saturday afternoon. The program consisted of papers and discussions relative to Russia, was full of interest throughout. The roll call brought forth many interesting current events in the country under discussion. "Peter the Great" was the subject of a most interesting paper by Mrs. Pescud Craig. In the delineation of the character of Catherine the Great, Mrs. J. C. Story succeeded in proving to her audience that at least one woman has succeeded in holding down a man's job. The many and peculiar manners and customs of the Russians were set forth in an interesting paper by Mrs. Will McCall. Reading "The Checkerboard," an interesting story dealing with Russian prison life, was read very effectively by Miss Decker. A salad course followed by sweets was served by Misses Decker and Shepherdson and Mrs. Will Gray.

Although coming after Thanksgiving, the Sans Souci club was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Robert Noyse, Friday afternoon, the Thanksgiving idea predominating. Three tables played "108," dainty score cards suggestive of Thanksgiving were used. After a very spirited and exciting game, the hostess ushered her guests into the dining room. Here also the Thanksgiving idea was carried out. The centerpiece was a half pumpkin filled with the fruits of the season, and the place cards, done in sepia, were suggestive of the Thanksgiving festivities. Mrs. Noyse maintained her well known reputation as a hostess.

Miss Nelle Blanton was "At Home" Thursday evening to her many friends in honor of Miss Annette Rudisell of Lincolnton and Miss Mary Henderson of Hickory. Progressive games were played at the several tables during the evening. The hostess served delicious refreshments.

### Two Marriages Last Thursday.

At the Presbyterian manse last Thursday at noon Mr. G. P. Poteet and Miss Vashti Swann, both of this place, were united in marriage, Rev. J. C. Story officiating.

On Thursday afternoon Mr. William Howard and Miss Julia Walker were married at the manse, Rev. J. C. Story officiating.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

#### NEBO

Nebo, Dec. 6.—Mrs. M. M. Gilbert of Henry, N. C., after spending several days here with friends and relatives, has gone to Rock Hill, S. C., where she will spend the winter.

Douglas Annis and family of Erwin, Tenn., spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Sigmon.

Mrs. T. W. Alexander was shopping in Marion Saturday.

Ernest Beach visited his grandparents in Morganton during the latter part of last week.

Mrs. M. A. Rudisill, after making an extended visit to friends and relatives in an around Nebo during the Thanksgiving holidays, returned to her home at Henry, N. C., the latter part of last week.

C. M. Hemphill made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

G. D. Taylor spent Thanksgiving with his mother at Dysartsville.

Miss Faye Padgett of North Cove spent the week-end with homefolks.

Misses Iowa and Cheley Sigmon and Hattie Taylor were shopping in Marion Saturday.

Ivory Kerr has moved his family to Marion.

Miss Cassie Patton of Greenlee spent last Saturday and Sunday with homefolks.

#### NEALSVILLE

Nealsville, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Fields Warlick of Erwin, Tenn., spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Joseph Poteat.

Miss Ellen Carson of Marion visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Wilson Saturday night and Sunday.

George Williams of Old Fort was a visitor here Sunday.

Mrs. M. L. Poteat spent the week-end in Marion with her sister, Mrs. W. S. Giles.

Henry Forney of Union Mills was in Glenwood last week on business.

Miss Mildred Wilson was shopping in Marion Saturday.

Jake Epley spent Sunday with homefolks at Glen Alpine.

Mrs. J. A. Poteat is spending some time with her mother in Morganton.

The school at this place is progressing nicely under the leadership of Prof. Statts and Misses Ethel Pyatt and Maude Carson.

The box supper given at the Graded School Saturday night was a great success, the sum of forty dollars being realized. This money will be used for school improvements.

### U. D. C. Meeting.

The regular meeting of the U. D. C. was held Monday afternoon at the hospitable home of Mrs. George Gilkey. The program, suggestive of Christmas, was full of interest throughout. The story of the first Christmas, as recorded by St. Luke, was read responsively by the daughters. Several interesting stories and sketches were read from "The Veteran." Possibly the most unique and interesting part of the program was the retelling by the daughters of anecdotes, reminiscences, or personal experience of the Veteran under whose record each joined the U. D. C. The Daughters expressed their willingness and desire to help all worthy veterans in need, that they may have a happy Christmas. The local chapter has been honored by the appointment of Mrs. Pless as District Leader. A social half hour was spent very pleasantly while the hostess served a delicious collation.

START the new year right. Take stock in the McDowell Building & Loan and own your own home. New series opens January 1st.

## Free Lecture and Field Meetings.

Remember the meeting for fruit growers at the graded school building Thursday night, Dec. 9. Mr. Szymoniak has many beautiful views illustrating the various phases of orcharding. The best varieties are shown in natural colors. Also the best practice in planting, pruning, spraying, picking, packing, etc. It is free to all.

There will also be field meetings as follows: B. B. Price's home orchard Thursday morning, Dec. 9, at 10 a. m., and at Mr. Sorrels', Stroudtown, at 2:30 p. m.; and at Gilkey and Winborne's peach orchard at 9:30 a. m., Dec. 10.

There will be a field meeting near Old Fort on Friday afternoon, December 10, and an illustrated lecture at 7 p. m., with another field meeting the next morning.

### Farmers' Union Elects Officers.

At the regular meeting of the McDowell County Farmers' Union held at the court house in Marion 1st Saturday, the following officers were elected and installed for the year 1916: B. F. Corpening, president; L. H. Miller, vice-president; C. M. Pool, secretary-treasurer; E. G. Goforth, chaplain; J. A. Henley, conductor; J. L. Fleming, doorkeeper. The members of the executive committee are J. C. Pool, G. S. Tate and W. C. Morris. W. S. Thomason was elected organizer and lecturer and E. K. Hild business agent.

Farm Demonstrator Bailey made a very instructive talk on clover, and W. S. Thomason gave an interesting account of the meeting of the State Farmers' Union in Durham recently.

The next county meeting will be at Stroudtown on the first Saturday in March.

### Death of Mr. James A. Jamison.

Morganton News-Herald, 2nd. Mr. James A. Jamison died at his home on Route 5 Sunday, Nov. 20th. The deceased was a member of Oak Hill Methodist church and had many friends who will learn of his death with sorrow.

Mr. Jamison was 66 years of age and is survived by seven children, three sons and four daughters, who with a host of friends mourn his death. The children are Misses Ella, Marcenia and Rhoda Jamison, Mrs. Lillie Justice Messrs. Arthur and J. D. Jamison of this place, and M. D. Jamison of Marion.

The merchants of our town have begun to tell the public, through the columns of The Progress, about the good things which their stocks provide for holiday buyers. Readers of this paper should watch the advertising columns carefully all the time—but with particular care during the next two weeks.

The McDowell Building & Loan Association paid off its 9 series in October when \$2800.00 was paid out to shareholders. Series No. 23 will open on January 1st. Now is the time to come in. Invest your savings. One dollar a month will give you one share. This is an ideal way to lay up money for a rainy day. A large number of residences have been built through the Building and Loan. Come in now. For further particulars apply to J. E. Neal, secretary, at the First National Bank.

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

### Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

As the result of the recent escape of 15 convicts from a Buncombe county convict camp, all the officials employed at the camp, eight in number, have been discharged.

The young man Tally of Charlotte in the recent wreck in Salisbury is still in a critical condition. His leg was amputated last week. The condition of Mr. O. Max Gardner of Shelby shows continued improvement.

William P. Stacy, New Hanover's present representative in the general assembly, has been appointed to the judgeship made vacant by the resignation of Judge George Roundtree and received his commission from Governor Craig last week. Judge Stacy is the youngest man on the bench, being only 31 years of age.

Contestants in the Booster Store contest may secure 2,000 votes for every dollar paid on subscription to The Progress. Get busy. Ask your friends for votes on renewal subscriptions.

This is the time to remember the Red Cross Christmas seals.

### Notice

In the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina, at Statesville, No. 57, United States.

N. O. Pitts, J. H. Giles, et al. vs. To William Godfrey; Charles Godfrey, Jr.; Hicks Lytle and wife, given name unknown; S. A. Brown and S. W. Brown, his wife; Henry Phillips and wife, given name unknown; Unknown heirs of Henry Phillips; Unknown heirs at law and beneficiaries of James Bowron, deceased; William Moss Bowron, James Bowron and Joseph Bowron, Executors under the will of James Bowron, deceased, and their successors in office; J. Wise Norton and Frances Norton, his wife; Unknown heirs of J. Wise Norton; Marvin F. Scalle and wife, name unknown; Other unknown heirs of Henry Glass; D. V. Hunter;

And all persons whomsoever owning or claiming to own any estate, lien or interest of any kind or character in and to the premises described in the petition in this proceeding.

You will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina, at Statesville, for the condemnation of a certain tract of real estate situate, lying and being in the Township of Old Fort, McDowell County, North Carolina, lying on the waters of Clear Creek, adjoining the lands of Burke Tanning Company, B. E. Grindstaff, and others, containing 275 53 acres, more or less, and now claimed and owned by J. H. Giles and Ida E. Giles, his wife, and N. O. Pitts and Maud F. Pitts, his wife, of Glen Alpine, North Carolina, the same having been selected by the Secretary of Agriculture, with the approval of the National Forest Reservation Commission, and found necessary for the purpose of carrying out an Act of Congress of the United States approved March 1, 1911, being Chapter 156, page 992, Vol. 36, Stat. at Large, as amended by the Act of August 10, 1912 (37 Stat. 362, 366, ch. 254).

And the said non resident defendants and all persons whomsoever owning or claiming to own, any estate, lien or interest of any kind or character in and to the premises described in the petition in this proceeding, defendants named as aforesaid, will further take notice that they are required to appear in the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina, at Statesville, on the 17th day of January, 1916, and answer or demur to the petition or complaint in said proceeding, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said petition.

This notice issued by order of Court, directing that publication be made once a week for six successive weeks in The Marion Progress.

This 4th day of December, 1915.  
J. M. MILLIKAN, Clerk.  
By J. B. GILL, Deputy Clerk  
District Court of the United States, Western District of North Carolina.