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## POLITICAL POT WARMS UP

Democrats Confident of Victory in Fall—Republicans Plan to Carry Election for Commissioners.

Marion Correspondent to Asheville Citizen.

The political pot in McDowell is beginning to warm up. It is not at the boiling point, nor even simmering, but close observers and good listeners who have only one ear to the ground can see a few signs and hear faint rumors.

The democrats feel sure of a complete victory in the county in the coming fall election. High prices and prosperity make good political ammunition, even though the people be at war; and then the able and impartial manner in which the local board, charged with the administration of the selective draft, has performed its functions has been highly pleasing to both democrats and republicans.

Just whom the democrats will put forward as candidates is somewhat problematical at this time. It is thought by some that several who are now in office will be candidates for re-election. Thomas Morris has been clerk of the Superior court for a number of years and so far as the writer knows has given perfect satisfaction. He is a shrewd politician and always polls a large vote. No opposition in the democratic party to Mr. Morris has been mentioned. Millard Poteat is now holding the office of county treasurer for the first time. He has filled the office in a very acceptable manner. It is not expected that Mr. Poteat will meet any opposition in his own party. J. L. Nichols, present chairman of the board of county commissioners, has been mentioned for the office of sheriff. Mr. Nichols is a successful business man of Old Fort. The fact that he led the ticket in the last election is evidence of his popularity among the people of the county. It is thought by his democratic friends that he could be elected to any office in the county.

In this senatorial district it is McDowell's turn to name the candidates for the state senate. As yet no one has announced his candidacy for this office. The consensus of opinion of those conversant with local politics is that J. W. Pless of the local bar will be urged to accept the nomination of this place. Mr. Pless has never been a candidate for office but would doubtless make a strong race.

For the house of representatives Mr. W. T. Morgan, also a lawyer, is being mentioned. Mr. Morgan is very popular in the county and is fully able to take care of himself on the stump. He has never been a candidate for office; neither is it known whether he would accept the democratic nomination. Pless and Morgan, however, would be "some team" in the legislature.

On the republican side it is thought an effort will be made to carry the ticket of county commissioner. Local republican politicians are a little "peevish," it is thought, on account of some of the actions of the democratic board. They would doubtless like to get even by selecting their nominees as commissioners. Just who the candidates will be has not been an-

nounced.

For clerk of the court J. A. Laughridge, who now holds the office of sheriff, has been mentioned as a possible adversary to the democratic candidate. Mr. Laughridge was registrar of deeds for a number of years and has been sheriff for eight years, being elected by only a small majority at the last election. Even though the county is close he has always succeeded in getting a sufficient number of votes to place him in office.

W. H. Hawkins, who was defeated by Millard Poteat at the last election for the office of county treasurer, is being mentioned as a possible candidate for sheriff.

To oppose the democratic candidates for the offices in the legislature Pink Mashburn, former sheriff has been suggested for the senate. Pink has been to both houses of the legislature. He has been engaged in many political combats but was only once defeated.

Heap Greene, who is a prosperous merchant, also hailing from Old Fort, it is thought by some will be urged to accept the nomination for representative. Both of these gentlemen are good fellows and would get a lot of fun out of the campaign, even if they should not be elected.

Dr. George I. White, generally considered the "ringmaster" of the republican party in the county, has been confined to his home for several weeks, recovering from an operation. He is now rapidly improving and his many friends will be glad to see him back at his post as cashier of the First National bank. He is one who will not be left out nor ignored when it comes to county politics. After he gets through with the "slate" it is hard to tell "who will be who and why" on the republican ticket.

## Graded School Honor Roll.

Mid-term honor roll of Marion Graded School week ending January 18:

First grade B: Alice Holmes, Albert Hensley, Charlie Boone, John Michael.

Second grade: Earl Howell, Martha Buchanan, Jeannette Gilkey.

Third grade: Jimmie Gibson, Lila May Lonon, Ermine Neal, Doris Troutman, Benson Davis, Eugene Laidlaw.

Fourth grade: Helen Franklin, Teddy Saunders, Paul Ruth, Francis Bush, Mary Tate, Margaret McConnell, Gertrude Parker, Ida Rader, Millard Wilson, Dorothy Gilkey.

Fifth grade: Julia Cogdill, Sara Conley, Simmie Cross, Paul Corpening.

Seventh grade: Irene Franklin, Jack Justice.

Eighth grade: Ruth Cowan, Robert Holmes.

Ninth grade: Mayo Laughridge, Edwin Pless, Sara Margaret Neal, Pauline Conley, Pauline Hawkins.

Eleventh grade: Nelle Corpening, Ida McGuire, Robert Burgin.

Incomparable scenery, hair-breadth escapes from startling dangers, almost impossible deeds of daring, and a story that will hold your interest enthralled from start to finish, are what you may expect to see in "Vengeance and The Woman," at the Grand today.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

### DYSARTVILLE

Dysartville, Feb. 4.—Rev. C. C. Totherow filled the regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday, and made a deep impression on his hearers.

Walter Mangum, Ed. Narvil, J. C. Tipton and probably others of this place attended the funeral services of Dr. Hennessee at Glen Alpine Sunday. We were sorry to hear of Dr. Hennessee's death, for his practice as a physician in this part of the county was successful.

Both the Methodist and Baptist Sunday schools have been suspended for the past six weeks on account of the severe cold weather.

Ernest Satterwhite and Z. V. Daves made a business trip to Marion last Friday.

J. Q. Stephenson is having his gold mine machinery at this place moved to Lincoln county. He probably has sold it to another company.

Glad to see Carson Jarrett out again after having measles. There are no new cases so far as we know.

### NEBO

Nebo, Feb. 5.—Rev. J. A. Frye filled his regular appointment here Sunday. On account of the muddy weather he preached at the dormitory in order to accommodate the people who live close.

Miss Essie Hemphill left Monday for Caroleen. She has accepted a position as primary teacher in the graded school there.

Several of the boarding students here spent the week-end with homefolks.

Miss Pearl Gibbs has returned after having been called home for two weeks on account of the illness of her sister, Miss Ola.

Rev. T. A. Drake made a business trip to Marion Monday.

### CURFEW

Curfew, Feb. 5.—M. G. Pendergrass was a visitor at the home of Mrs. Lou Reel, Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lail, January 26, a daughter.

We are sorry to hear that Tom Lail, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lail is right ill with pneumonia.

I. L. Reel was in Marion Tuesday.

Mrs. Bessie Saunders and little daughter, Louise, and Miss Laura Reel of Clingfield are visiting their mother, Mrs. Lou Reel.

Abb Reel made a business trip to Marion Monday.

The Curfew School is still in session, but on account of bad weather the average attendance is small.

Congressman Weaver is in Favor of Tax on Dogs.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Representative Zebulon Weaver has made positive his views favoring the imposition of a federal tax on dogs in North Carolina. He makes his position clear in a statement issued to The Citizen's representative in which he states: "I am for a dog tax. The sheep must be protected, and I am in favor of placing such a tax on dogs as will protect the sheep of our section. Western North Carolina is peculiarly adapted to sheep raising and it could easily be made a very valuable industry. As the merchantable timber is cut from many large boundaries of mountain lands, these areas could be made to support large numbers of sheep this would constitute a big asset as a source of meat supply."

With the east facing the most acute coal shortage of the winter and in the grip of the coldest weather in a generation, the government has decided that the heatless Monday program cannot at this time be abandoned, as had been hoped.

Patriotic Address Friday Night—War Savings Committees.

Mr. Gilbert T. Stephenson, of Winston-Salem, State organizer of the National War Savings committee of North Carolina, delivered a strong patriotic address at the court house last Friday night. He explained the war savings certificate and the thrift stamp and their object in an interesting manner. Mr. Stephenson explained that it was not only the duty of every man, woman and child to buy war savings certificates and thrift stamps, but that it was a wonderful opportunity to save money in time of prosperity. He advised everybody to buy war saving certificates, and declared that the American people had just as well make up their minds to make sacrifices in any way the government may call on them to do.

McDowell county has been called on to purchase \$297,836 worth of war savings stamps this year and up to this time only about a thousand dollars worth has been purchased. An organization for the county has been perfected and an effort will be made to increase the sales in order that McDowell may be put in line with the progressive counties of the State.

Following is the war savings executive committee and departmental committees for this county:

D. T. Harris, chairman; R. F. Burton, vice chairman; W. M. McNairy, secretary; S. E. Whitten, publicity manager.

### DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES:

Organization and Service—composed of chairman, vice chairman, secretary, publicity manager, chairman of each departmental committee, and, in addition to these, the following: W. M. Goodson, T. L. Grant, Dr. J. F. Jonas, S. L. Sheep and Mrs. R. F. Burton.

Finance committee: D. E. Hudgins, chairman; R. F. Burton and J. E. Neal.

Schools: N. F. Steppe, M. S. Giles, S. L. Sheep, J. M. Tyler, J. C. Tipton, Grady Naaney, Miss Marie Moss, Miss Delia Gibbs and Miss Ruth Hunter.

Churches: Rev. J. C. Story, Rev. G. A. Martin, C. F. James, D. E. Hudgins, A. H. Giles, H. H. Tate, E. K. Hild, R. F. Burton, Dr. G. S. Kirby, J. D. Blanton, C. C. Lisenbee and W. T. Morgan.

Fraternal Organizations: Thos. Morris, Mrs. R. F. Burton, J. R. Davis, Clifford Porter, Hugh F. Little, E. A. Beaman, W. W. Guy, W. M. Sweeney, J. H. Tate and C. R. McCall.

Manufacturing Enterprises: H. F. Little, J. W. Streetman, W. W. Neal, Eugene Cross, W. K. M. Gilkey, J. E. Decker, F. L. Huffman, L. J. P. Cutlar, E. J. House and W. L. Morris.

Banks, Stores and Railroads: J. H. Tate, J. E. Neal, Geo. I. White, R. F. Burton, F. B. Gwin, C. R. McCall, J. H. L. Miller, P. A. Reid, E. H. Dysart and B. B. Price.

Farms: J. L. Thurman, L. H. Miller, T. W. Wilson, G. C. Conley, G. W. Conley, M. L. Good, B. G. Hensley, W. A. Laughridge, W. C. Morris and W. H. Taylor.

Publicity: S. E. Whitten, J. W. Winborne, Dr. B. L. Ashworth.

Speakers: W. T. Morgan, J. W. Pless and D. E. Hudgins.

Negroes: Sam Greenlee, J. F. M. Thalley and Bob Smith.

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The State Supreme Court this week licensed 22 new lawyers, ten failing to pass.

In order to care for incipient cases of tuberculosis discovered among the men of the national army, the government has leased for a short period the Westover hotel at Asheville and will use it as a temporary hospital until the camp at Azalea can be established.

Garfield and Aaron Pitts, charged with the murder at Glen Alpine last Thursday night of Dr. E. A. Hennessee, waived examination at the preliminary hearing in Morganton Monday and were committed without bail to Buncombe county jail to await the convening of Burke Superior court on March 11. Judge E. B. Cline, of Hickory, presided at the hearing.

J. Garland Bolick, aged about 30 years, and Logan Smyre, aged about 23 years, died Monday night at their home in Conover, two miles west of Newton, from the effects of drinking poisoned liquor said to have been purchased in Newton Sunday afternoon. Troy Simmons and George Hawn, two young men of the same place, also partook of the same stuff and are now in a precarious condition.

## Uncle Sam Wants Accountants.

The United States Government is in need of several hundred expert cost accountants to fill vacancies in the accounts section of the finance department of the equipment division of the Signal Corps, War Department, and in other branches, for duty in Washington, D. C., or in the field, according to an announcement just issued by the United States Civil Service Commission. The salaries offered range from \$2,400 to \$6,000 a year. Men only are desired.

Complete information and application blanks may be obtained by communicating with the secretary of the local board of civil-service examiners at the post office in any of the larger cities or with the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

## No Individual Should Violate Quarantine Law.

Parents, doctors, teachers and the quarantine officer have an equal share in making the quarantine law effective. A violation on the part of one defeats the whole purpose of the law. In other words, to control the spread of whooping cough, measles or any other communicable disease in a community requires the cooperation of everybody in that community.

The first duty of every individual is to report at once any case of contagious disease to the county quarantine officer. In no other way is he to know where disease exists. He will then give you the further needed instructions which every honest, law-abiding citizen will be glad to follow. These instructions are the only safeguards known for protecting the health of your own family and that of your neighbor's. You are fortunate in that you live in a State where the best methods known have been provided to protect your children from unnecessary disease.

Cases of communicable diseases reported to me last month were several cases of measles and some whooping cough.

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