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JAS. K. COWAN PASSES

County Superintendent of Public Welfare and Beloved Citizen Victim of Pneumonia.

Mr. James K. Cowan, County Superintendent of Public Welfare, died at the McDowell Hospital here Saturday night from pneumonia. He had been suffering from a severe cold for several days. On Monday before his death Mr. Cowan was carried to the hospital seriously ill. Little hope was entertained for his recovery as soon as it was known that he was suffering from pneumonia.

Mr. Cowan had lived in McDowell for a number of years. For some time he was agent for the Southern Railway at Old Fort. Giving up his position with the railroad he engaged in the mercantile business at Old Fort until failing health compelled him to seek out door work.

Mrs. Cowan, wife of the deceased, died suddenly last spring. The husband and wife were very happy in their home life. The death of Mrs. Cowan was a shock that hastened Mr. Cowan to his grave. His health already undermined, Mr. Cowan made only slight improvement after his wife's death.

Last October the county board of commissioners elected Mr. Cowan County Superintendent of Public Welfare. He was admirably fitted for the work owing to his genuine Christian character and fine temper. In his official capacity Mr. Cowan made a record of which the people of the county were well pleased.

Mr. Cowan married Miss Georgia Britt, daughter of Ex-Congressman J. J. Britt, of Asheville. Four bright little girls—Mary, Margaret, Lucy Britt and Jimmie—are left to their friends, orphans of the marriage.

The body of Mr. Cowan was carried to Asheville Sunday where a short funeral service was held from the residence of Mr. J. J. Britt. His remains were laid to rest beside those of his wife in Riverside cemetery.

Mrs. Patton Dies In Morganton

Morganton, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Charity Z. Patton, widow of R. E. Patton, of McDowell county, died Friday morning at the home of her son, J. R. Patton, here. She was 84 years of age and had been in feeble condition for a number of years. The funeral, conducted by Rev. C. M. Pickens, was held this morning at 10 o'clock at the Patton home and interment made in the Morganton cemetery. Besides Mr. Patton, a daughter, Mrs. J. W. Hemphill, of Old Fort, survives. Mrs. Patton had made her home here with her son for fifteen or twenty years.

Slight Blaze at the Residence of Dr. G. B. Justice.

A slight blaze at the home of Dr. G. B. Justice called out the fire department on last Monday. The water pipes were frozen and in an effort to thaw the pipes the lattice work on the back porch caught on fire. The fire department responded promptly and the blaze was soon extinguished, with little damage.

American Legion Organizes

The initial meeting of McDowell Post, No. 56, American Legion was held Saturday afternoon at the McDowell Hotel and was attended by a large and enthusiastic body of World War veterans.

After the enrollment of members the work of electing officers was taken up, J. E. Kanipe acting as temporary chairman. The following officers were elected to serve for a period of one year:

G. W. Giles, post commander; John Artz, of Old Fort, first vice-commander; G. W. Kirkpatrick, second vice-commander; J. E. Kanipe, adjutant; K. A. Kirby, finance officer; E. M. Crawford, war risk insurance officer; J. D. McCurry, historian; W. R. Chambers, chaplain.

An executive committee which shall come under the supervision of the general officers was then elected as follows: Will Pless, J. F. Elliott, Fred Bryson, W. M. Blanton and Thad Conley.

After election of officers, the business of explaining the objects of this organization was gone into, along with other matters to come up for discussion. Mr. Chambers, in a brief address, told about the legion, its objects and what it was accomplishing throughout the country. There were also other short but inspiring addresses by other members, and also many fine suggestions offered in regards to perpetuating the memory of the comrades who made the supreme sacrifice for their country.

If the enthusiasm manifested at the meeting Saturday is any indication of the sincerity of the members of the McDowell post there is every reason to believe that this is going to be one of the liveliest in the south. The officers elected are men of intelligence, energy and prominence and will do their utmost to make this organization the success that we believe it is going to be.

Harmony and sincerity of purpose, coupled with the combined efforts of every member of the order are the things that are needed to build the post up to what it should be, and the boys of McDowell county will no doubt make just as good a record in this undertaking as they did in the service of their country, which means that "pep" and vigor will be the outstanding features in all that is done.

Revival to Begin March 28.

Rev. T. A. M. Thomas, of Missouri, will conduct a revival meeting in Marion March twenty-eighth to April eleventh. The night services will be held in the graded school auditorium while the day services will probably be held in the court house or the Presbyterian church. It will be a union meeting under the auspices of the Presbyterian church. Further announcement of the meeting will be made in The Progress next week.

Death of Mrs. A. H. Giles.

Just as we were ready to go to press we received the distressing news of the sudden death early Wednesday morning of Mrs. A. H. Giles at her home on Main street. Mrs. Giles was in her usual health and her death comes as a shock to the community.

A full notice will be carried in our next issue.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

DYSARTVILLE

Dysartville, Feb. 16.—Cronje Laughridge of Rutherford College spent the week-end with relatives here.

Dysart Patton, one of the best citizens of Dysartville township, died last Monday with pneumonia following influenza.

Misses Hattie and Maggie Taylor of Nebo visited relatives here last week.

Miss Lona Goforth and Eula Holland of Chapel Hill school were visitors here last week.

The Dysartville school suspended this morning for two weeks on account of influenza. Several cases have been reported.

Mrs. Emma Laughridge and daughter visited relatives in Hickory last week. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smalley, February 1, a son.

Herbert Daves has been on the sick list for several days, but is able to be out again.

GREENLEE

Marion, Rt. 2, Feb. 16.—E. M. Tate is recovering from an attack of "flu".

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lowe were called to Asheville one day last week on account of the death of the latter's sister, J. G. McCall and J. W. McCarry made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

James Pendergrass is a visitor at the home of J. M. Pendergrass this week.

M. D. Ledbetter made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. J. W. Snipes is suffering with influenza. We hope she will soon recover.

School reopened today after being closed a week on account of the absence of two teachers, the Misses Patton, who were called home by the death of their father.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Route 2, February 16.—A number of young people of this community attended a valentine party given by Miss Nora Bell Morgan at her home near Curfew last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Davis have moved to Old Fort where Mr. Davis has accepted a position.

Bert Allison is right sick with pneumonia following an attack of the "flu".

Lee Lavender, who is teaching at Stroudtown, is at home. The school has suspended two weeks or longer on account of the influenza situation.

Schools progressing nicely at the new school house at Bethel with Miss Lula Hicks as teacher. While the entire building is not yet completed, one room has been finished which is being used this winter.

Miss Thelma Grant spent the week-end with home folks in Old Fort.

The small grain crops of this neighborhood are looking fairly well.

Miss Pernie Ross of Marion spent the week-end with home folks here.

William Lavender of Hot Springs is visiting relatives here.

Donations For Charity

The Associated Charities are furnishing fuel, food and clothing to many during the influenza epidemic and are very much in need of money to meet urgent calls. The members are requested to send in their dues either to Mrs. R. F. Burton, treasurer, or to Miss Jennie Davis. Donations of money, food and clothing from kind friends of the community will be very much appreciated, and if left with either of the above mentioned ladies will be used in most worthy cause.

MISS LUCY DAVIS, Pres.
MRS. R. F. BURTON, Sec. and Treas.

Weather Report.

Thomas McGuire, Sergeant U. S. Army, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion station for the week as follows:

Maximum	48 degrees
Minimum	10 degrees
Rain	0.61 inches
Sunshine per cent	75

Watch your subscription label.

Government Will Survey Marion-Micaville Route.

Asheville, Feb. 14.—At last it seems likely that the long talked of Marion-Micaville highway will become an actuality in the near future. For with the announcement of United States Forester Rhoades that the authorities at Washington have agreed to the survey of this 27 mile road, the promise of its eventual completion seems reasonable to suppose.

While the necessary legal steps have been taken to put through the survey, the surveying force will not be in the field until about April 1, and it is estimated that four months' time will be required to complete the survey.

At present the dirt road connecting these two towns is said to be almost impassable, so that practically no traffic is exchanged between Marion and Micaville. At least eight miles of this stretch passes through property belonging to the national forests. It is thought, however, that the acquisition of land, if continued in the future as in the past, will see practically all the road lying on government owned land. Not only will a good road help the growth of the two towns it connects, it is pointed out, but it will assist the government in selling timber throughout that section where the forests need thinning.

J. D. Patton Dead.

Mr. J. D. Patton, of Dysartville township, died at his home last week of pneumonia. Mr. Patton had been sick only a few days before his death.

Mr. Patton was a native of McDowell County and had lived in the Patton community for a number of years. He owned a large farm in this section and had devoted his energies to agriculture. He was one of the best citizens of the county; he was kind, of gentle disposition, liberal and charitable, making him greatly beloved by his neighbors and popular among a large circle of friends. He was a Methodist and supported liberally the many calls of his church.

Mr. Patton was buried at Pinnacle church on last Wednesday, the 11th inst. Rev. E. J. Harbison conducted the funeral services. The funeral was attended by people, not only from the immediate community, but from the entire end of the county, attesting to the great esteem in which Mr. Patton was held.

Mr. Patton is survived by his wife and nine children, beside a number of other relatives. His death has cast a gloom over his home community. The friends and neighbors extend their deepest sympathy to the bereaved family in their great loss.

Influenza Situation More Serious

The influenza situation has grown rather serious during the past few days. While as yet not a great number of deaths have been reported, yet the malady seems to be growing in intensity and spreading to all sections of the county.

No general closing orders have been issued by the health authorities, though a number of schools throughout the county have been compelled to suspend until the situation gets better.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

According to reports received in Raleigh, the number of influenza cases in the state is on the decrease.

Sheriff Van Zachary, of Yadkin County was shot to death Friday night at a blockade distillery in Yadkin county, and Robey Baitly, Cleve O'Neal and James Brown are held for the crime.

Judge W. P. Stacy has resigned as judge of the eighth district and Governor Bickett has appointed E. H. Cranmer, of Brunswick, in his place. Judge Stacy returns to private practice of law.

T. D. Warren, chairman of the state democratic executive committee, has sent out a notice to committee members and also to the members of the advisory committee, announcing a meeting in Raleigh, Tuesday, March 2, for the purpose of arranging a date for the state convention.

Secretary Lansing Resigns.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Robert Lansing ended his career as secretary of state today after President Wilson had accused him of usurping the powers of President by calling meetings of the cabinet during Mr. Wilson's illness.

Mr. Lansing denied that he had sought or intended to usurp the President's authority. He added, however, that he believed then and still believes that the cabinet conferences were "for the best interests of the republic"; that they were "proper and necessary" because of the President's condition and that he would have been derelict in his duty if he had failed to act as he did.

The record stands. Mr. Lansing tendered his resignation and Mr. Wilson accepted. The resignation was offered, however, only after the President, under date of February 7, had written asking if it were true that Mr. Lansing had called cabinet meetings and stating that if such were the case he felt it necessary to say that "under our constitutional law and practice, as hitherto, no one but the President has the right to summon the heads of the executive departments into conference."

Two Sales of Registered Hogs.

Arrangements have just been made with the National Poland China Record Association for holding two purebred Poland China hog sales in North Carolina. The first sale will be held at Statesville March 6, and the second at Raleigh, March 9.

The hogs in these sales will be from some of the best herds in the middle west, and as the field representative of the Association has agreed that only strictly high-class hogs will be allowed in the sale, this is said to be a good opportunity for North Carolina breeders to add some new blood.

For the Children

Too much care cannot be exercised in selecting a cough medicine for children. It should be pleasant to take, contain no harmful drug and most effective in curing their coughs and colds. Long experience has shown that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy meets these conditions. It is a favorite with many mothers.