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MARION SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Miss Sinclair's Engagement Announced—Club Meetings During the Week.

Mrs. Geo. I. White entertained in a most unique and charming manner on last Saturday afternoon for her sister, Miss Julia Sinclair, and her attractive house guest, Miss Blanche Hicks, of Henderson. The guests were met at the door by a witch, who rode upon a broom and invited them into the parlor, dimly lighted with red lanterns and autumn leaves. Here they were enlivened by three spooks, who introduced amusing pranks typical of Hallowe'en. A spook announced luncheon by a loud bugle call. The doors were thrown open and the guests followed the ghost into the dining room. The table was lavishly decorated with black cats, witches, bats and pumpkins. The centerpiece was a huge basket made of a pumpkin filled with fruit and nuts. The place cards were hand-painted scenes suggestive of the season. An elaborate six-course luncheon was served. The menu was a guessing contest: "Witches brew", hot bouillon; "black cat stew", escalloped oysters; "compound magic", fruit and nut salad; "frozen fates", ice cream; "devil's food", chocolate cake; "cats eyes", and bats wings, grapes and figs; "moon faces and Hallowe'en nectar", cakes and cider.

At the close, each guest was asked to read the verse on her menu card, Miss Sinclair's coming last:

"When this weird clock at midnight
In silence strikes the hour
You pull the dangling cat and bat
And start the grab-bag shower."

Then pulling the ribbon from the improvised clock suspended from the chandelier, she showered the guests with tiny cards bearing the announcement:

Mr. Henry Clay Kearns, Jr.
Miss Julia Laura Sinclair
December 1916

Miss Sinclair has, for the past year, made her home with her brother, Major L. C. Sinclair of High Point. Mr. Kearns is one of High Point's most progressive young business men.

Mrs. E. A. Thomas was hostess to the Twentieth Century Club on Friday. Subject for afternoon was "Travel in America." About fifteen members answered to roll call with account of some place of interest visited. Miss Decker's paper on "Scenic Grandeur of America" was excellent. Mrs. W. W. Neal contributed "A Trip through Yellowstone Park" in a most interesting way. Mrs. Conniffe was elected a new member. At the close of the meeting, an ice course was served.

Mrs. P. A. Reid was hostess to the Book Club Wednesday afternoon. Officers for the year were elected as follows: Miss Joyce Decker, president; Mrs. H. F. Little, secretary. After the business meeting refreshments were served.

The Sans Souci Club was entertained last week by Mrs. Hugh F. Little. The invited guests for the afternoon were Mesdames Waitt, Beaman and White and Miss Mary Gordon Greenlee.

Page Makes Strong Speech.

Congressman R. N. Page made a strong and comprehensive address on political issues at the court house here Monday night. He was introduced by Mr. D. E. Hudgins and spoke about one hour and forty minutes. In a most forceful manner he presented the claims of Democracy for a continuance of power, and outlined and discussed ably the achievements of the present administration. He gave a splendid recital of the benefits which have accrued to the nation especially on account of the federal reserve banking loan law and similar enactments. Speaking of the federal reserve loan law, Mr. Page said that if the Democratic Congress had done nothing but passed this law, it would be entitled to the votes of the people. He explained the bill in a manner so plain as to be readily understood by all.

He listed many wise moves made by the Democrats in the State and said that under Democrats the spending of large sums of money had been wise, economical and not extravagant, and that the Republican campaign was one of petty fault finding.

Concluding his speech he appealed to the voters to support Zeb Weaver for congress that he may stand by President Wilson in the furtherance of his policies for the continued peace and prosperity of the country.

This was Mr. Page's first visit here and he made a splendid impression among the people by reason of the able speech he made, which was pitched along a high plane. He was listened to by a large and attentive audience and his remarks were heartily applauded.

Governor Craig, Travis and Gallert Here Saturday.

Governor Craig and Hon. E. L. Travis, chairman of the Corporation Commission, will address the voters of McDowell at the court house in Marion next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Everybody will be delighted to hear the governor regardless of party and all have a cordial invitation. Mr. Travis is also a splendid speaker and will have something to say that will interest every voter. Men and women are urged to attend the speaking and hear these distinguished speakers discuss the issues of the day.

A great rally meeting of the Democratic Club is also planned for Saturday night. Hon. Solomon Gallert of Rutherfordton will be the speaker for the evening and an enthusiastic meeting is expected. Let every Democrat be present.

A Statement to Voters.

For Treasurer on the Democratic county ballot appears the name of Millard F. Poteat, which should have read Millard G. Poteat. A large portion of the tickets had been distributed when attention was called to the error, due to a misunderstanding of the chairman, so it has been agreed by Mr. Hawkins and others that there will be no contest on this point but that tickets will be counted as printed. Therefore, it will not be necessary to alter the initials of Mr. Poteat but the tickets will be voted as printed.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

GARDEN CITY

Garden City, Oct. 19.—The school here is doing good work. The enrollment is now 100.

Rev. and Mrs. Simpson and daughter of Marion were the guests of George Chapman and H. A. Gibbs and family Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Dora Gibbs, who is teaching at Stroudtown, and Miss Delia Gibbs, who is teaching at Hankins, were home for the week-end.

Miss Rena Jameson, who is in school at Marion, spent the week-end with her parents here.

Mrs. D. T. Harris of Marion is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jameson.

Carson Gorman of Salisbury has returned home after a visit to his grandmother, Mrs. Kate Gowan.

Fred Bradley Walter Nichols of Old Fort and Miss Annie Gibson, who is teaching here, motored to Fonta Flora Sunday.

There will be a Hallowe'en entertainment at the school house here on October 31st. Refreshments will be served and the proceeds will go to the benefit of the school. Everybody invited.

THOMPSON'S FORK.

Thompson's Fork, Oct. 23.—Odos Herndon of Charlotte was a business visitor here Friday.

W. R. Baily of Marion was a visitor here one day last week.

Ferman Simmons spent Saturday in Glenwood.

Thomas Cuthbertson and A. J. Simmons made a business trip to Glenwood last Friday.

Mrs. John Cuthbertson is visiting relatives at Morganton.

Ben Hemphill of North Fork spent several days here last week.

Bill Toney visited relatives at Harmony Grove, Sunday.

Misses Bertha Dixon and Hettie Crawley visited relatives and friends here the latter part of last week.

Misses Annie Bowman and Rosa Holland were visitors here Sunday.

W. C. Janes was in Marion one day last week.

Miss Bell Hunter and Mr. Jay Ballew were married at the Methodist parsonage in Nebo last Thursday, Rev. M. W. Mann officiating. Their many friends wish for them a long and happy life.

Carelessness as to Humane Laws.

We call attention to the following section of the Humane laws of the state, as covering a class of subjects about which we easily become careless:

"If any person shall wilfully overdrive, overload, wound, injure, torture, torment, deprive of necessary sustenance, or cruelly beat, or needlessly mutilate or kill or cause or procure to be overdriven, overloaded, wounded, injured, tortured, or deprived of necessary sustenance, or to be cruelly beaten, needlessly mutilated, or killed as aforesaid, any useful beast, fowl, or animal, every such offender shall for every such offense be guilty of a misdemeanor."

It will be seen that this covers, among other things, not only the larger operations of the slaughter houses, but the methods employed in the occasional necessary killing of domestic pets, and especially the killing of fowls for the private and public table.

Democratic Speakings.

Gov. Locke Craig is scheduled to speak at Marion on Saturday, October 28, at 2 o'clock.

Hon. Lee S. Overman, United States Senator, will also speak at Marion on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 2 o'clock.

Young Farmer Goes Crazy Over Religion.

Rutherfordton, Oct. 21.—George M. Self, a young farmer of the Ellenboro section, was brought to jail today in a crazed condition. The examining physician says that religious mania is the cause of loss of reason. Mr. Self, who is married, 28 years old, healthy and prosperous, has been attending several religious meetings this Summer where the pressure was high.

Self became possessed of the idea that he had committed an unpardonable sin and a few weeks ago went in the night to the top of Cherry Mountain, near his home, and preached for several hours. On the way to the court today in company with Dr. and other attendants he desired to baptize himself in Broad River. When denied he became violent and came into town with four men holding him.

Dormitory of Girls School is Destroyed.

Rutherfordton, Oct. 21.—While the students were all in adjoining building attending a literary society meeting the girls' dormitory of Round Hill Academy at Union Mills, near here, was destroyed by fire that started from some of the stoves used to heat the students rooms. Twenty students and the teachers lost all of their belongings. Only the piano in the parlor downstairs was saved.

The building was unattended by the girl students of the Baptist school and their teachers. The loss will reach \$7,500 with \$1,500 insurance.

Rev. J. E. Hoyle is principal of the school, which belongs to Sandy Run Baptist Association.

Sallie Bryson is Given 20 Years.

Asheville, Oct. 21.—Sallie Bryson, the fourteen-year-old girl who killed her mother in Jackson county and who plead guilty to a charge of murder in the second degree, was sentenced today to serve twenty years in the penitentiary. Judge W. F. Harding, who has been sitting on the case of her father, Robert Bryson, will have a copy of the evidence in the case written up and sent to the Governor, asking that Sallie Bryson be examined by a board of specialists to determine whether she is insane or abnormal in any respect. He will ask in case the girl is found mentally deficient, that she be given treatment and an immediate pardon, but that if she is sane that she serve her full sentence.

Candidates Speak at Marion.

The county candidates are making the regular joint campaign over the county this week. They fulfilled their engagement at Marion on Wednesday, Messrs. Flack and Lisenbee doing most of the speaking.

Mr. Flack pledged himself to represent the wishes of the people of McDowell County if elected, and defended his past record as county commissioner.

Mr. Lisenbee spent some time in making humorous remarks about his opponent, attacking his record as county commissioner. Mr. Lisenbee pledged himself to aid in securing free school books for children and advocated the election of the County Board of Education by popular vote.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The Western North Carolina Methodist Conference will meet in Gastonia from November 23 to 28. It is expected 400 will be in attendance.

The regular October term of the United States district court at Salisbury has been adjourned from October 23 to October 30, and the Statesville court already adjourned to said date is consolidated with said court and both terms will be held at Salisbury at 11 o'clock on the 30th.

Detective S. H. White of Rock Hill, arrested Evans Crow alias Luther Brown, in King's Mountain Sunday morning on the charge of wife desertion. Crow, alias Brown is wanted at Toccoa, Ga., on the wife abandonment charge and is believed to be wanted on other charges. He has been living in King's Mountain several years with a woman whom he claimed to be his wife and lately has been employed by J. J. Ray, a restaurant man of King's Mountain.—Yorkville Enquirer.

Scarlet Fever—Danger of Contagion.

Many schools in different sections of the State have been forced to suspend work on account of the appearance of scarlet fever in severe form.

There were nearly twice as many deaths in 1915 from this disease in North Carolina as from infantile paralysis—that is, reported cases. The great majority of fatalities from scarlet fever are reported as nephritis (Bright's Disease.)

Scarlet fever is always serious. Even when a little patient recovers from an attack of the disease itself, the complications which often follow may cause lasting damage to different parts of the body. Some of the worst forms of deafness result from an attack of scarlet fever. Many serious cases of heart disease result directly from an attack of scarlet fever. The kidney complications are frequent and, besides doing permanent damage, cause death in a large percentage of cases.

Every case of scarlet fever is evidence of negligence on the part of someone in caring for a previous case, because the only known source of the disease is a scarlet fever patient, from whom the germ passes in some way and again sets up an attack in a susceptible person.

One of the most important things for people to know about scarlet fever is that even the mild cases are exceedingly dangerous. Often a mild attack is followed by some fatal complication. This is especially true of that involving the kidneys.

Remember that not only is the disease always dangerous, but easily given to others. A child not sick enough to go to bed may give the disease to another in fatal form.

There will be a box supper at the Stroudtown school house, Saturday night, October 28. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited to attend.