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MEETING WOMEN'S CLUBS

District Meeting Will Be Held in Marion Saturday, March 29—Interesting Program.

The district meeting of the women's clubs in this section will be held in Marion on next Saturday, March 29. A number of members from Waynesville, Tryon, Brevard, Hendersonville, Asheville, Black Mountain and other places will be present. Mrs. Faye Craig, Mrs. J. W. Winborne, Mrs. W. T. Morgan, Mrs. W. W. Neal, Mrs. D. E. Hudgins, Mrs. E. H. Dysart, Mrs. Eugene Cross and Miss Margaret Winslow will act as a receiving committee at the station.

The business meeting, with luncheon, will be at the home of Mrs. J. W. Pless. Mrs. P. A. Reid, Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey, Mrs. E. A. Thomas, Mrs. R. F. Burton, Mrs. J. F. Conniffe, Mrs. W. C. McCall, Mrs. T. A. Holton, Mrs. J. E. Decker and Miss Decker will assist Mrs. Pless in welcoming the guests.

At four o'clock a musicale and tea will be given at Lone Beech, the home of Mrs. D. E. Hudgins, who will be assisted by various ladies of this social function.

The program of addresses will be as follows:

Address of welcome by Mrs. J. W. Pless; response by Dr. Caroline Keller, of Waynesville. Child Welfare, by Mrs. Kate Vaughn; Library Extension, by Mrs. Minnie Blanton; The Council Meeting, by Mrs. J. M. Gudger, Jr.; The State Federation, by Miss Clara Cox; The District Federation, by Mrs. E. F. Reed; Community Clubs, by Mrs. J. H. Henley.

Mrs. J. K. Cowan of Old Fort Dies After Short Illness.

Mrs. Georgia E. Cowan, of Old Fort, wife of James K. Cowan and second daughter of James J. Britt, of Asheville, died Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, being ill a very few hours. Mrs. Cowan was in perfect health early Thursday morning when she was taken very suddenly ill. She became unconscious and died in a very short time, not once regaining consciousness before her death.

The deceased was the mother of four little girls, the oldest being only eight years old. They are Mary, Lucy, Margaret and Jimmie, all of them living. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and had a host of friends both in Asheville and in her home town. Mrs. Cowan is survived by her husband, her father, two brothers, four sisters and four daughters.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in Asheville at the home of her father, James J. Britt, conducted by Rev. Dr. R. F. Campbell and Rev. Dr. W. F. Powell. Interment was made at Riverside cemetery.

School Fund Apportioned.

Apportionment of the state equalization school fund among the 100 counties of the state has just been made by the state department of public instruction. The fund aggregates \$504,942.40 and provides for a school year of not less than 95.7 days, or a fraction less than five months. McDowell's allotment is \$8,276.61.

McDowell Hospital Installs New Apparatus.

The McDowell Hospital has just secured and installed a modern and brand new X-Ray machine. It is now being used daily. Dr. Kirby has already made several photographs of fractures, tumors and other hidden disorders. This is a very valuable machine in locating foreign substances, broken bones and growths of all kinds that cannot be located in any other manner. It is a very expensive appliance but is invaluable in the practice of surgery.

The McDowell Hospital has been in operation under the ownership and management of Dr. G. S. Kirby for about two years. He has met with signal success, having lost in the whole period of time but three or four cases, and these were all of cancer origin. Marion and vicinity has been badly in need of such an institution and are to be congratulated that there is in this section an institution of this kind, with strictly modern appliances and thoroughly competent and qualified people to manage it.

The building has a number of rooms and wards. A section is appropriated to the use of colored patients. Owing to the growing needs and increasing demands it has been necessary to add new rooms and space continually. The hospital is now full of patients, all of whom are doing nicely.

Mrs. B. P. Hensley of Old Fort Passes Away.

On Friday, March 14th, Mrs. B. P. Hensley of Old Fort passed to her reward, and surely a great reward it was, at the age of 73 after more than fifty years spent in faithful and loving service of Jesus Christ. To those who knew her—and to know her was to love her—her life will ever be an example of Godly contentment and Christian motherhood.

The funeral services were held on March 17 at the Baptist church, of which the deceased had been a devoted member for many years, where friends and relatives gathered to pay their last tribute to this good woman. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Ernest Church.

Surviving Mrs. Hensley are her husband, two brothers, Sidney Potteet of Nealsville and Joseph Potteet of Morganton, and thirteen children: Mrs. George Childress, Lafayette Hensley, Sidney Hensley and Adolphus Hensley of Knoxville, Tenn.; Harvey Hensley of Sugar Hill; Mrs. Vernon Moore of Sherifiend, Ala.; Mrs. Eugene Beach of Charlotte; Joseph Hensley of Chattanooga, Tenn.; John Hensley of Johnson City, Tenn.; Benjamin and Lemuel Hensley of Knightstown, Ind.; and Millard Hensley of Old Fort; also thirty-nine grand-children and six great-grand-children.

Missionary Program for Greenlee.

The following program will be given by the Greenlee Baptist Sunday School at the Greenlee school building on Sunday, March 30th:

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:30 a. m. Address by Mr. W. T. Morgan of Marion.
12:30 p. m. Dinner on grounds.
2:00 p. m. Home and Foreign Missionary Day program.
Supt. J. M. Pendergrass extends a cordial invitation to all to attend.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

HARMONY GROVE.

Harmony Grove, March 23.—Children's Day will be observed at Harmony Grove on the fifth Sunday in March. Everybody is invited. Dinner will be served on the ground.

Harmony Grove school is progressing nicely with F. L. Simmons and Miss Carrie Ledbetter as teachers. They are planning for a nice entertainment soon. Ed. Crawley has returned home from Camp Jackson, S. C.

Pink Crawley spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Greenlee. Mrs. H. B. Crawley, who has been ill for quite a while, is improving. Roy Morgan and George England of Marion spent Saturday and Sunday here with homefolks and friends.

Alexander Crawley made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Fernon Pyatt made a business trip to Marion, Tuesday.

Dan Crawley made a business trip to Nebo last week.

John Holler of Chapel Hill was a visitor here one day last week.

DYSARTSVILLE.

Dysartsville, March 24.—Ernest Satterwhite made a business trip to Marion last Tuesday.

Will A. Landis has secured his discharge from the U. S. navy and will probably spend the summer here with his parents.

Mrs. J. D. Laughridge has been quite ill the past week, but is some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carswell of the Southern Power company, are with the former's parents for a few days. The construction work there has closed for awhile.

Miss Maud Elliott, principal of Dysartsville school, has had to go home on account of her health failing. The other teachers, Misses Bradley and Caldwell are getting on nicely with the school. We regret Miss Elliott had to give up her work here.

R. E. Roper made a business trip to Morganton last week.

Pack Walker was in Marion last Tuesday on business.

T. E. Satterwhite does not improve very rapidly. He is yet unable to sit up any.

James C. Goforth reopened his school at Laurel Hill after a vacation of three weeks on account of the influenza situation in that district.

The farmers are real busy preparing for a corn crop.

Hub Mangum is home again from the army.

WOODLAWN

Woodlawn, March 24.—The wheat crops are looking green regardless of March winds.

There will be services at Sevier Presbyterian church next Sunday, the 30th. Everybody invited.

J. B. Ward made several business trips to Marion during the week.

Reid Good is convalescing after a severe case of measles.

Charlie Barnes of Morganton was here on business last Friday.

The Revenue officers made a "raid" recently and found some of our mountain men busy.

Charlie King and family have removed to Armstrong.

J. Y. Hicks of Toms creek made a business trip to Woodlawn a few days ago.

Charlie Gouge of Mitchell was a visitor here recently.

Robert Brinkley passed through Woodlawn Saturday enroute home from Hickory with a new car.

Harrison Gregg is home on a visit from Black Mountain, where he has been at work during the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Greene and little grandson are visiting relatives in Caldwell county.

STROUDTOWN

Stroudtown, March 24.—The box supper here Saturday night was a great success. The proceeds amounted to thirty-one dollars and eighty cents,

which will be used to buy school room furniture and library books.

Sergt. Horace Early, of Camp Eustis, was a visitor in Stroudtown last week.

Miss Lizzie Angel of Cane River is visiting Mrs. C. C. Lisenbee.

Quite a number of the people from Old Fort attended the box supper here Saturday night.

Miss Maggie Byrd spent Sunday with her sister at Old Fort.

Oscar Wilson and Harry Caldwell of Ashford were present at the entertainment here Saturday night.

NEBO HIGH SCHOOL ITEMS.

The Reading Circle held its last meeting on Friday. An examination will be held here on Friday, April 18 at 2 p. m.

Misses Louise Cox and Rebecca Patton will go to Oak Hill for the Triangular debate on April 4th, while Rebecca Greenlee and Ralph Tate will defend the affirmative at home. The query is: "Resolved, That the United States Government should adopt a policy of requiring one year of military training of all able-bodied men before they reach the age of 21."

Last Friday night the Bonerian Literary Society gave "Princess Love-Joy" at the school auditorium. The door receipts amounted to \$10.00 which will be used to pay the expenses of the debating team. After the play a pie supper was given. The \$15 realized from the supper will be used in our library.

District Centenary Meeting.

A conference for all the pastors and local church directors of the Marion district Centenary will be held in Marion on Thursday and Friday of this week. It is hoped that Bishop Darlington may be able to attend. Rev. R. M. Courtney, conference missionary secretary, E. A. Cole, conference director, and other men of note will be here. Free entertainment has been provided for all who attend.

The conference will open Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Methodist church and close with the session on Friday morning at 9 o'clock. There will also be a meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at which time the various phases of the Centenary movement will be discussed.

School Honor Roll.

Following is the honor roll of the Old Fort Graded school for the fifth month:

First grade—Ransome Lytle, Anna Bird, Bob Bird, Gordon Lonon, Annie Steppe, Frances Sherrill, Bettie Crawford, Clyde Nesbitt, Cecil Burgin, Worth Burgin, Bessie Lail, Elva Noblitt, Pauline Noblitt, Willard Lonon, Glenn Justice, Grady Justice.

Second grade—Olan McCurry, Helen Steppe, Margie Lytle.

Third grade—Maggie Lail, Helen Nesbitt, Elizabeth Strickland.

Seventh grade—William Treverton, Estelle Lavender.

Eleventh grade—May Allison, Leila Melton.

Missionary Rally at Harmony Grove

The Harmony Grove Sunday School will observe Sunday, March 30th, as Missionary Rally Day. Good speakers have been secured and an interesting program has been arranged for the day. Dinner will be served on the ground. Everybody invited.

Bishop James H. McCoy, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South died at his home, Birmingham, Ala., Saturday night, after a long illness. He was regarded as one of the ablest scholars of his denomination.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The act of the recent Legislature increasing the pension for Confederate soldiers and sailors and their widows, pays first grade pensioners \$100; second, \$90; third, \$70; and fourth, \$60, to be paid half in June and half in December.

A special term of Cleveland county Superior court will be held at Shelby, beginning May 5, for the purpose of trying Aaron Wiseman, charged with the murder of Dr. E. A. Hennessee, in Burke county, the trial of the case having been removed from that county at the request of the solicitor. Judge B. F. Long will preside.

It has been announced that the baccalaureate sermon at the approaching commencement of Davidson college will be preached by Rev. Dr. J. Leyton, of Huntington, W. Va. President John H. McCracken, of LaFayette college, Easton, Pa. will deliver the annual address before the literary societies.

Friday, at the home of Ed Avery, about a mile from the city hall of Asheville, Revenue Officers John Lail and A. E. Poteat, of Marion, seized a 50 gallon copper still, 15 gallons of corn whiskey, 300 gallons of beer, several bushels of corn, two hand corn mills and a half barrel of malt. It was said that this was the first still ever captured in the city.

The entire plant of the Wilson Lumber and Milling company and adjoining buildings at Lenoir were destroyed by fire Wednesday night. It the buildings were stored \$3,000 worth of fertilizer belonging to the Farmers' Warehouse company and \$440 worth of hay belonging to W. A. and A. V. Miller.

The legislature has authorized Rutherford county commissioners to sell \$25,000 worth of road bonds to meet a like amount from the federal government to build and put in first class condition the Charlotte-Asheville highway thru Rutherford county. The bonds will be sold soon and the work begun as early as possible.

Wild Cat Division Not Likely to Return Soon.

That the 81st division, familiarly known as the Wild Cat division, composed of National Army soldiers from North and South Carolina, Tennessee, and other parts of the south, will probably be utilized in the army of occupation at least for several months is indicated in a letter received from a member of Company E, 322 Infantry, Saturday, says the Asheville Times. The letter stated that 19 divisions have been designated for early transportation to America, but the 81st is not in the list.

The divisions that will return are as follows: March, 27th, 30th, 34th, 37th and 91st divisions; April, 26th, 77th, 82nd, 35th and 42nd divisions; May, 32nd; 28th, 33rd, 80th and 78th divisions; June, 89th, 90th, 29th and 79th divisions.

It is announced from both Paris and Washington that the United States Congress may be called in extra session about the middle of May, the time the President is expected to return home.