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## PUBLIC WELFARE WORK

Report of Superintendent of Public Welfare to Commissioners for Month of October.

The work being new a good deal of it has been of a constructive nature. However, I have investigated and disposed of the following cases:

Case No. 1: A case turned over to the juvenile court from the mayor's court. A negro boy had been indicted for stealing alcohol from a drug store where he worked. Boy had plead guilty to the charge. On investigation it was found that the boy did take alcohol, but it seemed he had been persuaded to do so by a negro man who ran a store. Found the boy to be a member of a respectable negro family; his father a hard worker, and trying to raise his children right. The boy was placed under the care of his father by Juvenile Judge. The boy is to appear before the Judge once each month, to show good behavior, and that he is attending school. The father was required to pay mayor's court cost and pay for the alcohol.

Case No. 2: A deaf and dumb colored boy, eight years old. Have made arrangements for this boy to go to State school for the Blind and Deaf.

Case No. 3: A boy 15 years old committed a very immodest act at one of our country schools. Teachers and some of the parents of the district preferred to adjust the matter with as little publicity as possible. Found that the boy had been attending school very irregularly; so the boy was placed under care of his father who promised to keep him at work and see that he gives no further trouble. The act remains an open charge against the boy who can be prosecuted if he does not conduct himself as he should.

Case No. 4: A very old lady, sick in a room with two other women and five or six small children. Old lady very poor, no means of support and no people who are able to do anything for her. People she is staying with very poor and not able to care for her. Have arranged to have old lady taken to County Home at once.

Case No. 5: Three women and a boy living on small tract of land. One woman's mind very weak; boy is attending school. They have no means of support except as they get out and work for it. Have recommended that oldest of the three women be placed on the County pauper list.

Case No. 6: Have visited the County Home and find Superintendent and his family to be mighty nice and pleasant people. There were seven inmates—6 white and 1 colored. All seemed to be well cared for. The quarters all neat and clean and everything in its place. This, however, (which is only one of the many things to be done at a County Home) requires quite a lot of time and labor. There are times when additional help is needed. Superintendent should be authorized to hire this additional help.

Found quite a supply of nice canned fruit and vegetables and no place to take care of it during cold

weather. This should be supplied at once. There is no telephone service to the Home. This is much needed, especially in case of sickness. There is no provision for devotional services, which is indeed important. Services should be held at least once each month. It is too much, however, to expect our ministers to give their time and go to the expense of holding these services free of charge. Superintendent should be authorized to pay a sum not exceeding \$5 each month to cover this expense.

Have also visited quite a number of the county schools in the interest of school attendance. I find the attendance unusually good as a whole and in most places it is better than it has ever been before.

Yours very truly,  
JAS. K. COWAN,  
Co. Supt. of Public Welfare.

Dr. George W. Morrow, National Lecturer, Here Next Sunday.

Dr. George W. Morrow, the famous Michigan orator and lecturer, will speak at the First Baptist church in Marion next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on "America's Opportunity at Home and Overseas." He comes under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League of America in co-operation with the State League. He is an interesting and forceful speaker. Wherever he goes he carries a message born of wide experience and observation and he delivers it in a manner which convinces the judgment of his hearers and arouses them to action.



DR. GEORGE W. MORROW

On Sunday night the congregations of the local churches will join in a rally service at the Methodist church, when Dr. Morrow will deliver an address. This is one of the hundreds of national prohibition rallies now being held throughout America. The speakers will also inform the people of the larger plans now being laid to aid the other countries in their fight against liquor, and will tell about the organization of the "World League Against Alcoholism" and the League's purpose to raise a fund of fifty million in the next five years to put the world dry and to enforce our law at home.

The term of Federal court scheduled for Asheville Monday has been postponed until next Monday, Judge Boyd not being able to hold the court and it is expected that Judge Webb will have his appointment by that time. His confirmation was expected today.

The Senate, Wednesday, killed the remainder of the forty-six amendments to the peace treaty by the Senate foreign relations committee.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

### OLD FORT

Old Fort, Nov. 4.—Mrs. Hughley has returned to her home at Jupiter after a visit to Rev. R. F. Mock.

Miss Lillie Lytle visited relatives in Asheville during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Crawford left Tuesday for Spartanburg where they will spend the winter.

Miss Mabel Crawford has returned from a visit to relatives in Asheville.

J. C. Greene has returned from a business trip to Spruce Pine.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Earley, a son, John Clarke.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams, a daughter, Rosa Evelyn.

A large crowd attended the unveiling of the monument to the memory of Lee Allison by the Woodmen of the World at Bethel last Sunday. Gov. V. E. Grant of Hendersonville delivered an address for the benefit of the Woodmen at the graded school building Monday night.

The Old Fort Reading Circle will meet at the graded school building next Saturday, the 8th.

Mrs. J. R. Crawford returned last week from Asheville where she has been visiting her son, Guy Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Miller entertained at a Halloween party in honor of the teachers of the graded school and a few select friends.

A. B. Halford was in Marion Monday on business.

Mrs. D. F. Arney and daughter, Davie May, spent Monday in Asheville.

Miss Grace Arney is expected home Saturday on a short visit to her parents. She is a student of Davenport College, Rock Hill, S. C.

The girls and boys of the Old Fort high school have organized a basketball team and expect to furnish two good teams to play the surrounding towns in the near future. The officers of the boys team are: Carl Greene, captain; Cletus Tate, manager; Joseph Crawford, treasurer. Girls team: Jennie Stirewalt, captain; Myrtle McCurry, manager; Cassie Burgin, treasurer.

Mrs. Cunard Bowser of Asheville visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graham, Sunday.

Mrs. Clarke and son of Canton are visiting Mrs. J. R. Early.

(The graded school honor roll will be published in next week's paper.—Ed.)

### NEBO

Nebo, Nov. 4.—Rev. J. A. Fry is moving his family to Morganton, where he will take charge of the Morganton circuit. We regret very much to lose them, but hope they have the very best of success on their new work.

Mrs. J. F. Wilson and Mrs. E. K. Gound went to Rutherfordton Friday to spend the week-end with the former's daughter, Mrs. K. E. Simpson.

Miss Lona Goforth, of Chapel Hill, spent the week-end here with her sister, Mrs. G. D. Taylor.

Mrs. C. S. Potest was shopping in Marion Monday.

Miss Myrtle Beck, of Linville, is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. M. C. Sigmon spent Sunday in Bridgewater with her daughter, Mrs. M. L. Hilderbrand.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Giles and family spent Sunday in Dysartville with the latter's brother, H. B. Brackett.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Howell and family, of Buncombe county, spent the week end here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bailey.

Quite a number of young folks enjoyed a Halloween party at the dormitory Friday night, given by the N. H. N. Society.

### STROUDTOWN

Stroudtown, Nov. 4.—The farmers around Stroudtown are very busy since the rain softened the soil sufficient to sow wheat.

We are glad to report that Mrs. C. C. Lisenbee is rapidly recovering from her serious illness of a few days ago.

Mrs. Garland Williams and Miss Charlotte McKay spent the week-end with homefolks at Greenlee.

Kelton Snipes has gone to Winston-Salem to accept a position.

Diphtheria, which threatened this community a few weeks ago, seems to have been checked. There are three cases of smallpox in the community.

The Valdmar Literary Society debated the question of Woman Suffrage at the school house last Friday night. M. M. Horton and W. H. Odom defending the affirmative while Clarence Pool and Walter Noblitt championed the negative. Both sides of the question were ably discussed and many points brought out that should be of great concern to all. Stroudtown seems to be the only community in the county with an all-year-round literary society. No community could have a more valuable asset for its upbuilding. May the time soon come when every rural community in McDowell county will have one.

J. Lee Lavender spent a few hours in Nebo Saturday and states that the high school there is making excellent progress.

The people of Stroudtown organized a Community Club Monday night. Let everyone in the community lend it their support and use every means to make it a success.

### The Clinchfield School.

During the last month there has been much effort put forth to reduce the absences and tardies to the lowest possible number. At the end of the month each teacher had some surprise for the pupils of their room who had neither been absent or tardy. The children of the primary grades were taken on a leaf hunt. They were guided by their teachers to the place "where apples hung from pine trees." After the children had found and eaten the apples, ghosts appeared. The ghosts had been hidden behind bushes. They told stories to and played with the children for a short while. The intermediate grades had a story hour, at the end of which drinks were served.

At the teachers' Halloween party was given to those of the advanced grades. Startlingly stunning and picturesque were the decorations. Ghosts made a real Halloween atmosphere that lent itself to frolicking. Various ways of telling fortunes were tried and many games suitable for the evening were played. Refreshments of fruits, cream and cake were served.

### Little Sunshine is Baptized By Methodist Bishop.

Greensboro Daily News.

Little "Sunshine," the first child ever received by the North Carolina receiving home of this city, and the most beloved by the children and all who have come in contact with her, was baptized yesterday at the home by Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, who has been presiding over the sessions of the Western North Carolina Methodist conference.

"Sunshine" was not only the first baby at the home, but she stayed there longer than any other child and endeared herself to everyone who knew her. Her influence on the other children in the home has always been remarkable, and each child has felt a deep interest in her.

The baptismal services yesterday were quite impressive and very pretty. The home had been decorated with cut flowers and looked very attractive. Just before the services the children, 37 of them, came into the big hall, where the service took place, and sat down on the stairs. Hon. A. M. Scales, who is president of the society, welcomed the bishop and introduced him to the children, and the baptism of the little girl followed. "Sunshine," who is three and a half years old now, stood on a big chair and was deeply interested in all that occurred.

She has been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins, of Marion, and spends most of her time with them, but very often visits the home and the children, where she is always welcomed.

The executive committee of the Central Highway Association has postponed the inspection trips over the route from November 5 until May.

## TUESDAY ARMISTICE DAY

Exercises Will Be Held at Court House—Mayor Requests That Half Holiday Be Taken.

All soldiers, sailors and marines, and in fact every one who was in service from McDowell county, is expected to be present at the exercises to be held in the court house in Marion Tuesday, November 11, at 2 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to bring "the boys" together on this the first anniversary of "Armistice Day" to be participated in by town and community; it is for all. Everyone is invited to be present, especially the soldier boys, and all others who wish to do their patriotic duty in honoring the ones who gave their best.

It is planned to make this a joyful gathering, with singing, talks, and refreshments for the boys. Everybody is urged to come and help make it a big occasion, to enter into it with pride and enthusiasm that it may be made a permanent holiday. Come to Marion on November 11. All soldiers are expected and those having uniforms are expected to wear them.

The program will include invocation by Rev. J. C. Story, an address by Mayor L. J. P. Cutlar, memorial service conducted by Rev. W. L. Hutchins, short talks by Dr. J. T. Bowden, Rev. B. S. Lassiter and the town lawyers, songs, etc.

The mothers, wives or other relatives of the boys who made the supreme sacrifice are requested to send in name, rank and date of death to be read at the memorial service. It is requested that this information be sent as early as possible to Mrs. R. F. Burton.

### Proclamation.

WHEREAS, Tuesday next, November 11th, is ARMISTICE DAY, and deeming it our patriotic duty to observe same, it is hereby requested that a half holiday be taken by all on above date, from and after noon. It is asked that all turn out and take part in the exercises to be held at the court house.  
L. J. P. CUTLAR, Mayor.

### J. S. Downey Dead.

Mr. J. S. Downey, a highly respected citizen of Marion, died at his home on last Wednesday morning at an early hour. Mr. Downey had been sick for some time but only recently had his condition become alarming. He had been a man of unusual vigor and strength. His health failed about three months ago, when it became necessary for him to remain at home.

Mr. Downey was a tanner by trade and had been employed by Mr. J. L. Morgan for a number of years. He was considered an expert tanner.

Funeral was conducted Thursday afternoon from the Baptist church, of which the deceased was a valued member, by Rev. J. T. Bowden, the pastor. The final rites were concluded at the grave by the Masonic fraternity, of which Mr. Downey was a loyal and consistent member.

Mr. Downey was 66 years old and is survived by his wife and a host of friends. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the sorrowing relatives in their great bereavement.

Services at St. John's Episcopal next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.