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## PLANS FOR CELEBRATION

Plans Rapidly Crystalizing for May 10th Celebration for McDowell Soldiers—Committees.

Plans for the celebration for McDowell's soldiers to be given on May 10th under the auspices of the local chapters of the U. D. C. and American Red Cross are being rapidly completed. The various committees have been appointed and are working hand in hand that nothing may be left undone toward making this occasion the grandest ever known in McDowell County.

The management wishes it understood that this is a day to be participated in by the entire citizenship of McDowell county. The people of the county are expected and requested to be present and co-operate with the management in everything effecting this celebration. Dinner will be provided but the folks coming from the rural sections are requested to bring baskets well filled, to help feed the soldiers and visitors who are expected to be present on this occasion. It is hoped to make this a great "get together" meeting for the emulation and glorification of the valorous deeds of McDowell's soldiers. Let everybody come—old, young, big, little, husbands, mothers and babies. Nothing will be left undone toward taking care of the immense crowd which will be on hand.

The Rest-Room Committee will provide a rest room in the court house where mothers may take their babies and small children; cots and other means of rest and comfort will be provided.

The Decorating Committee is looking after the decorations. The town will be handsomely decorated with flags and other insignia of the victors.

The parade committee has charge of the parade, which will traverse the entire length of Main street. The order of the procession has not as yet been settled, but the soldiers, home guard, school children and automobiles bearing flags will all participate. The parade will be headed by the Morganton band which has been secured to furnish music for the occasion.

An address by a speaker of note will be a feature of the occasion. The management has not yet settled definitely upon a speaker, but will have present one worth of the occasion.

The committees are as follows: Decorating Committee: Mrs. D. E. Hudgins, chairman; Mesdames E. B. Baber, G. S. Kirby, W. C. McCall, J. G. Beaman, W. W. Neal, P. A. Reid, J. F. Conniffe, M. L. Justice, B. G. Carr, R. J. Noyes, B. P. Davis, J. M. Edwards, E. A. Thomas, Joe Buckley, S. L. Copeland, Misses Margaret Winslow, Mattie Tate, Greenlee, Jennie Davis.

Parade Committee: H. F. Little, Chairman; Mrs. J. W. Pless, Vice Chairman; Mesdames E. H. Dysart, R. F. Burton, J. E. Neal, J. W. Winborne, Minnie Blanton, A. Blanton, W. L. Morris, H. F. Little, J. E. Decker, A. W. Grayson, H. H. Tate, W. K. M. Gilkey, R. B. Clark, Pink Mashburn, Old Fort, W. P. Artz, Old Fort, S. E. Whitten, —. —. Henderson, Clinchfield, —. —. Ballard, J. E.

Kanipe, R. E. McCall, G. B. Justice, Carrie Childs, Misses Rena Neal, Mary Gordon Greenlee.

Refreshment Committee: Mrs. J. L. Morgan, Chairman, Mesdames Joe Mashburn, Old Fort, Pink Morris, Sugar Hill, Parker Holmes, R. H. Bomar, A. H. Giles, Avery Conley, G. W. Conley, North Cove, J. M. Haney, Glenwood, Tom Wilson, Glenwood, —. —. Haywood, Sevier, J. C. Brown, Ashford, Marion Good, Woodlawn, Frank Wilson, Nebo, W. H. Taylor, Dysartville, Hugh Tate, Greenlee, Harrison Gibbs, Clear Creek, J. E. Jameson, Garden City, Champ Corpening, R. H. Bennett, C. C. Lisenbee, E. K. Hild, C. F. Spencer, Pitts, M. P. Flack, Vein Mountain, John Bradley, Old Fort, I. H. Greene, Old Fort, C. M. Pool.

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## Death of W. M. McNairy.

Mr. W. M. McNairy, a young attorney of Marion, died at his home on South Main street Wednesday afternoon the 16th, at 3 o'clock from influenza followed by meningitis. Mr. McNairy had returned from France, where he had been serving as a soldier with the American Expeditionary Forces, only a few days prior to his death. Immediately upon his return he and Mrs. McNairy resumed house-keeping and it was while moving their furniture and getting rearranged that he was taken violently ill.

Mr. McNairy volunteered his services to the Government at the outbreak of the war, but owing to the state of his health he was not accepted. Some time after the draft regulations went into effect he was called and accepted for service. Even though he had offered his services and had been turned down he was never heard to utter a murmur when the call to the colors was made. He left with a number of others in the August draft and was early sent to France. Upon receiving his discharge in a few days he returned to Marion, somewhat broken in health but in good spirits and anxious to get back into his profession as an attorney.

"Mack," as he was known to his friends, came to Marion about seven or eight years ago to practice law. Owing to his genial disposition and winning personality he was universally popular and had a wide circle of friends. Something over a year ago he was married to Miss Lizzie Perkins, of Morganton, who with a number of relatives and numerous friends are left to mourn his passing.

## Home Service Work.

On Wednesday, April 16, Miss Walker, of Atlanta, Ga., field director of Home Service Work, gave a very interesting talk on Home Service work to the Marion chapter. The importance of work to be done for returning soldiers was emphasized and new interest created along all branches of Home Service work. It was urged that delegates be sent to attend the Home Service convention which meets in Asheville the first week of June.

Services at St. John's next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

### SANDY FLAT

Sandy Flat, April 19.—Misses Jane and Emma Blanton of Lawndale are visiting W. G. Bates.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Horton are visiting the latter's parents.

The Green brothers have recently moved into the Sandy Flat section.

J. D. Hogan and J. G. Pyatt made a business trip to Union Mills, Thursday.

The people of this section have been informed that there will not be any preaching at Dysartville today and tomorrow on account of the "flu."

The school closed here last night with an interesting entertainment. The children were well trained and rendered a splendid program. The school has had a successful term with Miss Annie Bradley as teacher.

### CURFEW

Curfew, April 21.—Miss Ethel Morgan of Drayton, S. C., visited homefolks here several days last week.

Dewey Parker who has been at Modoc, S. C., spent the week-end with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Reel were given a surprise birthday dinner Easter Sunday by a number of their children and grand children. All enjoyed it very much.

Walter Hawkins visited homefolks Sunday.

Mrs. R. C. Saunders of Marion visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Mattie McCall and two sons, Carl and Robert, of Marion, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. Bessie Saunders spent Sunday with homefolks.

Louise Saunders has returned home after spending several weeks in Marion. Columbus Burgin of Latta, S. C., was a visitor here Sunday.

A number of young folks enjoyed a singing at the home of I. L. Reel Sunday.

Columbus Silvers of Crooked Creek was among the guests here Sunday.

### HARMONY GROVE

Harmony Grove, April 21.—Charles Crawley has returned home from overseas, having received his discharge from the army.

Ed. Crawley of Marion is spending a few days here with homefolks.

Roy Morgan of Marion spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks.

James Pyatt and family spent Sunday in Bridgewater.

### DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartville, April 21.—Ernest Satter white made a business trip to Marion last Thursday.

G. D. Taylor and family of Nebo were pleasant visitors here Sunday.

Lillie Landis of Nebo High school spent the week-end with homefolks.

McKinley Hutchins has received his discharge from the army is home for a few days.

Key Landis of Nebo was a visitor here Sunday.

Mrs. Bobbie Kirksey of Morganton is visiting relatives here.

James L. Laughridge of Marion motored to Dysartville Sunday.

Mrs. Nancy Dysart of Hudson is visiting relatives here.

Walter and Herbert Mangum made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

The last cold spell damaged the fruit considerably it is thought.

The Sandy Flat school closed last Friday night with a good entertainment.

### WOODLAWN

Woodlawn, April 21.—The measles epidemic continues serious.

Fayette Hollifield is very sick.

Rev. Drake of Nebo, held services Easter Sunday at the Baptist church.

Lindsey Gouge is quite ill.

Miss Edna Brinkley, who is teaching on the mountain, spent the week-end at home.

Miss Willma Corpening came home Friday from her school on Armstrong to spend the week-end.

Herriott Clarkson of Charlotte passed through Woodlawn last Friday enroute

home from Little Switzerland.

Wheat was hardly tall enough to cut for Easter egg dye.

Spring work has been much retarded by sickness in numerous families.

## Victory Loan Campaign to Start Monday, April 28.

Chairman W. W. Guy, of the Victory Loan campaign, has perfected the organization for McDowell county and will begin the drive to secure the county's quota on April 28th. The quota for the county is \$135,000. Considering the ease with which the county's allotment of all previous issues were secured it is expected that little difficulty will be had in putting McDowell over the top in this the last and most important of all calls. The Victory issue is very attractive as an investment. The bonds are to run for four years and bear 4½% interest, being non-taxable except for income taxes. They should, therefore, appeal to both large and small investors.

The township chairmen, with W. C. McCall as vice-chairman of the county organization, follows:

J. W. Winborne, Marion; J. L. Nichols, Old Fort; W. H. Taylor, Dysartville; J. F. Wilson, Nebo; T. B. Ledbetter, Broad River; John Lavender, Crooked Creek; R. J. Lonon and R. H. Hennessee, North Cove; M. L. Good, Turkey Cove; J. B. Lonon and E. E. English, Cedar Cove; Geo. W. Chapman, Buck Creek; D. C. Brown, Higgins; W. M. Wilson, Sugar Hill. A full list of committees will be published next week.

## Simon Shew Dies.

Simon Shew, who was fatally shot by Anderson Moore about two weeks ago at the Marion Mills, died Monday at the McDowell Hospital where he had been a patient since the shooting. Shew received several shots, some of which penetrated the abdominal organs, and an operation was performed in hopes of saving the wounded man's life. He seemed to be making satisfactory progress toward recovery until recently when he took a turn for the worse. The dead man is survived by a wife and several children.

Moore, the man charged with the killing, is in the Marion jail awaiting trial at the next term of court. He claims he acted in self-defense.

## Epley-Hall.

On last Monday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock Mr. C. L. Epley, of Detroit, Mich., and Miss Eula Hall of this place, were quietly married at the Presbyterian manse, Rev. J. C. Story officiating. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Higgins Hall and for some time has held a position with the Marion Telephone company. Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Epley left for Detroit, where they will make their home. Their many friends wish them a long and happy wedded life.

## French Tank Exhibited in Marion.

The French "whippet" tank, which was in Marion Tuesday in the interest of the Victory Loan campaign, attracted much attention when it paraded the streets. This tank was used in the St. Mihiel and Argonne forest battles and carries several scars. It was manned by Corporals Curzon and Bradley of the United States tank corps.

## WAR TROPHY TRAIN TOUR

Train Filled With Interesting War Relics Will Spend About Two Hours in Marion Friday.

The "Thirtieth Division Special" a war trophy train named in honor of the fighting Carolina boys who were with the first to break the Hindenburg line, will travel through North Carolina this week, to give added interest to the victory loan campaign, which begins today.

The special train is scheduled to make its first stop at Greensboro Tuesday afternoon and is due to arrive at Marion Friday morning, April 25, at 11:50 o'clock and remaining until 1:30 p. m., making a stop of one hour and forty minutes. It goes from here to Glenwood, arriving there at 2:00 p. m. and remaining there until 3:30 p. m., and then to Rutherfordton, and the tour includes stops at four score towns and cities, returning to Richmond, Va., on May 10.

Part of the exhibition will include every variety of weapon and equipment used by the allies in the successful prosecution of the war; from rifles, machine guns and hand grenades to large calibre cannon. In addition airplane parts will be included in the display.

A unique part of the exhibit will be the display of naval inventions, perfected under the stress of war needs, and completed only at a late date when the signing of the armistice prevented their introduction into the scheme of modern warfare.

As a balm to longing eyes the display will include an assortment of captured German war material—helmets of the crack Prussian guards, large calibre guns used by the Huns in reducing allied trenches and fortifications, and articles or personal equipment captured from boche officers.

## The Peace Conference.

President Wilson and the premiers, it has been decided, will deliver the peace treaty to the Germans at Versailles Saturday. It is stated that, after the treaty is actually delivered, it is intended to allow adequate time for the Germans to make inquiries concerning the various details before returning to Weimar. This is expected to take about two days, the first day being devoted to familiarizing themselves with the terms, and the second day to answering such inquiries as they may make.

It is believed the stay of the plenipotentiaries at Weimar will cover a week, thus bringing them back to Versailles about May 8 to 10.

It is announced from Paris that the allied and associated powers are prepared to aid in the relief of Russia with foodstuffs, provided there is a cessation of hostilities "within definite lines in the territory of Russia."

The United States forest service is having estimates made of the highway from Highlands to Franklin, Macon county and from Franklin to Aquone, and with liberal co-operation from Macon county authorities, A. F. Potter, acting forester, promises that this will be the next project to be financed in North Carolina.