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ELECT WELFARE OFFICER

J. K. Cowan of Old Fort Elected Welfare Officer for McDowell County Monday.

At a joint meeting of the county boards of Commissioners and Education on Monday, Mr. James K. Cowan, of Old Fort, was unanimously elected County Superintendent of Public Welfare. Mr. Cowan was strongly recommended by his many friends and influential citizens throughout the county. The action of the two boards will do doubt be highly approved by the people of McDowell county.

Mr. Cowan is well fitted for his new work. He is a man of sterling qualities, a Christian gentleman, possessed of tact and diplomacy. It is expected that he will meet with much success in his new field of labors.

Mr. Cowan has been a member of the Board of Education for several years, serving with fidelity and zeal. He has resigned as a member of the Board and Mr. J. S. Bradley, of Old Fort, was elected to succeed him.

Glenwood Asks for Additional Bonds for School.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the citizens of Glenwood on last Wednesday evening it was decided to vote \$5,000 additional bonds to furnish the new school building now under course of construction and to provide a dormitory. Supt. N. F. Steppe was present and spoke of the importance of making proper provision for the school. An agricultural department will be added and it will be necessary, not only to have the new building modernly equipped, but to build a dormitory to take care of students who desire to attend this school from various sections of the county.

The new building is well under way and it is hoped to have it completed in about a month. When finished it will be one of the best buildings in the county.

Greenlee School Well Organized.

The Greenlee School is progressing nicely under the supervision of Miss Maggie Taylor as principal, Miss Olivia Patton as intermediate teacher, and Miss Maude Elliott as primary teacher. About eighty-five pupils have been enrolled, and it is hoped that others will be enrolled soon. An ice-cream supper was given September 20. Thirty-five dollars and seventy cents was realized. The proceeds will be used for improvements.

Each of the three rooms have been organized. Miss Taylor's pupils have been organized into a literary society, Miss Patton's pupils have organized a Story-Telling Club, and Miss Elliott has organized her little ones into a Thrift Society. All three are doing splendid work.

A mother's meeting has been planned for next Friday afternoon. We hope that every mother can come and observe the school work. A short program will be given by the children for their entertainment.

W. R. Wilfong, of Hickory, has accepted a position with P. A. Reid & Co.

Dr. Robert J. Burgin Dead.

Dr. Robert J. Burgin died Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock at the McDowell Hospital. He had been in failing health for several months, but only recently had his condition been realized as serious.

Dr. Burgin was born 68 years ago in McDowell County and has lived his entire life in his home county. He graduated at the Dental College of Memphis, Tennessee, and had practiced his profession in Marion for 42 years. He was skilled in his profession and enjoyed a wide practice. He was a member of the official board of the Presbyterian church.

Dr. Burgin was prominent in the affairs of his native county. Several years ago he was a candidate for clerk of the court and made a very strong race. He was known to every citizen of the county and was universally popular; a man of genial disposition and kindness of heart, he endeared himself to a large circle of friends.

Dr. Burgin was married twice; his first wife was Miss Mary Halliburton. His second wife was Miss Annie Finley and she preceded her husband to the grave several years ago. Dr. Burgin is survived by the following children: Robert, Louise, Annie Kate, Sallie, Frank and Bonnie.

The first indication of Dr. Burgin's failing health was several months ago, when his son Joseph died at camp Jackson, which was a great shock to the father, and since his son's death he was never quite himself again. The death of Dr. Burgin will be a shock to the entire citizenship of the county. The sympathy of his many friends is extended to the bereaved relatives.

The funeral services were conducted at the residence by Rev. J. C. Story, Wednesday afternoon, and interment made at Oak Grove cemetery. The last rites were performed by the Masonic fraternity, of which Dr. Burgin was a loyal and respected member.

County Finance Committee Appointed.

The Board of Commissioners at their meeting on Monday appointed Julius F. Parker, Johnson N. Nesbitt and N. F. Steppe as Finance Committee, to audit the county's books and make the necessary settlements with various officers. The committee was instructed to enter upon its duties at once and have its report ready by the November meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Baraca Class Elects Officers.

The Baraca Class of the Marion Baptist church held its regular semi-annual election of officers last Sunday. J. C. Allen was elected president; T. V. Ellis, vice-president; W. F. Grant, secretary; I. W. Saunders, treasurer; W. R. Chambers, teacher, and J. Q. A. Michael, assistant teacher. The officers will be installed at an early date. The class has a large enrollment and attendance. Mr. Chambers has been teacher of the class since its re-organization last spring.

J. C. McIntosh has sold his grocery store to B. G. Gettys.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Oct. 7.—Carl Greene and Joe Crawford attended the dance given Saturday night by the management of the Langren Hotel in Asheville.

Miss Madeline Mashburn has returned from a visit to New York City.

H. C. Holland of Biltmore was in town yesterday.

Rev. R. F. Mock was in Asheville on business last week.

Miss Mabel Crawford has gone to Asheville for an extended visit.

Born, to Rev. and Mrs. Hill, a daughter, on Monday, October 6th.

J. C. Greene has gone to Spruce Pine this week on business.

Mrs. George Marshall has gone to Mount Airy for an extended visit.

The Liberty Literary Society of the Old Fort High School has organized and elected the following officers: Carl Greene, president; Myrtle McCurry, vice-president; Cletus Tate, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. G. B. Strickland, critic.

G. B. Strickland attended the meeting of the Western Division of high school principals in Asheville Friday.

Misses Myrtle McCurry and Annie Earley spent the week on Crooked Creek.

Those enjoying a moonlight trip to Catawba Falls last Thursday were: Misses Mamie Wadley, Pearl Evans, Elizabeth Biddix, Mary Burgin, Ethel Miller, Hannah Shroup, Mrs. George Marshall, Messrs John Artz, Carl Greene, Truman Tripp, Samuel Johnson, Joe Crawford and Fred Bradley.

I. L. Caplin accompanied his wife and son, Ike, to China Grove, where they have gone on an extended visit to the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Marley.

The tennis craze has overtaken this thriving little town and you may glance in any direction and be sure to see a tennis racket in evidence.

Earl Bradley has gone to Chapel Hill to take a course in pharmacy.

GREENLEE

Greenlee, Oct. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Allison and daughter, of Haysville, visited relatives here during the week.

Mrs. John Hogan, of Marion, spent the week end here with her father, J. R. Ledbetter.

Misses Maggie Taylor and Olive Patton spent the week-end at Nebo.

A number of young folks enjoyed a candy pulling with Eva Snipes last Saturday night.

Misses Rebecca Greenlee and Carmila Dobson, who are in school at Nebo, spent Saturday and Sunday here with home folks.

Miss Ola Walls, of Chinfield Mill, visited her parents here this week.

The school here is progressing nicely under the management of Misses Taylor, Patton and Elliot.

Mason Ledbetter and Oliver Pendergrass attended the session of the Green River Baptist Association of Camp Creek, Rutherford county, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis, of Marion, visited homefolks here during the week.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, October 6.—Miss Wahlee Green, the Misses Corpening and Willie Landis, Marion, motored to Dysartsville with Miss Lona Goforth yesterday.

Quarterly meeting will be held here the 19th and 20th, of this month.

James Spratt and wife visited G. D. Taylor and family at Nebo Sunday.

Miss Mamie Goforth visited homefolks here last week.

Walter Mangum made a business trip to Marion today.

R. E. Roper made a trip to Marion Saturday.

NEALSVILLE

Nealsville, Oct. 7.—M. O. Biggerstaff attended the session of the Green River Baptist Association at Camp Creek.

Miss Bessie Rayburn left Friday for Norfolk, Va.

Miss Mildred Wilson was shopping in Marion Saturday.

Miss Hettie B. Rochelle attended the

teachers' meeting at Asheville last Friday and Saturday.

Miss Margaret Goforth, of Asheville, spent the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Goforth.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoke A. Brown left Monday for Columbus, Ohio, to visit the latter's brother.

J. B. Neal, of Forest City, was here on business the first of the week.

Mrs. M. E. Goforth was shopping in Marion Saturday.

Crawford Landis and sister, Miss Lillie, of Dysartville, were in Glenwood, Saturday.

RUTHERFORDTON

Rutherfordton, Oct. 6.—The Watkins Community Fair will be held at the Watkins school house Thursday, Oct. 9th.

Prizes to the amount of about \$150.00 are offered in the four different departments, ranging from 50 cents to \$15.00.

Fifty dollars worth of these premiums are co-operative and are offered jointly by this fair and the state department of agriculture.

Rutherford Furniture Company is the style of the new furniture concern becoming the successors of the Scoggin Furniture Co. A. L. Morris, of Union Mills, having become the manager of the new firm. Mr. Scoggin has retired from the business and removed to Union Mills, his former home, where he becomes associated with his father-in-law, J. P. Guffey, in the milling business.

W. M. Clay, of Lando, S. C., has accepted a position in the machinery department of Spindale Mills, at Spindale, about one and a half miles southeast of Rutherfordton.

A. F. Miller, of the firm of Miller Hardware Co., visited in Marion Saturday and Sunday, the guest of his daughter, Mrs. D. W. Crawford.

Board of Education Pass Resolutions Favoring Better School Facilities.

At the meeting of the County Board of Education on Monday considerable business of a routine nature was transacted.

Owing to the increased interest in schools throughout the county for which demand is being made upon the Board for better buildings and equipment, the Board passed a resolution favoring better school facilities and advantages.

It will be the policy of the Board to help every district desiring additional building equipment that will help itself. However, the Board is limited under the law in the amount that it can spend in any district for building and equipment. The Board is highly in favor of every district in the county having the best building and the best equipment possible.

It will do all in its power to aid those districts who are willing to help themselves.

Lots Sold at Auction.

Thirty-five residence lots, including the Pulliam property, on Henderson avenue, were sold at public auction Wednesday by the Haywood Land & Auction Co., to the following persons: G. S. and K. A. Kirby, three lots; Frank Moody, two lots; C. F. James, two lots; R. S. Clay, two lots; T. A. Holton, one lot; T. L. Epley, three lots; J. Fleming Shipes, two lots; J. L. Laughridge, two lots; J. R. Davis and C. B. Landis, two lots; L. R. Cowan, three lots; W. F. Grant, four lots; J. Luther Elliott, two lots; B. P. Davis, two lots; C. W. and Cleophus Buchanan, five lots; R. L. James, one lot; J. F. Wilkinson, one lot; Von T. Ray, one lot. The old buildings on the property were sold to J. C. Rabb, W. E. Landis, H. B. Mullinax, T. J. Pierce and W. F. Grant.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

A \$200,000 addition is to be made to the O. Henry hotel at Greensboro, giving the hotel 300 rooms.

The Rutherfordton Sun says "Aunt" Ruth Watson, of Rutherford county, will celebrate her 104 birthday on the 16th.

Jas. Iredell Johnson, mayor of Raleigh for several years, died at Hot Springs Va., Friday night, death resulting from paralysis.

William H. Miller editor of the Shelby News and for many years a prominent citizen of Cleveland county, died a few days ago, aged 74 years.

The Buncombe county board of education has elected Miss Edith Terrill superintendent of the county's rural schools, succeeding W. H. Hipps, resigned.

Attendance figures at the University of North Carolina have passed all records. A total of 1224 students have registered for the opening of the 125th session, of whom 425 are freshmen.

The trustees of the State Central highway, extending from Beaufort on the east to the Tennessee line on the west, met in Greensboro Friday and adopted resolutions favoring the early construction of surface road over the entire distance. A committee will make a trip over the route October 27.

Real Estate Transfers.

Jane Washburn to Monroe Sowers, 2 acres adjoining James Swoford, \$50.

Edgar A. Greene to J. C. Bowman, 134 acres adjoining Mrs. M. J. Bowman, \$800.

J. C. Bowman to E. M. Britt, land adjoining M. J. Bowman, \$1400.

J. C. England to W. N. Ramsey, lot on Spring street, \$700.

Robert J. Swann to James A. Washburn, 25 acres on Stillhouse branch, \$1000.

T. F. Wrenn to W. E. Willis, lot on National highway, \$170.

H. L. Covington and others to Floyd Gardner and W. K. M. Gilkey, lots in South Marion, \$500.

G. Allison Cresson to R. W. Tate, land in Marion township, \$1000.

Ruben Proctor to W. E. Willis, land adjoining Wm. Finley, \$100.

J. D. Murphy to T. C. Call, lots in Old Fort, \$500.

J. Ledbetter to J. C. Ledbetter, 60 acres, Broad River, \$1500.

I. H. Greene to J. B. Johnson, I. L. Caplin and W. A. Robinson, lot in Old Fort.

W. M. Blackwelder to C. S. Burgin, lots in New Fort, \$3,000.

J. C. Sandlin to J. S. Browning, 50 acres on Catawba river, \$175.

C. L. Lytle to T. L. Gibson, 100 acres adjoining W. M. Hoyle, \$850.

F. J. Curtis to E. M. Kirksey, 40 acres on Hopper Fork, \$2500.

Henry Carson to Wallace Largin, lots in Marion addition, \$550.

John Yancey to Sam Greenlee, lot on Bakersville road, \$200.

Jake C. Bowman to Mrs. N. J. Bowman, one-fourth interest in land adjoining M. E. Green, \$450.

J. C. Sandlin to Anna Robeson and Mary Jane More, land in Old Fort, \$10.

Services at St. John's Episcopal church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.