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RED CROSS ORGANIZED

Organization of Marion Chapter Perfected Monday Night With J. W. Winborne as President.

At a large and enthusiastic meeting held at the court house Monday night the Marion Red Cross chapter was perfected with a membership of over one hundred. The meeting was called to order by Rev. G. A. Martin and was opened by prayer by Rev. J. P. Morris. Mr. Martin presided as temporary chairman and E. H. Dysart as secretary. Mr. Martin made a few brief remarks stating the purpose of the meeting and announced that permission had been granted for the organization of a chapter for Marion and McDowell county. A motion to proceed with the organization of a chapter was carried and the following officers were elected by acclamation:

J. W. Winborne, chairman; Mrs. Garfield Beaman, vice-chairman; Mrs. R. F. Burton, secretary, and W. C. Smith, treasurer. Members of executive committee: Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey, Mrs. G. S. Kirby, Miss Mary Gordon Greenlee, Mrs. J. W. Pless, Mrs. D. E. Hudgins, Mrs. Minnie Blanton and Mrs. W. M. Pratt.

Following the organization of the chapter, Chairman Winborne, in his usual pleasing manner, introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. H. M. Wagstaff, of the University of North Carolina. Mr. Wagstaff gave a very interesting address on the origin and development of the Red Cross and the good work that had been accomplished through the organization. He explained the object and work of the Red Cross Society in detail in a most forceful manner and impressed the large audience with the grave need of such a society. At the close of the address new members were solicited by a number of young ladies, after which the meeting adjourned, a meeting of interest and the promise of splendid achievement.

The Red Cross is an international organization which has for its work the relief of suffering resulting from war, on the battlefields, in the hospitals and in the home of men who are at the front. Local chapters retain 50 per cent of the membership fees, forwarding the remainder to the national headquarters for use of the active field workers. The object in having local chapters is to have thoroughly organized, active and energetic associations in every community in the country to furnish the necessary supplies for field use, and to care for the families of soldiers who need assistance.

Every man, woman and child in McDowell county is invited to join the local organization and become interested in the work, because both town and country boys are going to serve in the United States army which is being sent to France to fight against the Germans.

At a meeting of the executive committee held Monday afternoon the following committees were appointed: Extension and membership: Mrs. W. W. Neal, Mrs. H. F. Little, Mrs. M. L. Justice, Mrs. B. B. Price, Mrs. W. T. Morgan, and Miss Marjorie Pratt. Finance: Mrs. E. A. Thomas, Mrs. P. A.

Reid and Miss Jessie Ratliffe. Publicity: Mrs. R. B. Clark, Mrs. C. E. Decker, Mrs. E. H. House, Mrs. F. J. Chapman, Mrs. W. C. McCall and S. E. Whitten.

As soon as supplies are received a meeting will be called to arrange for work.

Superior Court.

The July term of McDowell Superior court convened here Monday morning with Judge Garland S. Ferguson, of Waynesville, presiding and Solicitor Michael Schenck prosecuting on behalf of the State. L. W. Gettys was made foreman of the grand jury and T. L. Epley officer in charge. The court room was well filled with citizens who listened closely to Judge Ferguson's charge which contained much practical and helpful legal information and advice. His remarks were plain and pointed and he impressed the jurors with his explanations of their duty. Quite a number of cases on the criminal docket have been disposed of, including the following:

Dan Briggs, larceny, sentenced to four months on roads of Haywood county.

Clyde Duval and Tom Upton, assault with deadly weapon, fined \$20 each and cost.

W. A. Hensley, c. c. w., judgment suspended on payment of cost. Jerry Carpenter, larceny, fined \$50 and cost.

Grayson Gardin, two cases, larceny and c. c. w., prayer for judgment continued on payment of cost.

Dallas Ray, soliciting laborers to leave the State, sentenced to four months on Haywood county roads.

Sam White and Tice Waddell, affray, each fined \$20 and cost.

Jim Williams, soliciting laborers to leave the State, prayer for judgment continued on payment of cost.

George McDonald, assault on woman, fined \$50 and cost.

George Parker, manufacturing liquor, mistrial.

Jesse Garlon, c. c. w., sentenced to 30 days in jail with leave of county commissioners to hire out.

The case of Jesse Boyd, colored, charged with the murder of his wife near Nebo last March, is set for trial this morning at 9:30.

The following cases on the civil docket have been disposed of:

A. Blanton Grocery company vs Southern Railway and C. C. & O. Railway, judgment for plaintiff for \$14.00.

Penn Veneer company Southern Railway company, judgment for plaintiff for \$15.00.

S. A. Mathews vs Southern Railway company, judgment for plaintiff for \$15.00.

Germans Must Leave U. S. at Once

Washington, July 7.—Germans formerly connected either with the embassy or any one of the many consulates in America have been requested to leave the United States. Notification that their presence in America is undesirable has been sent them by the state department. They were not told that they were suspected as spies, but their loyalty to the kaiser might make it difficult for them not to send information to Germany of a military nature, it was made clear.

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

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

HARMONY GROVE

Nebo, July 9.—Mrs. Robert Laughridge and children of Salisbury spent a few days with relatives here the latter part of the week.

Miss Beatrice Simmons of Marion spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Anna Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Crawley spent Sunday with relatives at Thompson's Fork.

Misses Mattie and Lonnie Snipes returned to their work in Marion yesterday after a short visit with relatives here.

A number of the young folks of this community enjoyed a singing at the home of Miss Hessie Simmons Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Christopher Owensby and little son, Clyde, of Marion, spent the weekend with relatives here.

Charles Crawley was a visitor here the latter part of the week.

Miss Emma Epley of Bridgewater is visiting her aunt, Mrs. I. C. Crawley.

A number of the men of this community are attending court in Marion as jurors this week.

CAMP CREEK

Nebo, July 9.—Miss Fatima and Callie Hensley visited relatives at Nebo Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bowman were in Glenwood Monday.

Jack Toney and son, Mark, made a business trip to the Southern Power company's works during the week.

Miss Thelma Bowman visited her sister in Marion last Saturday.

Vincent Anderson was in Bridgewater one day last week.

Joe Holland and Sam Bowman were in Marion on business, Saturday.

J. B. Lawing and son, Evert, made a business trip to Marion during the week.

Frank Holler, Jake and Finley Cansler left one day last week for Virginia, where they will take up work.

William Holland was in Marion on business Saturday.

Mrs. Charlie Holland has been on the sick list for quite a while but is improving.

NEBO

Nebo, July 10.—The entertainment and box supper here on the night of the fourth of July proved a success. The proceeds amounted to about \$45. There was a large crowd present and everybody seemed to enjoy the occasion very much.

Sam McCall and Mrs. Will McCall spent a few days last week with relatives in Asheville.

Rev. J. A. Fry spent a day or two last week in a protracted meeting at Garden City.

Ernest Beach spent a few days last week with relatives in Morganton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Archer and little son have returned to their home in Greensboro after an extended visit to the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hunter.

CATAWBA VALLEY

Old Fort, July 10.—E. S. Frisbie and family of Stroudtown spent Sunday with Mrs. Rebecca Tate.

Mrs. George Bradley and baby of Old Fort visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eller, last week.

James McCall and Columbus Burgin, Jr., went to Marion yesterday.

Miss Malissa Hoover is spending some time with her grandfather on Crooked Creek.

The heavy rains last week put the farmers behind with their work.

J. O. Pendergrass is visiting relatives in Marion.

Mrs. M. M. Wells has been right sick for some time but is improving.

Clarence Ledford has returned to Winston-Salem after spending several weeks' vacation here at the home of his brother-in-law, Sam Short.

Tate Pyatt With Medical Department of Regular Army.

Tate M. Pyatt, of this county, who recently enlisted for service in the regular army, is now at Fort Thomas, Ky., and in a letter to a Marion friend says:

"I have been in Fort Thomas a week and like the place fine, but will not get to stay here long as this is only a receiving station. I could not get in the hospital corps of the navy, so I joined the medical department of the regular army and I believe I will like it better than the navy. William Morgan joined the navy. Recruits have been coming in at the rate of 100 per day and about 1300 have been sent away to different posts since my arrival here. One cannot get lonesome at Fort Thomas. There is a lively crowd here and the men never have any trouble with each other. Everybody here are friends.

"Some young men seem to have an idea that it is hard to learn to drill and that the officers are very strict, but it is not hard and the officers not any too strict. If one will only pay attention, do as he is told and do it quickly, he will have no trouble. We have five drills per day lasting forty-five minutes each. The last drill is over at 3 o'clock and then we are free until roll call at 4:40. I advise every young man who has no one dependent upon him to join the United States army for our country needs them, and I believe every man should be willing to give his life if need be. Tell the boys at Marion that I hope to see some of them in the army soon."

Officers Get Four Stills.

Raids by county and government officials last week resulted in the loss of four stills to the blockading industry in McDowell county. The first raid was made Thursday in the Glades section where Revenue Officer Rhyne and Deputy J. P. Ray captured two complete outfits, and destroyed a quantity of beer ready for distillation. James Verbel was found at one of the stills and placed under arrest. On the same day these two officers, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Curtis, made a successful raid on a moonshine still in Old Fort township, finding a fine 100 gallon plant on the Bowman place near Old Fort. There were indications that the still had been operated only recently, but no arrests were made by the officers who found the plant deserted.

On Friday Officers W. W. Neal and Curtis made another raid in the Glades section and captured a 50-gallon still, making four for the week.

Fairfax Harrison, President of Southern Railway Company, announced today that out of substantially 18,000,000 passengers handled by the Southern Railway for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1917, not a single one was killed. The management takes the utmost satisfaction in this achievement which it has sought to attain, and nearly, but not quite, attained for several years past. It reflects not only greater human care and efficiency in operation, but the improved facilities which have been progressively installed on the Southern in recent years.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Deputy Sheriff Allen of Lenoir county committed suicide by shooting himself, in his apartments at the jail in Kinston. He had been drinking it is said.

Members of the North Carolina division, United Confederate veterans, will hold their annual reunion in Durham August 21 to 23, inclusive, according to an announcement by officials of the Durham chamber of commerce.

E. B. Allison, the Southern railway fireman who was seriously injured in the wreck on No. 15 passenger train at Elmwood on the morning of last Thanksgiving Day, has brought suit against the railroad company in Buncombe Superior Court for \$75,000.

The five-year-old son of Vono Berry, who lives in the vicinity of Morganton, had seen his father cleaning a pistol. Alone in the room with his two-year-old baby brother, the five-year-old boy decided to examine the pistol. As a result the baby has a wound in the fleshy part of his cheek, which is not considered serious.

Eighty-seven new doctors have been licensed to practice their profession in North Carolina, and J. R. Latham, of Belhaven, is their leader with an average of 93. F. C. Hodges, of Greenville, is second with 92.4. The big class was unusually successful and 65 passed the inquisition. Twenty-one are licensed by reciprocity, from another state, and one receives limited license.

Senate and House Adopted Widely Divergent Prohibition Provisions.

Washington, July 7.—Out of a whirlpool of amendments, that involved the senate in one of the biggest legislative mix-ups of senate history, the prohibition section of the food bill was steered to dry land late today. The senate perfected and adopted a prohibition section forbidding use of foodstuffs for the manufacture of distilled liquor but permitting manufacture of light wine and beer.

Besides this the amendment forbids the importation of liquor, directs the president to seize all liquor in bond—200,000,000 to 300,000,000 gallons—and to pay distillers the cost plus a profit of not more than 10 per cent, and suspends the tax on distilled liquor that will be seized under the act.

The senate action sounds the death knell of whiskey during the war. It leaves the senate and house diametrically opposed on the prohibition section. The senate sanctions the use of wine and beers; the house specifically forbade it. This means a long and bitter fight in conference after the bill is finally passed by the senate. It means, also, a further fight when the conference report finally comes up for approval in the senate and house.

The Red Cross chapter will open a work room at the Library as soon as supplies are received. Donations of furnishings, chairs, table, machines, a chislonier or chest of drawers, scissors, needles, etc., will be gladly received. If any of the above can be loaned for use in carrying on the work, please let it be known by notifying Mrs. Garfield Beaman.