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## TEACHERS HOLD MEETING

Teachers of the County Hold Successful Meeting in Marion—Interesting Program.

The teachers of the county met at the Graded School last Saturday in one of the most successful meetings ever held. Practically all the teachers of the county were present; only a few, teaching in the most distant sections who could not conveniently reach town, were absent.

The program dealt with the school work in a general way. The new school legislation, the compulsory attendance law, were discussed in detail.

While the compulsory attendance law is rather rigid it is the policy of the teachers and those in charge of the school administration to resort to the compulsory feature as little as possible. The teachers hope to make the schools of such service as will encourage the people to send their children to school, without having to resort to the law. The schools thus far in operation have had practically no trouble in the matter of attendance. The teachers have visited parents and sent out letters asking their co-operation and it is their intention to pursue this method rather than take legal procedure.

"The Reading Matter of the Teacher" was discussed by Mr. M. S. Giles in a very interesting manner. Mr. Giles told the teachers the kind of literature they should have, laying emphasis on how to use it in the schools. Supt. G. B. Strickland discussed "The Teacher in the Community," emphasizing the importance of leadership of the teacher in all civic and community affairs. Mr. Strickland made a very interesting talk in which he pictured the ideal teacher leading a community in everything that means for the community welfare. "What the Teacher Should Do During Recess" was discussed by Miss Mary Greenlee. Miss Greenlee told of the importance of supervising the activities of the children during play periods as well as study periods. She mentioned several ways in which the resourceful teacher can make the recess period interesting and helpful, at the same time solving the problem of discipline. "School Buildings and Grounds" was discussed by Supt. T. A. Holton. Mr. Holton emphasized the importance of cleanliness and orderliness; he also dwelt upon the esthetic side and told of its influence upon the student body. Athletics he said were one of the principal means of making school life interesting and wholesome. Mr. E. J. Harbison, principal of Nebo High School, outlined the work in the Nebo school for the coming year. He told of the new course in teacher-training to be given by the Nebo school and of its importance to the teachers of McDowell County.

At the next meeting of the teachers they expect to take up the Reading Circle work and other work of professional training for the year. At this meeting a member of the State Board of Examiners and Institute Conductors will be present to organize and outline this phase of the school work in McDowell County.

## Singing Convention at Marion—Great Day for Singers.

One of the most successful and largely attended singing conventions ever conducted in McDowell County was held at the court house on Sunday. The day was an ideal one and the people from the entire county filled the court house to overflowing.

There were three choirs participating in the singing of the day, Cross Mill, East Marion and Hankins. The singing was of a very high order, showing great talent and good practice.

An interesting feature of the occasion was the presentation of a gold medal by Mr. T. E. Snipes, of Marion. The medal is beautifully engraved with the following words "McDowell Singing Convention." It is to remain the property of the convention, to be handed down to the successive presidents of the convention.

Singing conventions have long been popular occasions for the people. It is a day of their coming together not only in great inspirational singing, but in many other ways. It is hoped that these meetings will be continued from time to time.

The next annual convention will be held in August, 1920, beginning on Saturday and continuing Sunday. The Saturday meeting will be devoted largely to the business of the convention, election of officers, etc.

## Successful Revival Being Conducted at Methodist Church.

One of the most successful revivals ever held in Marion has been in progress at the Methodist church for several days, Rev. Thomas Jimison, assisted by the local pastors, being in charge.

The meetings are being largely attended and great interest is being taken. A meeting was held Sunday afternoon for men and a large number of citizens of Marion were present and much interest taken. The meeting was very successful from every standpoint. Rev. Jimison made a strong address to the men, his subject being "A Man Wanted." At the conclusion of the service those present filed by the altar to express their appreciation of the service and to promise to lead cleaner and better lives.

On Sunday night the other churches of the town cancelled their evening program. It is said the largest audience ever gathered in the church was present at the Methodist church for the evening service. Every available seat was taken, in both the auditorium and gallery. The subject was the Prodigal Son, and the speaker made one of the strongest appeals for Christianity ever listened to by a Marion audience.

During the present week afternoon prayer meetings are being held and are largely attended. No definite announcement has been made as to whether the meeting will conclude this week.

The judge advocate general has ruled that the motor equipment of the war department cannot be distributed to the various States for road building purposes. There is a conflict in the laws and additional legislation is needed to clear it up. In the meantime the department is preparing to sell the motors that the States were to get.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

### OLD FORT

Old Fort, Sept. 2.—Miss May Anderson arrived in Old Fort a few days ago from overseas to visit her sister, Mrs. G. B. Strickland. She has been in Red Cross service in Paris.

Master Franz Strickland returned last week from a visit to relatives in Ashboro.

The Methodist Sunday School went a few miles up Curtis Creek last Thursday on a picnic. There was an abundance to eat and everybody seemed to have a good time on the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and Miss May Anderson left Tuesday for Asheville where Mrs. Anderson will enter the hospital for treatment.

J. H. Salisbury, an engineer on the Southern Railway who was accidentally killed by a train at Morristown, was buried here last Saturday.

The Old Fort graded and high school opened Monday with the largest attendance in its history.

Rev. W. T. Wadley, who has been pastor of the Presbyterian church in Old Fort for several years, left today with his family for Edenton, N. C., to take charge of the church there. They have made many friends in Old Fort and McDowell county who regret very much to see them leave. We wish them success in their new work.

Mrs. J. L. Nichols has returned from a short stay in Asheville.

Quite a crowd of young people gave Miss Gertrude Dala a surprise party last Friday night. After the party a watermelon feast was enjoyed at the home of Mrs. S. F. Mauney.

Miss Mary Mauney has returned to her home in Salisbury after spending the summer with her brother, S. F. Mauney.

Thaddeus Bradley, William Burgin, Hugh Tate and Sidney Mauney left Tuesday for Raleigh to enter the A. and E. College.

Mrs. Ella Clark of Asheville is visiting Mrs. Charles Burgin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley spent Sunday in Morganton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Allison of Hendersonville motored to Old Fort for the funeral of Mr. Salisbury last Saturday.

Mrs. Paris Payne and Mrs. Barrows and daughter, Miss Blanche, are visiting Mrs. George Hyams.

Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Roneche and Mrs. Peeler and daughter spent Monday with Miss Lillie Lytle.

### ASHFORD

Ashford, Sept. 1.—The school here is progressing nicely and nearly all the children in the district have been enrolled. The sum of \$64.25 was realized from the box supper Saturday night, the amount to be spent for the improvement of the school.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brown and Frank Keefe made a business trip to Statesville last week.

Miss Dora Gibbs of Pitts spent the week-end with relatives here.

James and Thad Conley, Wren Hennessee and Harry Caldwell of Sevier were visitors here during the week.

Miss Clara Bird has returned from a visit to friends at Spruce Pine.

Misses Tracy Stinson and Nelle Gibbs attended the teachers' meeting in Marion last Saturday.

Misses Lydia Hefner and Pearl Swofford have entered school at Burnsville.

Miss Mabel Crockett is visiting friends at Linville Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCall made a business trip to Marion today.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Brown motored to Jefferson City, Tenn., Tuesday.

Misses Iva McCall and Lenne Brown left today for Nebo where they will enter school.

Quite a number of young people enjoyed a surprise party at the home of Misses Beatrice and Gaye Brown on Friday evening.

Charles Wilson visited in Swannanoa and Asheville last week.

D. C. Bates was in Marion Friday on business.

J. W. McCall spent several days in Hendersonville during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Avery of Avery visited the latter's mother here Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Katherine McGhee has returned home from Altamont.

Miss Ellen McGhee of Marion visited homefolks here Sunday.

W. H. Swofford made a business trip to Marion Monday.

Misses Beatrice and Gaye Brown and Dewey Brown spent the week-end in Morganton.

### NEALSVILLE

Nealsville, Sept. 2.—Mrs. B. I. Byrd and daughter, Irene, who have been visiting friends and relatives at Glenwood, have returned to their home at Indian Head, Md.

Mrs. Joe Poteat of Erwin, Tenn., was a visitor here last week.

Paul Thorn has accepted a position with the Davis Pharmacy at Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Neal of Forest City spent the week with relatives here.

Miss Vina Rayburn spent Friday night with homefolks here enroute to New York City, where she will complete her training course at Bellevue Hospital.

Mrs. Belo Ramsey and sister, Miss Nelle Morris, of Erwin, Tenn., are visiting homefolks here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Rayburn of Columbus, Ohio, are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. J. H. Rayburn.

Mrs. D. J. Hunt of Cliffside is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. C. Gardin.

Mrs. S. P. Bland, who has been spending awhile with her mother, left Tuesday for her home at Altamont, N. C.

Mrs. J. C. England was shopping in Marion last Friday.

Miss Annie Mode of Marion, spent the week-end with her parents at this place.

Mrs. A. C. Gardin was shopping in Marion Friday.

Sgt. Floyd Morris, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morris, left Tuesday for Camp Humphreys, Va.

### DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartville, Sept. 1.—Joe Tate McGimsey and little granddaughter of Bridgewater visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Goforth last week.

Tate Denton of Charlotte has returned home after spending two weeks with relatives here.

Will Landis of Marion was a pleasant visitor here Sunday.

Irene Dysart, of Hickory, after visiting several days here, returned home last Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Taylor visited her sister, Mrs. W. A. Dysart, in Hickory last week.

Several of the young people attended a music recital at Pinnacle Saturday night. They report a good entertainment.

Mrs. Addie Satterwhite has been ill several days but is improving.

### GREENLEE

Marion, Rt. 2, Sept. 1.—Mrs. W. L. Crisp and two children have returned home after spending a week with the former's sister at Topton.

Miss Pearl Snipes has returned to her work in Winston-Salem, after a visit to her parents here.

Mrs. W. J. Marsh is on the sick list.

J. G. McCall spent Saturday in Marion.

R. H. McCall spent Saturday in Old Fort.

J. W. McCurry, who has been working in Marion, has returned to Greenlee to stay awhile.

Miss Eva Snipes spent last week with friends in Stroudtown.

### Road Construction to Begin.

The McDowell Highway Commission has let the contract for a highway leading from the Rutherford county line to Marion township, a distance of about 14 miles, the successful bidders being the Asheville Construction Company of Asheville. The road is to be graded and put in the required condition in a limited time. It is expected work will be started at once.

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Silas James, of Waynesville, was fatally injured when his automobile turned over. James is described as a wealthy retired farmer, and is survived by a wife and nine children.

Jerry Dalton was convicted of first degree murder in Macon county Superior court, for the murder of Maud Grant, a widow 32 years old, and Merrill Angel, a young traveling salesman. Dalton met the couple driving and shot them. Jealousy is assigned as the cause. He was sentenced to die October 5.

Harry Salisbury, of Knoxville, Tenn., conductor on a helper train, was killed last Thursday near Rankin, Tenn., when his train was sideswiped by passenger train No. 12. The remains were interred at Old Fort, Capt. Salisbury's former home. The deceased is survived by his wife and one daughter. Arthur Crane, a brakeman of Knoxville, was killed at the same time.

John T. Perkins, formerly one of the most prominent lawyers of this section, died at his home in Morganton Saturday after having been invalided for several years. Surviving are his aged mother, his wife and five children, Frank Perkins of Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. W. M. McNairy of Marion, N. C.; Theo. Perkins and Misses Straus and Ione Perkins of Morganton. One daughter, Miss Etta May Perkins, died in camp last fall while serving as an army nurse.

## Nebo, Greenlee and Stroudtown Schools Open.

The Nebo High School, Greenlee School and Stroudtown School opened last Monday with large enrollments. At Nebo the enrollment is said to be the largest of any opening day in the history of the school. The prospects at Nebo are the best that the school has ever had. The teachers for the year are Mr. E. J. Harbison, principal; Mrs. Harbison and Miss Rosa Stacy, high school teachers; Miss Ellen Carson, Mrs. Byrd and Miss Dodson, grade teachers; Miss Boyette, music teacher; Mrs. C. S. Briggs, normal instructor.

The teachers in the Greenlee school are Miss Maggie Taylor, principal; Miss Olivia Patton, intermediate, and Miss Mary Greenlee, substitute primary teacher. The indications are that the Greenlee school will have a very successful term. The enrollment and attendance this week have been very gratifying.

Stroudtown school opened with Mr. Lee Lavender as principal, Mrs. Garland Williams, intermediate teacher and Miss Lottie McKoy, primary teacher. The Stroudtown teachers are all teachers of successful experience and good qualifications. They have several things in mind which they expect to do to help make Stroudtown one of the best schools in the county.

### Expense Peace Commission.

In asking Congress for an additional appropriation of \$825,000 for the expenses of the American peace commission in Paris from last July 1 to the end of this calendar year, President Wilson transmitted a detailed account of the expenses of the American delegates. He said in view of prices in Paris, the expenses of the American commission "were very modest."

Clerk of Court W. H. Hawkins spent Tuesday in Charlotte.