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SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF WEEK

New Year's Dance—Rook Club and Camp Fire Girls Entertained—Aid Society Organized.

Miss Sara Troutman entertained the Camp Fire Girls at her home on Morgan street Monday evening. A solo was rendered by Miss Mary Griffin. Games were played and interesting stories were told by "Nantahala", guardian, after which refreshments were served.

Mrs. Wenchel and Mrs. Grayson entertained the Rook Club last Thursday afternoon most pleasantly. After an hour and a half spent in playing the game, the hostesses served a delicious salad course followed by ices and cakes. Mrs. Edgar McCall was elected president of club with Miss Joyce Decker as secretary. Miss Agnes Phifer, of Charlotte, was a guest of the club.

A most enjoyable party was given the children of the primary department of the Methodist church by their teachers last Friday afternoon at the Marianna Hotel. Misses Barnard and Phifer led in the games and story-telling, after which cakes, lemonade and candies were served the little guests. Nearly fifty little people were present to enjoy the occasion.

The ladies of Carson's Chapel Methodist church organized a Ladies Aid Society last Saturday afternoon. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Simpson, president; Miss Maude Elliott, vice-president; Miss Lennie Curtis, treasurer, Miss Delia Gibbs, treasurer. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. L. A. Chapman on Saturday afternoon, January 15. Twenty ladies have already joined the society and an invitation is extended to all the ladies of the community to attend the meetings and become members.

A New Year's Eve dance was given by Will Pless at Viewpoint, the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pless. The guests had arrived by nine-thirty, and from then until midnight dancing was enjoyed. As the clock struck twelve, the guests lined up, the ladies on one side and the gentlemen on the other. Resolutions were handed the young men, the ladies being given duplicates. By matching the resolutions, partners were selected for the delicious refreshments then served in the dining room. Afterwards the dancing was continued, and when good-nights had been said it was after one o'clock.

The floral decorations of the house were enhanced by the beauty of the costumes worn by the young ladies. It was a card dance, and favors were distributed among the guests.

The out-of-town guests were: Misses Edna Harris and Louise Justice of Rutherfordton, Miss Ruth Smith of Hendersonville, and Mr. Frank Mills of Rutherfordton.

Villa a Fugitive.

Conditions in Mexico continue to go Carranza's way. Villa's adherents continue to desert him because of his failing fortunes and at last account he was a fugitive, with a small band of picked followers around him.

McDowell Loses Faithful Servant.

Miss Maud Barnard, who for three years has had charge of the primary and industrial work in the McDowell county schools, left Tuesday for Raleigh to take up work with the B. F. Johnson Publishing Company. Her new work will be chiefly that of traveling and demonstrating books for this company throughout North Carolina.

McDowell County loses in Miss Barnard one of the most useful and faithful servants in educational work in this part of the State. Miss Barnard has won for herself a state and nation-wide reputation since coming to McDowell, and there has never been any one connected with the school system in this county who has done any more for the advancement of education. Her work with the Sewing, Cooking and Corn Clubs has made McDowell county famous throughout North Carolina. Every girl and boy in the county should feel a distinct loss in her resignation.

It is to be hoped, however, that McDowell county will, at a future time, have Miss Barnard back in the same work in which she has been engaged, since it is her purpose to return to supervision work at the close of her contract with the B. F. Johnson Publishing Co. And it is safe to say that no woman in North Carolina would be more welcome back into the borders of this county than Miss Barnard.

Board of Trade Notes.

The directors of the Board of Trade were in session last Tuesday night and considered the following matters as reported by the Secretary:

1. Outside parties have made a definite proposition to invest \$100,000 or more in a cotton mill, provided the citizens of Marion subscribe \$50,000. The parties making this offer are known to many of our business men to be thoroughly reliable.

2. A party in West Virginia wishes to establish an up-to-date brick plant in Marion, provided 50% of the capital can be raised in Marion. Parties wishing to invest in such a plant should communicate with the Board of Trade at once; also parties having suitable sites for such a plant should communicate with the Board of Trade.

3. A large spoke and handle factory in Missouri desires to come to Marion, provided some local capital can be raised.

4. A party in New York State desires to buy a small tract of land with some timber on it, with a view of converting it into a stock farm.

There is no doubt but that the Board of Trade has success in interesting numerous investors in the many advantages Marion has to offer but experience has proved that it is necessary to secure some local capital in order to bring such industries here. Now if any citizen has any capital to invest, or can do anything to bring about the establishment of such industries, he should communicate with the Board of Trade at once.

Preliminary arrangements were made at this meeting for the annual meeting to be held on February 15. It is hoped that arrangements can be made to have a man of high reputation address the members on this occasion.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

WOODLAWN

Woodlawn, Jan. 3.—J. B. Ward is having a modern sized dwelling house put up on his farm in the upper end of the cove. B. M. Denny is contractor.

J. C. Tate spent New Year's day with homefolks near Marion.

The inclement weather for the past month has stopped the farmers from their fall and winter breaking for next year's crops.

The Presbyterian Sunday school at Sevier gave a Christmas tree the night before Christmas, which proved to be a very enjoyable occasion.

The work on the new Baptist church is progressing nicely.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Brown, December 26th, a daughter.

The approaches to the new bridge across Armstrong, near Woodlawn, have been recently put in. This bridge is a great convenience to the community and a structure that all good road lovers are proud of.

Finley Green has a modern sized barn under way of construction on the Greenlee place.

Miss Anna Brinkley, who has been teaching in Mitchell county, is at home to spend the winter.

A. N. Dale and family spent the holidays with friends and relatives near Morganton.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hicks are spending a few days with homefolks. Mr. Hicks has been employed at Clear Creek, Va., for the past two months.

Miss Louise Brown spent the holidays with homefolks at Ashford.

Miss Bell Hunter spent the holidays with friends and relatives at Nebo.

Come along, correspondents, and let's make 1916 a red letter year for The Progress. Let us do our part.

DYSARTVILLE

Dysartville, Jan. 3.—The holiday season passed quietly though seemingly pleasant at Dysartville. A good number of social affairs were participated in by the younger set.

James Goforth, who has been at Woodlawn for some time, spent Christmas with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. James Laughridge and children of Marion are visiting relatives here.

Misses Maggie and Mary Kirksey visited relatives in Morganton last week.

Misses Evelyn Gettys and Dottie Dysart of Bridgewater visited friends here the latter part of the week.

J. Sam Upton of Spencer paid a short visit to homefolks and friends here during the holidays.

Clyde Satterwhite, a former Dysartville boy, but now employed in work near Charlotte, spent a few days with relatives and friends here last week.

J. F. Parker spent part of the holiday week with homefolks near Old Fort.

John Cooper had the misfortune to get his house and its contents burned Dec. 28th.

Mrs. Jas. Gibson and little son of Old Fort are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Parker.

The Christmas entertainment given by Dysartville High School on the evening of Dec. 23rd, was a great success financially as well as socially. The program was well rendered, showing much talent and careful training. It was enjoyed by a good sized, appreciative audience.

The Dysartville boys and girls home from school for the holidays have returned: Miss Lona Goforth and Crawford Landis to Nebo, and Lawrence Cowan to Union Mills.

NEBO

Nebo, Jan. 3.—Rev. Bradshaw closed a very successful meeting here Sunday night. Each service was well attended considering the weather. We feel that Nebo has been much benefitted by the many good sermons that were preached by Mr. Bradshaw while he was here.

Among the teachers who spent the holidays with homefolks were: Misses Iowa, Cheley and Tracy Sigmon, Hattie Taylor, Estelle Wilson, Faye Padgett and Belle Hunter and Messrs. Tom

Stacy and Berry Hunter, and among the college students were Misses Maggie Taylor and Ruth Hunter and Everett Padgett.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hemphill spent a few days last week with relatives near Hickory.

F. N. Sigmon of Pasco, Wash., is visiting his uncle, M. C. Sigmon.

Nebo High School has reopened for the spring term and several new students have already been enrolled.

Mrs. D. R. Archer, of Greensboro, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hunter.

J. L. Mann and family of Clarksburg, W. Va., spent part of the Christmas holidays with his brother, Rev. M. W. Mann, at Nebo. Mr. Mann is a real estate dealer of Clarksburg, and is also manager of the Monticello Automobile & Garage Co. of that place.

BETHLEHEM

Old Fort, Dec. 30.—There were two weddings here during the holidays. On Thursday evening, the 23rd, Mr. Jesse Lackey and Miss Edna Hogan were united in marriage at the residence of George Lackey. The ceremony was performed by Esq. J. C. Sandlin and was witnessed by a number of friends.

Early Christmas morning P. A. Gilliland and Rosa Lee Gibson, daughter of J. H. Gibson, were quietly married at the bride's home, Rev. J. P. Bennett officiating.

The Bethlehem school closed on the 24th. The pupils were given a treat by their teacher, Miss Effie Cannon.

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Dec. 31.—On Christmas day at 1 o'clock Miss Maggie Sue Hensley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Hensley, became the bride of Mr. Vernon W. Moore, of the Piedmont Directory Co., Rev. J. P. Bennett officiating. The wedding was a quiet home affair at the bride's home about 1½ miles southwest of Old Fort. A few relatives and friends were present. Following the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was served. After spending a few days with homefolks Mr. and Mrs. Moore will visit relatives in Knoxville, Tenn.

Engene Beach has rented his home southwest of town to John Patton and has moved to a farm nine miles south of Charlotte.

Butt-Lewis.

A wedding of interest to the people of this county took place in Asheville on the evening of December 27th, at the Langren hotel, when Miss Cora Lou Butt of this place and Mr. Bruce H. Lewis of Scotland Neck, N. C., were united in marriage, Dr. Calvin B. Waller, pastor of the first Baptist church, performing the ceremony.

Miss Butt needs no introduction to the people of McDowell county where she has for the past few years proven invaluable service in our corps of teachers.

Mr. Lewis, formerly a traveling salesman, but now principal of the graded school at Liberty, N. C., is a young man of sterling qualities and high aspirations.

After spending a few days in Asheville, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis will go to Liberty where he will resume his work.

Many friends join in wishing them many years of health, prosperity and happiness.

Haire-Ellington.

Dysartville, Jan. 1.—Mr. H. Clarence Haire of Iredell county Miss Dessie Ellington of Dysartville were joined in wedlock at the home of J. R. Denton on December 22, Rev. Mr. Denton officiating. The wedding was a quiet affair, those present being J. W. Jarrett and E. P. Denton. Immediately after the ceremony and congratulations, the happy couple left for Statesville via Marion.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Grace Smith, a Surry county negro, alleged to be 120 years old, died a few days ago.

Lagrippe is epidemic in many Northern and Western cities and there are so many deaths the situation is serious.

Will Domel of the Flat Creek section of Buncombe county was shot and killed Saturday when a gun held by Elbert Weaver was accidentally discharged.

Willis K. King, supposed to be Wake county's oldest citizen, died Monday at his home near Raleigh, at the age of 103. Until last week he had been in almost perfect health.

A baby boy, apparently but a few weeks old, was found on the steps of H. G. Lippard's home at Woodleaf, Rowan county, Sunday night. No clue except a strange woman was seen in the neighborhood.

John L. Sparks committed suicide at Ellenboro, Rutherford county, Christmas morning, by shooting himself through the head with a pistol he had borrowed from a negro. He told the negro he wanted the pistol to go hunting. Cause of the deed unknown. Sparks was 37 years old and is survived by his wife and a son.

Library Adds New Books.

The following list of new books has been placed upon the shelves of the Ladies Library: The Turmoil, by Booth Tarkington; Michael O'Halloran, by Gene S. Porter; The Rainbow Trail, Zane Grey; The Foolish Virgin, Thos. Dixon; Angela's Business, Henry S. Harrison; The County Citizens, Corra Harris; The Freelanders, John Galsworthy; Saturday's Child, Kathleen Norris; Heart of the Sunset, Rex Beach; House of Happiness, Kate L. Boshier; The Plow Woman, Eleanor Gates; T. Tembarom, Frances H. Burnett; Betty Zane, Zane Grey; A Man and His Money.

The library is open every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon, from three to five o'clock.

County School Board Meets.

The County Board of Education was in regular session Monday, and transacted chiefly routine business, there being no matters of special importance to come before the Board. The regular apportionments of the various schools of the county were made and will be made public this month. The per teacher apportionment this year will be \$32.50, a slight increase over last year.

It was ordered that \$1,500.00 be appropriated for building new school houses.

The following committeemen were appointed to fill vacancies made since the last meeting: J. H. Owenby, Dome; M. M. Elliott, Stone Mountain; W. C. Nesbit, Flat Creek; W. J. Bowman, Nebo.

Al. Ringling, 66 years old, and one of the Ringling Bros., circus owners, died Saturday at Baraboo, Wis., the winter quarters of the show.