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## THE COUNTY REGISTRARS

June 5th Registration Day for Selective Draft—Men Appointed to Enroll Names.

Pursuant to instructions from Governor Bickett, following the proclamation of the President of the United States under the selective draft bill, the County Board of Registration in McDowell County, composed of Sheriff J. A. Laughridge, Clerk of Court Thomas Morris and Dr. J. F. Jonas, county physician, have appointed the following registrars for the registration to be held on June 5th, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m.:

Marion No. 1, Julius Parker, T. L. Epley; Marion No. 2, Oscar Atkins; Clinchfield Mill, Lester Morris; Marion Mill, S. L. Copeland; Glenwood, A. R. Bird; Buck Creek, D. A. Snipes; Turkey Cove, J. Y. Hicks; North Cove, C. A. McCall; Cedar Cove, J. C. Connelly; Nebo, Frank Wilson; Dysartsville, W. B. Daves; Bracketts, Miles P. Flack; Montford's Cove, W. M. Wilson; Old Fort, F. M. Bradley and J. N. Nesbitt; Crooked Creek, W. G. Noblett; Broad River, T. B. Ledbetter; Higgins, C. B. Morgan.

### FACTS ABOUT REGISTRATION.

These registrars will be furnished with a list of the questions to be answered and every man who has attained the age of 21 and who has not attained the age of 31 on the 5th day of June 1917 will be required to register and answer these questions. Everyone subject to registration is requested to study these questions carefully and answer them correctly. Both white and colored people are subject to registration. No man within the above age limit is exempt from registration. The question of exemption is determined later. Registration will take place at the usual voting place in each precinct unless otherwise designated above and will last for only one day. If any man is sick and unable to attend the registration, he is required to register by agent. If any man is absent from his regular voting place he is required to apply to the Clerk of the Superior Court for registration so that his card may be forwarded to and reach his regular voting place by the day of the registration. As each man registers a registration certificate will be given to him.

The law provides that any man who fails to register shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to one year in jail and then registered. It further provides if any false statement is made for the purpose of obtaining exemption or to aid another in obtaining exemption, such person shall be guilty of misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be sentenced to jail for one year.

We state these penalties so that no man in McDowell County shall be unaware of the seriousness of his duty to register.

The questions to be answered are as follows:

1. Name in full. Age in years.
2. Home address.
3. Date of birth.
4. Are you (1) a natural-born citizen; (2) a naturalized citizen; (3) an alien; (4) or have you declared your intention to become a citizen? (Specify which.)
5. Where were you born?
6. If not

a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? 7. What is your present trade, occupation, or office? 8. By whom employed? Where employed? 9. Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12 solely dependent upon you for support (specify which)? 10. Married or single (which)? Race (specify which)? 11. What military service have you had? Rank? Branch? Years? Nation or State? 12. Do you claim exemption from draft? Specify grounds.

Explanations as to the manner of answering these questions may be obtained from any of the registrars or the undersigned.

Registration Board of McDowell County.

J. A. Laughridge, Sheriff.  
J. F. Jonas, County Physician.  
Thos. Morris, Clerk Superior Court

## Successful Closing of Old Fort Graded School.

Old Fort, May 22.—The commencement exercises at the graded school auditorium Friday evening were well attended and great interest was shown in every part of the program. The final contestants for the declaimer's medal were Sidney Mauney and Harry Burgin. The medal was awarded to Mauney.

Those taking part in the contest for medal for best recitation were Emma Allison, Bula Kanipe and Thelma Graham. The medal was won by Miss Kanipe.

A fountain pen was awarded Willie Kanipe for the best composition on the subject: "How Our School Prepares for Good Citizenship." This was read by Horace Early. Bula Kanipe was awarded an aluminum percolator for the best work in domestic science. Cassie Burgin was presented with a certificate of award for being neither tardy nor absent during the year.

A feature of the program was Willie Kanipe's graduating essay entitled "Old Fort Twenty Years from Now."

Rev. Mr. Wadley and Mr. B. L. Lunsford awarded the medals, diplomas, etc., with appropriate words.

Hon. J. J. Britt, of Asheville, delivered the commencement address. Mr. Britt held the close attention of the large audience by both the interest of his subject and his attractive language. He appealed to the nobler feelings of his hearers and assured them that from this testing of national and individual character, both nation and individual would come out stronger as to soul if the crisis but be met with calm and hopeful spirit.

## Big Fire in Atlanta.

Fire in the outlying districts of Atlanta, Monday afternoon, destroyed about 75 blocks. The loss is estimated at two to three million dollars. One person was killed and about 60 injured.

## Farmers' Union Meeting June 2.

The McDowell County Farmers' Union will hold its regular meeting with Belfont Local Union at Belfont school house June 2nd. Two sessions will be held. Public speaking at 11 o'clock, also speaking at night. A full attendance is desired.

L. H. MILLER, Pres.  
C. M. POOL, Sec'y.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

### HARMONY GROVE

Harmony Grove, May 21.—Mrs. Jessie Long spent a few days in Marion last week.

Mrs. F. W. Bradley spent a part of last week with her parents here.

Rev. Jas. Fry of Nebo was a visitor here Saturday.

Misses Zelds and Ruth Yelton are attending the teachers institute in Marion.

Lonnie Toney was a visitor here the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Robert Gettys died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alexander Crawley, Monday morning, May 14, following an illness of several days. The deceased was seventy-three years of age and is survived by five children, five sisters, two brothers and a host of grandchildren, who will miss her. She was a devoted christian and a kind and faithful mother and wife.

Ceph Pyatt, who has been in the Rutherford hospital, returned home today and is improving slowly.

J. W. Jarrett was here one day last week.

### DYSARTVILLE

Dysartsville, May 21.—Z. V. Daves and family have moved to the Satterwhite house near the Methodist church.

Mrs. M. E. Goforth and two sons, John and Ben, spent the week end at the home of J. M. Goforth.

The Memorial Day exercises at the Baptist church yesterday were largely attended and proved a decided success. An interesting program was rendered. Rev. B. B. Harris of Cliffside preached in the morning. Rev. Mr. Drake of Nebo in the afternoon. Both sermons were splendid. Dinner was served at 12 o'clock, followed by singing by the old people in the afternoon. The singing of the old songs by the old people was well worth hearing, too.

H. C. Daves has been in poor health for the past few weeks.

Lona Carswell was taken to the hospital yesterday for an operation for appendicitis.

G. D. Taylor and Rev. Mr. Drake of Nebo spent the week-end here with friends and relatives.

Miss Irene Dysart is here to spend the summer with her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Taylor.

Misses Ruth Cowan and Ruby James of Marion are visiting Miss Lillie Landis.

Miss Maggie Cooper of Nealsville is visiting her parents here this week.

Mrs. Alice Rudisil of Henry has returned home after spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Daves.

### NEBO

Nebo, May 22.—Mrs. Collett Parks and daughter, Mabel, of Linville spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Georgie Sigmon has returned home after having spent two weeks with her sister, Mrs. R. A. Hemphill, at the Southern power camps.

Misses Mamie and Lona Goforth and Wahlee Greene were the guests of Mrs. G. D. Taylor, Saturday and Sunday.

W. A. Beach was in Morganton Saturday on business.

Mrs. Caroline Jimison has returned after an extended visit to relatives in Gastonia, Union Mills and Glenwood.

Rev. T. A. Drake and G. D. Taylor attended the Memorial services at Dysartsville last Sunday.

Mrs. Ed. Tate and daughters, Sue and Margie, of the Southern power camps spent the week-end with relatives here.

A freight wreck occurred on the Southern yard here Monday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock when a string of cars on the side track ran into an eastbound freight train, derailling seven cars. One coal car was turned upside down, several box cars were badly wrecked, and the main line was blocked for several hours. Passenger trains were operated over the side track, however, causing only slight delay. Nobody was hurt.

## Weekly Press Association Holds Interesting Meeting in Marion.

An interesting and profitable meeting of the Western North Carolina Weekly Press Association was held in Marion last Friday and Saturday. Many matters of importance to the association were discussed and resolutions adopted pledging the support of the association in co-operation with the American Red Cross, and promising assistance in the organization of local chapters; and urging North Carolina senators and representatives to vote against the proposed increase in second class postal rates.

During their stay in Marion the members of the association were entertained at the Marianna Hotel and the Hotel McDowell by the Chamber of Commerce. The sessions of the association were held in the parlors of the Hotel McDowell with President Hollowell presiding.

Following the business sessions the members of the association were taken over the town in automobiles, including a visit to the Clinchfield mill. They seemed to be favorably impressed with Marion and expressed themselves as having had a delightful visit here. The association extended a vote of thanks for the entertainment provided by the Chamber of Commerce and Editor Whitten.

The following members were present: Noah M. Hollowell, president, Brevard News; Miss Beatrice Cobb, Morganton News-Herald; Horace Sentelle, Canton Observer; Jesse D. Boone, Mountaineer, Waynesville; Dan Tompkins, Jackson County Journal; E. B. Gilbert, Marshall News-Record; R. L. Sandidge, Jr., Bryson City Times; B. L. Lunsford, Old Fort Sentinel; S. E. Whitten, Marion Progress; L. Edwin Gill, Asheville.

The next meeting of the association will be held in Asheville on June 8 and 9.

## Price-Eplee Marriage.

Nealsville, May 22.—Miss Dora Eplee and Mr. Louis Price were married at the home of the bride's parents at Nealsville last Monday afternoon, the ceremony being performed by Rev. A. B. Mashburn in the presence of a number of friends and relatives. The wedding took place as the clock was striking the hour of twelve. The bride was handsomely gowned in white hand-embroidered voile, and carried a large bunch of carnations.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Eplee and is a graduate of Mars Hill. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruffin Price of Spartanburg, S. C. Mr. Price is studying for the ministry, having been in school at Wake Forest.

After a few days stay here Mr. and Mrs. Price will be at home at Spartanburg.

## Wandered Away from Home.

Chism Erwin, an aged colored man who has been driving for Mr. B. L. Gilkey for a number of years, disappeared Saturday night after meeting the night train at 10:30 o'clock and was not found until Tuesday afternoon, when he was located at the Conley place 8 miles east of Marion and brought to Marion on a lumber wagon. Erwin, who is slightly demented, had lost his way home, it appears, and after wandering about Sunday in the neighborhood of Sevier he had started back to Marion when he was found at the Conley place.

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

A new Baptist church, to cost \$30,000, is being built at Lenoir. Mrs. Uriah Cloyd, aged 89, the oldest living member of the church and blind for many years, laid the first brick.

Lem Hoyle of Rutherfordton is alleged to have boasted that he would go to Washington and kill President Wilson. Probably an idle boast, but it was serious for Hoyle when a government secret service man clapped him in jail.

A "forestry regiment," made up of foresters, practical woodsmen, loggers, portable sawmill operators and others experienced in lumbering operations, for service in France, will, it is announced, be raised immediately. The Forest Service, at the request of the War Department, will prepare plans for the organization and equipment of the force and will aid in securing suitable men. The regiment will farm a unit of the Engineer Corps now being recruited to be sent abroad as soon as it can be organized and equipped.

## More Red Cross Work Needed.

More Red Cross work, more members actually engaged in the preparation of ministering to the wounded in war and the sick and needy in time of peace is recognized by our greatest statesmen and the heads of our nation as one of the country's greatest needs. It is a work in which all people can take a part. It does not stop at age, sex, race, religion or personality. It is the Good Samaritan to all folks in their darkest hour—the greatest humanitarian society in the world. Wherever there's a flood, a great fire, an earthquake or a war, and relief must be given quickly, ably and by soothing hands, the Red Cross is there.

America's part in the Red Cross work of the world has heretofore been small. Her membership has been about 250,000, or less than one out of 400 people, while one out of every 20 people in Japan and one out of every 60 in Germany is a member of the Red Cross. America's opportunity is at hand. Millions of her patriotic men, women and children will embrace this beneficent work and make possible the country's ability to care for her needy and suffering.

In time of war, the Red Cross cares for the sick and wounded men of the army and navy at the war base. It provides for soldiers' and sailors' families. It secures employment for men disabled in the service of our country. In times of peace it relieves distress caused by disaster to cities, towns and villages. It offers to various classes of people instruction in the means of preventing accidents and disease and rendering first aid to the injured. Members are not expected to go to the war front, neither are they expected to assume any financial obligation other than the small annual dues.

Services at St. John's next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.