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NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Oct. 14—W. A. Burgin made a business trip to Asheville last Friday.

Mrs. Terrell and Mrs. McGraw of Black Mountain were guests of Mrs. B. Crawford last Sunday.

Miss Nell Blanchard and Mrs. J. P. Lamkin, of Augusta, Ga., are visiting Miss Miller at the home of George Marshall.

Miss Mamie Greene attended the fair at Spruce Pine last week.

Mrs. A. C. Tate has returned from the Mission Hospital at Asheville.

Dr. Johnson made a business trip to Asheville last Saturday.

Claudius Graybeal spent Saturday in Asheville.

Mrs. J. B. Robinson of Asheville spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. M. Allen.

Miss Maggie Allen has returned from a visit to Chimney Rock and other points of interest.

Gus Silvers attended the fair at Spruce Pine last week.

L. C. Morris spent the week-end in Knoxville, Tenn.

Reid Grant was in Asheville, Monday. The Woodmen of the World will unveil the monument to the memory of Lee Allison at Bethel on next Sunday.

There will be dinner on the grounds and everybody is cordially invited to attend.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, Oct. 13—James Thomas McDowell, the 18-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Swann, died Friday morning. The funeral was conducted from the home Saturday and interment made in Chapel Hill burying ground. The bereaved family have our heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Huffman, of Hickory, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Huffman.

Mrs. Mainer of Weaverville, is here on an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. A. S. Coats.

Miss Laura Goforth spent the week-end in Marion.

There will be services at the Chapel Hill Baptist church Thursday night, the 23rd, conducted by Rev. Jones.

NEBO

Nebo, Oct. 14—Quite a number of the boarding students spent the week-end with their homefolks.

L. E. Sigmop, of Black Mountain, was a visitor here Monday.

G. D. Taylor and family spent Sunday with relatives in Morganton.

Miss Anniegra Boyette spent the week-end with friends in Lenoir.

Miss Ellen Carson spent the week-end with relatives in Marion.

Highway Commission Gets Money From Sale of Bonds.

The county highway commission has delivered the bonds sold recently to Seanson & Myer and has received the money. The bonds were sold at a good premium considering the condition of the money market.

Work is going on in the building of roads as fast as possible. Much surveying has been done and considerable dirt has been moved. The commissioners are taking considerable interest in the building of roads and expect to push the work as rapidly as possible.

Koch's Progressive Shows Coming.

Fred Howell, advance agent of Koch's Progressive Shows, was in town Saturday and made arrangements to exhibit in Marion during the week of October 20 to 25. The attractions will include a merry-go-round, tent shows and concessions. The Koch's Shows come recommended as being one of the cleanest aggregations of the kind on the road.

Graded School News.

On Friday, October 3, both the Pershing and Joan of Arc Literary societies of the high school met and rendered a program that was much enjoyed by all. These societies meet bi-monthly and the meetings are looked forward to with pleasure by the entire high school.

The high school met Tuesday and organized an athletic association with the following officers: Robert Holmes, president; Miss Daphne Ruth, secretary; Miss Ola Gibbs, treasurer; and Bill Gibbs, manager. The purpose of this organization is to encourage athletics and to install proper equipment on the school grounds. Several entertainments will be given during the year to provide funds for purchasing the equipment.

The senior class has elected the following officers; Herbert Laidlaw, president; Paul Story, vice-president; Miss Daphne Ruth, secretary; and Miss Margaret Neal, treasurer.

Last Monday morning the sixth grade pupils rendered the following interesting program for the opening exercises in the chapel:

Song, Tramp, Tramp, Tramp; Sixth grade.

Poem, September; Sixth grade.

Recitation, Kids; Mary K. Ouzts.

Poem, October; twelve girls.

Composition on Girls, Edwin Chapman.

Recitation, Ob, Shoot Ma; Mildred Holton.

Song, Old Black Joe; School.

Farmers Buy 800 Tons of Lime—Buy a Gurnsey.

McDowell county farmers ordered 800 tons of lime this year. J. L. Burgin, of Old Fort, leads with an order for 80 tons. R. F. Morris finds that an investment of \$270 in lime is adding \$600 a year to his farm income.

Get one pure-blood Guernsey cow and get started in the industry that will put McDowell county on the map. The Guernsey's lead. Start with the best. We expect to get a shipment of them in this month.

I will start to organize Community clubs next week and will organize every school district that shows interest and will co-operate.

J. L. THURMAN, County Agent.

C. W. Buchanan to Manufacture Brick.

Mr. C. W. Buchanan, contractor and builder of Marion, will begin the manufacture of brick at an early date. He has already purchased machinery for the business and expects to be turning out brick ready for use in a short time.

The brick will be of concrete grade. Sand and concrete of the best quality only is to be used in their manufacture.

Mr. Buchanan already has orders sufficient to keep him busy for several weeks. He expects to be able to supply the local demands as soon as his plant is in full operation.

The need of such an industry has long been felt in this community. On account of the long delay in getting brick and other building supplies, many builders hesitate to start to erect needed buildings. Now that brick can be secured at home this delay should be obviated to some degree at least.

Methodist Conference Oct. 22-27.

Plans are under way for the Western North Carolina conference of Methodist church members and ministers to be held in Greensboro on October 22. This session of the conference will be the thirtieth held since the organization was completed. Bishop U. V. W. Darlington is president and presiding officer, and William L. Sherill is secretary.

It is understood that the work of the conference will be largely devoted to the centenary drive of the Methodists. Those who have been keeping in touch with the preparations for the Greensboro gathering believe that there will be in attendance 263 pastors serving in full connection, 39 ministers serving pastorates, and 26 local ministers serving charges but not members of the conference. Besides the ministers, many lay members are expected to be present at this important gathering which begins October 22 and will probably close on Monday, October 27.

Colored Schools Making a Fine Record.

The colored schools are making great progress. The schools are, in fact, the best in the history of county. The people are taking great interest in seeing to it that children attend. No trouble whatever has arisen concerning the compulsory law. The schools are overflowing and some difficulty is being experienced in providing adequate equipment and sufficient teachers.

At the Marion school the attendance is by far the largest the school has ever known. It has become necessary to provide additional desks and more furnishings of every kind.

A movement is on foot for a modern building in which a high school department is to be added, also a department for teacher training. The need of such a school has long been felt by the colored people of this section. It is hoped that the work on the new school building can be started at no distant day.

Negro Shot in Gambling Brawl.

Henry Sisk, colored, was seriously, if not fatally, shot by Robert Goodrum, another negro, following a dispute over a card game in which gambling had been participated in. The shooting occurred Sunday afternoon out on the Strouttown road about one mile from town.

Upon hearing of the crime officers went promptly to the scene of the tragedy. The criminal had, however, made his escape, but was later captured at Old Fort. He is now in jail awaiting trial.

Brown-Tate.

Silvanus Brown and Miss Carrie Tate were married Wednesday, October 8, at high noon at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Ben Conley. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Joseph Frye, of Nebo. Mrs. Brown is well known, being a member of one of the oldest families in this county and for several years a teacher in the public schools. Mr. Brown is a resident of near Nealsville and it is there they will make their home.

Welfare Officer Takes Up Duties.

Mr. Jas. K. Cowan, the newly elected Superintendent of Public Welfare, has entered upon his work. For the present, at least, until he has become familiar with the field and the work, Mr. Cowan will devote considerable time to getting the work organized and in hand. As soon as he has done this he will expect to visit the different sections of the county to offer his assistance in any way that he can be of aid to the up-building and the general welfare of the people of the county.

Mr. Cowan will make his headquarters in Marion. He will endeavor to answer all calls as promptly as possible.

One of the duties of the County Superintendent of Public Welfare is to enforce the compulsory school law. He acts as chief attendance officer to all schools in the county, in the towns as well as in the country.

The County Superintendent of Schools has sent out the blank forms to be used in making the the required reports to the attendance officer. These reports hereafter must be mailed to Mr. Cowan, who requests the teachers to be prompt in sending in reports that it may not become necessary for him to write for them. Any principal who does not have the required blanks can secure the same upon request to Mr. Cowan.

Contagious Diseases Prevalent.

A number of cases of diphtheria, smallpox and influenza have been reported as prevalent in different sections of the county. While as yet there is no general epidemic of any of the above diseases, yet it is important that all precaution be taken to avoid an epidemic. Of the three, diphtheria seems to be the most virulent, five cases being reported from one section. Quite a number of cases of smallpox is reported in towns. Influenza is reported in light form in a few places.

The authorities are sending out the usual warnings to the public. They insist that all cases should be isolated, and that crowds should be avoided. Fresh air in abundance, plenty of wholesome food, and temperate living are the best preventatives of any form of disease.

Real Estate Transfers.

G. W. Justice, commissioner, to B. L. Maunly, land on Broad River, \$51.40.

Geo. W. Conley to Ben H. Conley, 100 acres adjoining T. T. Adams Company, \$500.

Fannie Gibbs Psoctor to J. H. Lemmond, land near Cross mill, \$2500.

B. H. Allen to John F. Allen, all his interest in land in McDowell county, \$10, etc.

R. E. Loudermilk to W. E. Smith, lots in East Marion, \$10.

T. M. Sherlin to W. E. Smith, lots in East Marion, \$90.

T. W. Brackett to M. E. Goforth, land at Glegwood, \$500.

Mrs. M. D. Robeson to Bonnie West, land on Nix Creek, \$1.

C. A. Hoyle to Charles Richie, interest in land adjoining G. L. Lytle, \$10.

S. Wilson to W. H. Suttle, 13 acres adjoining Vein Mountain Co., \$50.

Charles W. Dixon to L. W. Dixon, one-sixth in. 69 acres near Henry Dale, \$75.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Foster Parsons, who killed two jitney drivers near Hamlet, has been declared insane by alienists.

Frank J. Dohman aged about 10 years, of Charlotte, was killed near Salisbury when the automobile in which he was riding overturned. Others in the car were slightly injured.

The sub-committee of the Senate committee of post offices and post roads has reported favorably on Owen Gudger to be postmaster at Asheville. This means that he will doubtless be confirmed without much delay.

The United States health service has abandoned the idea of establishing a leper colony in Florida, Florida having protested.

Smallpox and Vaccination.

This seems to be an opportune time to have something to say about smallpox and vaccination, as we see from the daily press and reports from the Bureau of Epidemiology that there is no little smallpox in North Carolina, when there actually should not be a case.

Few of the acute infectious diseases show such complete independence such as race, age, occupation and sanitary surroundings as smallpox. It thrives only on unvaccinated people. The mortality bears from 1 to 30 per cent. The cause of smallpox bears no relation on improved sanitation, which has lessened the prevalence of tuberculosis, bowel trouble, hook worm and malaria. General sanitation could not effect smallpox or measles. Smallpox spares neither high nor low, rich nor poor, black or white. It spares only the vaccinated are as safe as the children of Israel were from death, when the lentils and posts of their doors were sprinkled with the Blood of the Lamb.

We are still ignorant as to the precise way in which smallpox is conveyed. A view generally held, is that it is air-borne and enters the system with a respiratory tract. We do know this, that it is a preventable disease and most easily preventable of all infectious diseases.

Immunity of smallpox appears on the eighth or tenth day after successful vaccination. The question is often asked "how long does vaccination protect against smallpox?" The protection is somewhat variable, it should probably be about twelve years. Who should be vaccinated? Every unvaccinated person from babies four weeks old to people 104 years old. People should be revaccinated when there is an epidemic of smallpox. Children cannot attend school when smallpox is in the family nor can teachers teach school who board in families where they have smallpox.

The following is a list of the diseases reported to me during the last month: Smallpox, 15; diphtheria, 3; scarlet fever, 6.

J. F. JONES,
County Quarantine Officer.

On Sunday, October 5th, Rally Day exercises were given by the members of the Presbyterian Sunday School in the graded school auditorium. "Lighting the Southland" was the general subject. Recitations, reading and songs bearing on this subject were most creditably rendered, in which the children showed careful training as well as application. Selections by a male quartette added much to this excellent program.