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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETS

Dr. G. S. Kirby Elected County Physician; Dr. J. F. Jonas Re-elected Quarantine Officer.

At a meeting of the County Board of Health in the office of County Superintendent of Schools on last Monday Dr. G. S. Kirby was unanimously elected county physician for the ensuing term and Dr. J. F. Jonas was elected quarantine officer without opposition.

The Legislature of 1917 made changes in the Health Law, requiring that the County Board of Health elect not only a county physician, but a quarantine officer. The duties of each under the law are separate and distinct. The county physician has supervision over the general health conditions of the county, the quarantine officer being in charge of all quarantine regulations and such other duties as prescribed in the law providing for quarantine officer. Heretofore the county health physician has been acting as quarantine officer, doing so in most cases without pay, as the law prior to 1917 did not provide any salary for this work.

Doctors Kirby and Jonas are both leading and reputable physicians of McDowell County. Dr. Kirby was county health physician for several terms a few years ago, Dr. Jonas having filled the position for the past two years. Both of these gentlemen rendered satisfactory and efficient service as county physician. The people of McDowell are fortunate to have them as guardians of the public health for the next two years.

The members of the board of health are: L. W. Gettys, chairman; N. F. Steppe, secretary; Mayor W. B. Ratliffe, Dr. G. B. Justice, and Dr. A. B. Johnson, of Old Fort.

Court Convenes Monday.

Superior court for the trial of civil cases will convene here next Monday, Judge T. B. Finley, of North Wilkesboro, presiding. This will be Mr. Finley's first term as Judge, he having been elected last November to succeed Judge Cline. The calendar as arranged by the Marion Bar follows:

Monday, Jan. 20.—Allis-Chalmers Co. vs Marion Manufacturing Co. E. M. Henoyer vs Realty, Loan & Guaranty Co. John F. Bird vs R. I. Bird.

Tuesday, Jan. 21.—Geo. Chapman vs Sinclair Lumber Co.

Wednesday, Jan. 22.—Joe W. Mashburn et al vs J. D. Pitts et al. C. W. Huskins vs T. T. Adams Co. et al.

Thursday, Jan. 23.—Jesse Nichols vs D. B. King et ux. Linwood Holler vs B. G. Hensley.

Friday, Jan. 24.—Hattie Dalton vs C. G. Morris. C. B. Glenn vs C. C. & O. Railway.

Monday, Jan. 27.—Mary Logan Rutherford vs W. T. Sledge. Mrs. M. A. Roberson vs Southern Railway Co. J. S. Carver vs Union Tanning Co. G. W. Crawford vs Taylor & Willis. Mary Plemmons vs Metropolitan Life Ins. Co. Western Carolina Power Co. vs Byron Conley.

R. S. Clay killed a hog last week that weighed 415 pounds.

Marion Banks in Fine Condition—Officials Elected for the Year.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank was held in the banking rooms on Tuesday, a large majority of the stockholders being present. After receiving the report of the cashier, which showed that the bank was in excellent condition and that the volume of business transacted during the past year had exceeded that of any previous year, the stockholders re-elected the old board of directors as follows: J. L. Morgan, Hugh F. Little, Geo. I. White, W. W. Guy, T. J. Gibbs, D. E. Hudgins, J. Q. Gilkey, D. D. Little, J. Yancey, R. H. Bennett.

After the adjournment of the stockholders meeting the directors met and elected the following officers, to-wit: J. L. Morgan, president; Hugh F. Little, vice-president; Geo. I. White, cashier; J. E. Neal, assistant cashier. A. L. Gilkey was re-elected bookkeeper; Miss Katie Huffman, assistant bookkeeper and stenographer, and Miss Jessie Ratliffe note and transit clerk. D. E. Hudgins and J. W. Pless were re-elected attorneys. In addition to the usual annual dividend an extra dividend of 2% was declared on the stock.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Merchants & Farmers Bank was held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock, the meeting being unusually well attended; 215 out of a total of 250 shares of stock being represented in the meeting either in person or by proxy. The report of the bank's work for 1918 showed a large volume of business handled with very satisfactory results. The following were elected as a board of directors for 1919: Geo. W. Conley, J. W. Streetman, Dr. J. F. Jonas, T. F. Wrenn, W. T. Morgan, J. E. Decker and M. C. Caldwell.

The board of directors met immediately after the close of the stockholders' meeting and elected the following officers: T. F. Wrenn, president; J. W. Streetman, first vice-president; George W. Conley, second vice-president; R. F. Burton, cashier; D. W. Crawford, assistant cashier; W. T. Morgan, attorney; Miss Nelle M. Corpening, bookkeeper.

Demobilization Proceeding Rapidly

Washington, Jan. 11.—Demobilization of the American army, General March, chief of staff said today, is proceeding at a rate which comparative figures show to be more than twice as fast as the British demobilization. Actual figures up to January 10 of men discharged from the American forces showed a total of 693,889. British discharges up to January 7 numbered 362,658. American troops scheduled for demobilization now number 1,151,000 including 96,000 men who actually have returned from overseas, but not including units designated for return or on their way home.

General March also made public a report from the American military attaché at Archangel on operations in Northern Russia during December and the early days of this month indicating that the situation was regarded as satisfactory both from military and sanitary standpoints.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

DYSARTSVILLE.

Dysartsville, Jan. 13.—School is progressing nicely under the leadership of Misses Maude Elliott of Garden City, Ethel Bradley of Mars Hill and Elizabeth Caldwell of Ashford. There are seventy-seven on roll, with a good attendance.

Ura Long of Bostic was a pleasant visitor here Sunday.

E. F. Kirksey of Sunshine spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of J. R. Kirksey.

W. E. Jackson attended the meeting of the Junior Lodge at Long's store, Rutherford county, Saturday night.

Miss Evelyn Gettys has closed her school at Cowans and returned to her home on Muddy creek.

Russel Spratt spent Sunday with homefolks near Bridgewater.

P. C. Smawley has moved to his farm near Bridgewater. His son, Clyde, has taken charge of the Pilot Mountain central office.

R. E. Roper made a business trip to Morganton, Monday.

G. L. Spratt is recovering from a severe attack of la grippe.

J. P. Walker made a business trip to Bridgewater last Saturday.

Miss Hattie Cowan of Morganton spent part of last week with relatives here.

Melvin Hutchins of Union Mills, who has recently returned from France, visited relatives here during the week.

Miss Carrie Carswell entertained a number of her friends at her home on last Saturday evening.

Mrs. E. C. Cochran and family of Virginia have moved back to this place.

Dysartsville, Jan. 13.—Frank Daves is planning to build a dwelling house soon. Ernest Satterwhite made a business trip to Marion last Friday.

Miss Hattie Mangum of Marion visited homefolks here recently.

Miss Maud Elliott spent yesterday in Marion.

Miss Lona Goforth of Vein Mountain spent the week-end with homefolks here.

T. B. Landis and Van Mangum spent Saturday in Marion.

WOODLAWN

Woodlawn, Jan. 14.—Jack Frost has made rabbits plentiful. The boys have been trapping and succeeded wonderfully.

Woodlawn school has re-opened with Miss Rust of Bridgewater in charge. The attendance is good considering the weather.

In spite of severe cold weather Woodlawn has escaped, so far, an epidemic of influenza. Health conditions are good in the community. The only serious sickness is that of Mrs. Eliza Ann Bird, who has been ill for some time at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wade B. Hollifield. Mrs. Bird is the mother of seven grown sons and three grown daughters. She has been a landmark in our neighborhood for many years. Ben Price is enjoying a bird hunt in the cove this week while on a visit to James Hennessie, where good butter and eggs are plentiful.

Miss Edna Brinkley has returned home from South Carolina where she taught school in the fall.

Dock and Reid Good have returned to Nebo school after spending the week-end with their parents here.

M. L. Good began the operation of an immense saw mill on the thirteenth. He is doing extensive mill work.

The Bowman family, who recently moved among us, have added much to our musical entertainment. Their band consists of six or seven pieces—two guitars, violins, a harp, bango, etc.

Mrs. Anne Huskins continues in good health, considering her crippled condition of over a year. Mrs. Huskins is ninety-four years old and has seen five living generations.

Mrs. M. W. Yancey, who is spending the winter in Florida with her daughter, is much improved in health.

C. A. McCall, of Pitts, visited relatives here during the week.

Letters from Boys Overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Kanipe have received a letter from their son, Corporal James Lafayette Kanipe, who is in France, saying that he is well and getting along fine. Corporal Kanipe has been in France since last May, with the 81st ("Wild Cat") division and the letter received a few days ago, dated December 17, is the first news his parents have had from him since October 25. He says:

"This leaves me well and getting along fine. I am eating three meals a day and have a big fat feather bed to sleep on. Of course I have been through hardships, but they are over now.

"I was in a battle on November 10 and 11. Went over the top and fought right up to 11 o'clock on November 11, when we received orders to cease firing. After the battle, the Germans came out and talked to us and we traded souvenirs with them. I certainly have had some thrilling experiences but will tell you more about it when I return home. Father, you said if you were over here you could take care of yourself better than I could, but I don't think so. If I had been as large as you I surely would have been hit. I was in some mighty close places on the 11th.

"We are drilling every day now, but expect to return to the United States some time soon."

Mrs. W. J. Snipes of Nebo has received a letter from her son, Z. V. Snipes, who is in France, saying he is well, but he is anxious to return home. The letter is dated December 3, and in part follows: Dear Mother:

No doubt you have written me, but I have not heard from home since leaving the United States. I hope I will receive some mail soon. I am still in France, I am well and getting along fine, but ready to return to the United States any time they will let me. Hope you all are well and getting along all right. I sailed from New York on October 27th and landed in Liverpool, England, on November 8th. On November 11th I landed in France and have been here ever since. When I get home I will tell you all about my trip and how I enjoyed it. It has been a great trip for me. Don't worry about me for I feel sure I will land back home safely. It may be some time soon and it may be quite a while yet, but will come as soon as I can. Hope you all will have a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Notes from County Agent.

I am booked for more than two weeks' work, but ask for me and I will come in order of turn.

Wanted: Boys and girls from 12 to 18 years old to join club work.

The Guernsey is the coming dairy type of cattle. They are gentle and hardy and produce the most milk and butter fat to the quantity of feed. I am trying to get a car load for this county. One-half this number have already been spoken for. See me, if interested.

I am booking orders through the Government for nitrate of soda until January 25.

Anyone having high class pigs for sale now, or within the next 60 days, please leave price, number and kind with me. They are wanted for boys and girls taking up club work. Office day, Saturday.

J. L. THURMAN,
County Agent.

L. W. Gettys spent Monday in Marion.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Lenoir public schools will not open until next fall, on account of the influenza situation.

Three fraternity buildings at Chapel Hill were destroyed by fire last week, the estimated loss being \$15,000. Origin of fire unknown.

Rev. J. H. Dixon, aged 66 years, dropped dead of heart disease Sunday in Pegram Street Presbyterian church, Charlotte, where he was pastor.

A meeting of the North Carolina Good Roads Association is called for the 22nd at Raleigh to present to the Legislature the organization's view in regard to a State-wide good roads movement.

Special Agent Young sent ten deserters from Asheville to an army camp. He handcuffed one of the number, placed him in charge of the others and ordered them to camp without any officer accompanying them. The men had all come in and surrendered.

Attorney General Gregory Resigns.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Thomas Watt Gregory, Attorney General of the United States since 1914, has resigned because of "pecuniary responsibilities" and will return to the practice of law. President Wilson has agreed to his retirement next March fourth.

Mr. Gregory's letter of resignation dated January 9, and the President's reply, cabled from Paris the next day, were made public tonight at the White House. The Attorney General's letter disclosed that he had long considered retiring from office and had discussed the matter with the President before Mr. Wilson went abroad.

Mr. Gregory's successor has not yet been appointed, and there has been no official intimation as to whom he will be.

Standard Sugar Available Again.

Raleigh, Jan. 13.—For the past several weeks North Carolina dealers have been able to purchase sugar only from the Louisiana sugar districts. This sugar has not been altogether acceptable to the North Carolina trade and the announcement just made by Food Administrator Page, that the eastern refineries and the Savannah Refinery have been authorized by the Sugar Equalization Board to resume shipments into North Carolina and other southeastern states, will be very acceptable news not only to dealers but to consumers also. This announcement follows large shipments of new crop Cuban sugar which will begin to arrive at Savannah and other Atlantic Coast ports the latter part of this week.

C. A. Snyder, of the Bryson-Snyder Company of Old Fort, has gone to Eastern market to buy new goods, and the Bryson-Snyder Company propose to give the people a big sale at before-the-war prices. Look for big posters.

Luxemburg was proclaimed a republic on Friday, when the Grand Duchess Marie retired from the capital, taking up quarters in a chateau nearby.