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"PLANTING DAY" APRIL 5

Governor Bickett Issues Proclamation to People of State—Urges Mayors to Act.

Raleigh, March 18.—"Planting day" is established for North Carolina through a proclamation issued by Governor Bickett, the first for the Bickett administration, the call being for the people in the towns to meet on that day and launch movements for seeing to it that all vacant lots are planted and the farmers to spread and observe the injunction to plant abundantly of feed and food crops. The proclamation says that "conditions which now confront us appeal for activity on our part with peculiar and compelling power."

"The world war has drawn to the battle line millions of those who in times of peace 'went forth to sow.' China and the United States are about to swell the legions who fight and must be fed."

"From the south the boll weevil is marching on North Carolina."

"The amended crop law was framed to give the small farmer a decent chance to escape from a credit system that levies upon the right to live and labor a most heavy tribute but long profits will no longer tempt him to take long chances. He will wisely and justly insist that the farmer must produce his own meat and meal and when he has done this, he will find no difficulty in obtaining the other necessary supplies and these things make a substantial increase in our food and food crops essential to our self-preservation."

"The proclamation calls on all mayors of incorporated towns to call the people together and to devise and put into execution practical ways and means of having every vacant lot in and adjacent to the town planted to grain or grass, peas or potatoes."

"All farmers organizations of every kind to meet and counsel their members to heavily increase the food and feed crops this year."

"All landlords to insist that their tenants shall plant food and feed crops ample for the sustenance of their families and their livestock."

"All merchants and bankers to counsel their customers who are engaged in farming to increase the acreage planted to food and feed crops to such an extent that it will be unnecessary for them to purchase any food supplies next year."

In conclusion the governor says:

"The times are troublous, no man can say what an hour may bring forth, but if we shall act with prudence and diligence, the meal will waste not nor will the oil fail."

Adamson Law Constitutional.

Washington, March 19.—The Adamson eight-hour railroad law was held constitutional and valid in all respects by the supreme court today.

The decision makes eight hours the standard of a day's work for railroad employes and ratifies the increased pay awarded them by congress.

The immediate effect of the decision concerns 400,000 men and will give them back pay amounting to between \$48,000,000 and \$60,000,000.

County Commencement Program.

The following program has been announced for county commencement at Marion Saturday, March 31st:

19:30 a. m.—Parade of floats and school children.

March—Marion Graded School and all county schools now in session with banners.

11:00 a. m.—Recitation and declamation contest by boys and girls below 8th grade, at graded school.

12:30 to 1:00—Dinner hour.

1:30 p. m.—Address.

2:30 p. m.—Athletic games for boys; rhythmic games for girls.

All day exhibit of work in the court house.

8:00 p. m.—Debate at graded school. Query: "Resolved, that the State of North Carolina should grant the right of suffrage to women." Declamation and recitation contest. Music. (Program furnished by high school students of the county schools.)

On Saturday, March 24, first and second grade pupils will be tested in reading at the superintendent's office, all day. On the same day oil work for exhibit is to be handed in.

Best progress in reading, first grade, a book; second grade, book. Best progress in writing, first grade, set of pencils; second grade, school stationery. Third and fourth grade recitation, book of poetry. Third and fourth grade Language exhibit, a book. Fifth and sixth grade composition (Conservation of our Forests), set of books. Fifth and sixth grade composition (Conservation of our Native Birds), fountain pen. Best recitations and declamations, fifth and sixth grades, also high school, medals. Best essay on Ideal Rural Life in McDowell, by girl, subscription to Woman's Home Companion; by boy, subscription to Progressive Farmer. Successful examination for high school, certificate. Perfect attendance and punctuality, books. School having best average attendance for year, Young Folks' Encyclopaedia. Best school float, picture. Vehicle bringing largest number of children to town, \$10; next largest, \$5. For exhibits of work, blue ribbons.

Social Affairs.

The Embroidery Club was entertained by Mrs. T. J. Halliburton and Mrs. Gruber last Friday afternoon. After an hour of conversation and needle work, several beautiful selections on the piano and violin were rendered by Mrs. Halliburton and Prof. Gruber. At the close of the meeting delightful refreshments were served.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. J. W. Pless was hostess to the Sans Souci club. Baskets of daffodils added to the attractiveness of the living room where the games were played. In the dining room, where the guests were seated at a long table, the tasteful decorations suggested the nearness of St. Patrick's Day. Places were designated by cards held in the mouths of small green birds, airily perched on the edges of the glasses. The favors were small clay pipes tied with green satin ribbon, and white baskets filled with green candies. An elaborate course luncheon was served. An enjoyable feature of the afternoon was the reading by each guest of an Irish Witticism.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

CLINCHFIELD COTTON MILL.

Marion, March 19.—W. A. Vess and family have moved to the Clinchfield mill village.

Miss Beatrice Simmons spent Sunday and Monday with her sister at Gilkey.

C. C. Wilson spent last Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Blacksburg, S. C.

Claud Queen, son of W. S. Queen, died at his home here last Friday night. The body was sent to High Shoals for interment.

A series of meetings was begun at the Baptist church here Sunday. We hope to have the co-operation of the entire community.

THOMPSON'S FORK.

Thompson's Fork, March 19.—Mrs. Ivey Gibbs visited homefolks near Harmony Grove yesterday.

Mrs. J. C. Hemphill, who has been on the sick list, is improving.

Miss Mary Lou McNeely of Morganton visited homefolks here last week.

Ham McNeely of Marion visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. June Tate is visiting relatives at Nebo.

Robert and Carl McNeely attended the debate at Harmony Grove Wednesday evening.

Thompson's Fork String band will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cuthbertson next Saturday evening.

Andy Simmons made a business trip to Morganton today.

Farmers are putting in every day the weather will permit preparing for another crop. It behooves all the people to put in every available acre and raise all the foodstuff possible.

New Modern School Building for Clinchfield Mill Village.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Clinchfield Manufacturing company held at the office of the company on Wednesday, March 14, the board approved and authorized the erection of a modern brick school building for the proper housing and schooling of the children in the eighth district.

The company is to furnish the land and building complete at its own expense, and the plans will call for a modern building and equipment in every respect, including steam heat, auditorium, library and gymnasium. Cooking and domestic science rooms will also be provided.

By the next school term this mill village will probably need accommodations for around three to four hundred scholars, and carrying out the progressive policy of the management of the Clinchfield company nothing will be left undone to make the building and equipment second to none in the state.

Hugh F. Little, assistant treasurer, and County Superintendent Byron Conley were appointed to select the site for the building and grounds and approve plans for the structure.

Ashland Moore, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Moore, of Old Fort, died Tuesday morning, the 13th, following an attack of meningitis. Before his sickness young Moore was in the employ of the Consolidated Engineering company and was well known in this section of the state. The body was shipped to Thomasville, the former home of the family, where interment was made.

Bring in or phone your news items to The Progress office.

One Killed and Two Injured in Accident at Hickory.

Hickory, Mar. 18.—C. S. Ward, local manager of the Chero-Cola plant here was almost instantly killed and Misses Pearl Frazier and Beatrice Sigmon were injured, Miss Frazier seriously, when an automobile driven by Mr. Ward was struck by Southern railway westbound passenger train No. 21 at Longview this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mr. Ward died in five minutes. His home was at Columbus, Ga., and he came here six months ago as manager for the Chero-Cola plant. He was 38 years old, a widower and is survived by one son, Herchel.

The automobile was headed for Hickory, when the accident occurred. The highway runs parallel with the railroad and Mr. Ward had backed up on the railroad track, it was said, to make the turn. A blustering wind deadened the sound or the shrieks of the locomotive and he did not hear the warning.

The machine, a Buick roadster, was completely smashed and the oil tank and parts of the equipment thrown several yards. The locomotive hit the rear end of the auto and the impact broke Mr. Ward's neck. He was not badly mangled. Physicians who are attending them say the young ladies will recover.

Railroad Strike Called Off.

New York, March 19.—The railroad strike has been averted. Yielding to the appeal of President Wilson and facing the probability of this country's entrance into the world war, the railroads early today granted the demands of the brotherhoods for a basic eight-hour day. The telegraph wires today are carrying orders from the brotherhoods recalling the strike.

The decision is regarded as a complete surrender to the brotherhoods, brought about, however, after the patriotism of the railroad managers had been brought to the test. The president's mediators, playing what they considered their trump card, were not successful in this mission until after 56 hours.

By the terms of the settlement the combined salary list of two railroads will be increased approximately \$60,000,000 a year.

Conferences will be held here between the managers and the brotherhood chiefs to decide a basis for back pay as the new agreement is to be retroactive beginning January 1. It is estimated unofficially that the men have coming to them between \$12,000,000 and \$15,000,000.

Farm Loan Association Now Ready for Business.

The Marion National Farm Loan Association is now ready for business. All members are requested to call at the office of the secretary and treasurer and complete applications for loan and sign same in the presence of the secretary. Farmers that did not become members when the association was organized are also solicited to call on the secretary and make application for a loan and become members of the association. The office of the secretary is in the rear of the First National Bank building.

G. W. GILES, Sec. & Treas.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Dates for the Catawba county fair at Hickory this year are September 25-28.

Secretary of War Baker will deliver the commencement address at the University this year.

A fuel famine in Morganton has become so serious that the public schools have been ordered closed until the famine is broken or the weather grows warmer.

Sudden Death of L. A. Chapman.

Mr. Lee A. Chapman, one of McDowell county's oldest and most prominent citizens, died Monday night at his home on Buck Creek near Garden City, his death being due to heart failure. On the day prior to his death he journeyed to Marion apparently in good health but died shortly after reaching his home.

Mr. Chapman was 76 years of age, having been born in Burke county. He served four years in the Confederate army, returning to McDowell county after the close of the war where he has resided until his death. He was twice married, first to Mary Ann Bailey, and second to Mattie Holland, who with five children survive. They are R. C. Chapman, Santa Rosa, Cal.; R. E. Chapman, Cannon City, Col.; G. W. and F. J. Chapman and Mrs. R. H. Bomar, of Marion.

Mr. Chapman took considerable interest in the political life of his county and was twice elected county commissioner. He was a member and steward of Carson's Chapel Methodist church. In his death McDowell county loses a valuable citizen who will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends.

The funeral services were conducted from the home Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. Parker Homes and Rev. J. P. Morris, and interment made at Providence.

Notice of Summons.

North Carolina, } In the Superior Court
McDowell County } Before the Clerk.
W. G. Hunter, Administrator of J. W. Bailey, deceased,

vs
Manley T. Bailey and others, heirs at law of J. W. Bailey, deceased.
To Mary White Bailey, a minor; Hugh Alvin Bailey, a minor; Thaddeus Bailey and wife, ———— Bailey; Mattie Bailey; Florence Reeves and husband, Aoy Reeves; Nettie Ellis and husband, Toba Ellis; Julia Addison and husband, George Addison; Rebecca Whetstone, a minor; Tom Whetstone and wife, ———— Whetstone, and T. Hobson Whetstone, a minor; of defendants:

You and each of you will take notice that a Special Proceeding entitled as above has been instituted in the Superior Court of McDowell County, N. C. before the Clerk, for the purpose of selling land to make assets to pay debts of the estate of J. W. Bailey, deceased, and relates to a fund of One thousand \$(1000.00) Dollars in the hands of Thomas Morris, Clerk of Superior Court of McDowell County, held as real estate of J. W. Bailey, deceased, and to the lands of which J. W. Bailey, deceased, died seized of in McDowell County.

You will further take notice that you are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of said county of McDowell on the 13th day of April, 1917, and answer the petition or complaint, a copy of which will be deposited in the office of the said Clerk of said county within ten days from the date of this summons; and you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer as required to do, the petitioner will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the petition.

Of this notice you will take due heed. Given under my hand this 19th day of March, 1917.

THOS. MORRIS,
Clerk of Superior Court.
Pless & Winborne, Att'ys for petitioner.