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## PROGRAM FOR MAY 10TH

Plans for Grand Celebration Completed—Hon. E. F. Watson Will Deliver Address.

Plans for the celebration in Marion next Saturday for McDowell soldiers have been completed and worked out in detail. All soldiers of the World War, Union soldiers and all persons who have served as soldiers in the United States army, navy or marine corps will be the guests at dinner of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and American Red Cross. The dinner will be served on the Marion graded school grounds. While the dinner for the soldiers will be prepared and served by the ladies of the U. D. C. and members of the Red Cross, ample provision and space will be arranged for the convenience of those bringing baskets and desiring to spread their dinner and invite their friends and others to eat with them.

The speaker of the occasion will be Hon. E. F. Watson, of Burnsville. Mr. Watson is well known in McDowell county and it is expected he will more than live up to his reputation as a speaker on this occasion.

The program for the occasion is as follows:

10:00 a. m. Military parade, starting at graded school grounds.

11:00 a. m. Invocation by Rev. W. L. Hutchins. Song, America. Address of Welcome on behalf of Town, by L. J. P. Cutlar, Mayor. Address of welcome on behalf of County, by J. W. Winborne. Address on behalf of McDowell Chapter of Red Cross, by J. Q. Gilkey. Response by Col. D. W. Adams. Song, "Tenting Tonight," by Children's Chapter.

12:00 m. Address by Hon. E. F. Watson. Song, "The Star Spangled Banner."

1:00 p. m. Dinner.

The above program will be given on the grounds of the graded school. Let the people of McDowell county come en masse to show their appreciation of the heroic deeds of their soldiers and to take part in the exercises of the day. This is the people's day and the people's celebration. Everybody is welcome; everybody is expected to come.

## Road Bonds Ordered Issued—Road Commissioners Meet.

The county commissioners were in session Monday and besides the regular routine business ordered bonds issued for roads in Montfords Cove township in the sum \$4,300; Dysartsville township for \$6,000 and Higgins, \$3,200.

The county road commissioners were also in session and had a very busy day. Delegations from all over the county were on hand to discuss with the commission ways and means of meeting the requirements under the new law for the construction of roads. The commissioners expect to go forward with the construction of roads in McDowell county just as fast as funds and conditions will permit.

All members of the Red Cross in the county are expected to be here and take part in the parade. Full uniforms not necessary, but Red Cross caps should be worn.

## T. W. Wilson Appointed Tax Supervisor for McDowell County.

Appointment of district and county tax supervisors to serve throughout the state during the spring tax listing, were announced by the state corporation commission Thursday. D. M. Buck, of Bald Mountain, will be supervisor in the Ninth district, T. W. Wilson, of Nealsville, will be in charge of the work in McDowell county. The ninth tax district is composed of the following counties: Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, McDowell, Mitchell, Rutherford, Watauga and Yancey. The appointees take office effective May 1, and will start on their work as soon as possible.

Three meetings of district and county supervisors will be held in the state in the near future. W. T. Lee, chairman, and A. J. Maxwell and R. P. Pell, members of the corporation commission, will meet with the supervisors at these sessions, outlining the plans for making the tax valuations this year. The conference of the tax workers of the western section of the state will be held in Asheville on May 19 and 20.

County supervisors will be paid from \$100 to \$250 per month and expenses and are entitled to one clerk at the rate of \$100 per month, for every \$5,000,000 valuation. The district supervisors will be paid \$250 per month.

## Marion District Sunday School Institute.

There will be held at Rutherford n, Wednesday, May 14, and at Morganton, Saturday, May 17, two district Sunday school institutes for the 87 Methodist Sunday schools in Rutherford, Polk, McDowell, Burke, Yancey and Mitchell counties, this territory constituting what is called in Methodist circles a district. Each school in this district is asked to send at least one delegate to either of these institutes. More will be welcome.

Mr. O. V. Woosley, Sunday school field secretary for the Western North Carolina Conference, will direct the work of the institute under the guidance of Presiding Elder Parker Holmes, of the Marion district. Assisting Mr. Woosley will be Mr. M. W. Brabham and Miss Marie Hansen, two strong Sunday school workers from Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Hansen will direct the work of teachers who work with boys and girls under thirteen years of age and Mr. Brabham will have charge of the teen age and adult work, together with that of management and supervision of Sunday schools. It is probable that during part of the day the sessions will be divided and those preferring work with Miss Hansen will go with her and those preferring secondary or adult work will go with Mr. Brabham.

These two institutes are part of twelve similar ones arranged by Mr. Woosley and they promise much profit to those attending. The public is cordially invited to attend both the morning and afternoon sessions of the institute.

The banks will be closed all day next Saturday on account of the celebration and Saturday being a legal holiday.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

### DYSARTSVILLE.

Dysartville, May 5.—Crawford Landis of Marion was a visitor here Sunday. H. B. Brackett made a business trip to Marion last Friday.

Miss Ruth Yelton, of Bridgewater, was the guest of Miss Lona Goforth, Sunday.

Guy McGimpsey and wife of Bridgewater visited J. M. Goforth last week.

The Laurel Hill school, with James C. Goforth as teacher, closed last Saturday night with a good entertainment.

Memorial Day will be observed at both churches the 3rd Sunday in May, beginning at 10 o'clock, a. m. The services before noon will be at the Methodist church. Everybody is requested to bring baskets of dinner.

### WOODLAWN

Woodlawn, May 5.—May Day dawned too rainy at Woodlawn to hang May baskets but made fishing the sport of the day.

M. L. Good and Robert Brinkley went down to the sale of government horses last week at Camp Wadsworth, S. C.

D. R. Bird, who has purchased a farm in Mitchell county, was here on business during the week.

Mrs. Mary W. Yancey has returned home after spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. F. S. Clark, in Florida. Lindsey Gouge made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

The tenth will be a big day in Marion. Don't forget to go.

### Nebo High School.

Examinations Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

The commencement program will begin with the annual sermon on Sunday, May 11, at 3 o'clock. Thursday night at 8:30 the primary and intermediate grades will give a concert. Friday morning at 10 o'clock graduating exercises by the senior class. Address at 11 o'clock by Hon. J. J. Britt. Declaration and recitation contests at 2 p. m. Awarding of medals and announcement at 3 p. m. Play, "Standing By," at 8:30 p. m. Bring your dinner and stay all day Friday.

Everybody is free except the play Friday night.

Mr. Sam McCall donates the medal for the best recitation.

Everybody goes to Marion Saturday to join the parade, etc. No. 15 will stop at Nebo to take the school pupils and others who wish to attend the celebration.

### Dr. Johnson to Move to Marion.

Dr. J. B. Johnson, of Old Fort, will move to Marion within a few weeks and will be associated with Dr. G. S. Kirby in the operation of the McDowell Hospital. Dr. Johnson is already well known in this section, having practiced in McDowell county for a number of years. Before coming to this county he was connected with the Knoxville General Hospital, of Knoxville, Tenn., for a number of years as house physician.

The McDowell Hospital has been steadily growing. Equipment has been provided as increased needs demand. It is now fitted up with full appliances, X-Ray, etc.

### Another Store for Marion.

Holmes Bryson, of Asheville, was in Marion last week making arrangements to add another link to his chain of stores by opening up a general store in Marion under the firm name of Bryson-Snyder Company. This store will be in C. A. Snyder's territory who now operates a general store at Old Fort. The new store will be located in the Marianna Hotel building, opening for business this week.

## Missionary Society Entertains Soldiers at Parsonage.

One of the most delightful social events ever given in the Marion Methodist parsonage was the reception given by the Kate Hackney Missionary Society of the Methodist church to the soldier boys of Marion and vicinity, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Hutchins acting as hosts. Attractive and unique invitations on "out of date" post cards, reading as follows, were sent out to the soldiers:

"An 'Out-of-Date' Social For 'Up-to-Date' Soldiers. Come to the Methodist parsonage on Thursday eve.

Assemble at the hour of eight,

Not too early—

Not too late—

A good time for all.

Both great and small;

Refreshments made out-of-date"

Kate Hackney Society.

May 1, 1919.

At the appointed hour the gallant heroes, in full uniform, assembled at the parsonage, being received by the pastor and his wife in the very cordial and democratic atmosphere that always greets a guest in this hospitable home. The soldiers were entertained by the members of the Kate Hackney Missionary Society in a most charming but pleasant and easy manner. Old time songs were sung, such as "Swanee River," "Old Black Joe," etc.; old time and "out of date" games were revived, as well as old forgotten readings, poems, etc.

Refreshments were served, consisting of out-of-date fruit punch, cakes, snaps and stick candy. While the guests were assembled in the dining room the young ladies placarded the backs of the young soldiers with clippings from newspaper advertisements, which provoked a great deal of fun in the laughable attempts of the young men to guess the nature of the reading matter attached to their spotless uniforms. The young ladies were gowned in old Colonial styles and fashions, contrasting with the extravagant and elegant costumes of the present.

The parsonage was beautifully and tastefully arranged. The whole scene carried one back to the days and time of ease, chivalry and patriotism.

At a late hour the guests reluctantly bade their hosts good night. Many have been heard to remark that it was the most enjoyable event of their lives, and that after all the preacher and his wife may carry on and beautify the mission of Christ and the church in a most appropriate manner by taking an active and leading part in the social life of the community.

Mr. Hutchins came to Marion something over a year ago, and being of a democratic and social disposition, he has greatly endeared himself to the masses of the people of this community. He is thoroughly patriotic and purely American. As the war with Germany continued his desire to be of service grew stronger and stronger. Finally not being able to resist the call longer, he offered his service as a volunteer in the work of the Y. M. C. A. He left last spring as gift from the Marion church to this cause, spending several months with the boys. He is very fond of the soldiers, being popular among them.

## THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Historical Outline of Some Things the Marion Chapter Has Accomplished Since Organization.

The Marion chapter of the American Red Cross was organized at a public meeting in Marion on July 9, 1917, with 106 members, having jurisdiction over McDowell county. The following officers were elected: J. W. Winborne, chairman; Mrs. J. G. Beaman, vice-chairman; Mrs. R. F. Burton, secretary and W. C. Smith, treasurer. Mr. Winborne resigned as chairman in December, 1917, and J. Q. Gilkey was elected his successor. In February, 1918, Mrs. Beaman was made director of Woman's Work, and Mr. Beaman succeeded her as vice-chairman. Mrs. P. D. Sinclair, supervisor of surgical dressing, resigned, being succeeded by Mrs. D. E. Hudgins. The executive committee is composed of Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey, Mrs. J. W. Pless, Mrs. D. E. Hudgins, Mrs. Minnie Blanton, Miss Mary Gordon Greenlee and Mrs. F. B. Gwin. Total enrollment of chapter to date 716, and colored auxiliary with 27 members. In September 1917 a request came from Burnsville, Yancey county, that an auxiliary be formed and the request was granted.

The Marion chapter, together with its branches and auxiliaries at Old Fort, Clinchfield, Ashford and Burnsville, (Burnsville withdrawing last August to join the Yancey county chapter) have completed and sent to headquarters in Atlanta 28 boxes containing supplies of surgical dressings; 1653 bandages, compresses, 1050 pads, and hospital supplies, including 95 Italian comfort tags, 188 property bags, fracture pillows, 3050 shot bags, 26 layettes, 32 pajamas, refugee garments by Clinchfield auxiliary, knitted articles, 243 sweaters and 140 pairs of socks. Old Fort assisted in the work by making 382 triangular bandages, 60 T. bandages, 72 fracture pillows, 20 sweaters, 108 ward bags and 95 Italian bags. When the call came for the Belgians, 2151 pounds of clothing was sent. Response to the "Linen Shower" for the hospitals was very liberal, and in response to the call in February 212 pounds of clothing was given.

Canteen work. There have been few opportunities for service in this line, however meals were prepared for three soldier trains and several times committees gave attention by furnishing light refreshments to passing trains of soldiers. At Christmas 1917 the Red Cross sent a box to every soldier from this county in camp. Last Christmas where it was known that the coupons were not received by relatives or friends, a box was sent that no one might be left out.

During the influenza epidemic an emergency committee was formed and a number of families were visited and supplied soup and other food. Garments and bed linen were made and furnished where needed. Two graduate nurses and 20 volunteer nurses did good work. Although public gatherings were prohibited, a few ladies met at the work room for two weeks and made garments to supply the sick.

Two surgical dressing classes have been held, with Mrs. Beaman as instructor, seven completing the course. A first aid class, with Dr. Kirby as instructor, is taking instruction at present.

In the campaign to raise war

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