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TO HONOR HEROIC DEAD

Memorial Service Planned For McDowell Soldiers Who Fell In World War.

The McDowell Post, American Legion, has made arrangements to formally present to the nearest relatives of fallen heroes in this vicinity the diplomas of honor given by the French government. This presentation is to take place next Sunday, March 7, when a memorial service will be held at the Methodist church at 2:30 o'clock, at which time the diplomas will be presented to the parents, or nearest relatives of the dead soldiers.

The general public is invited to attend this service, and all ex-service men of the town and county are especially requested to attend the ceremony.

The following program, which will be in charge of Lt. J. E. Kanipe, has been arranged for the service:

Organ Prelude: Miss Joyce Decker.
Song, "America": Congregation.
Prayer: Dr. Bowden.
Reading of Scriptures: Rev. Story.
Remarks, "McDowell's Heroes": Rev. W. L. Hutchins.
Duet: Mesdames Giles and Pless.
Poem, "France Calls to Me": Rev. W. L. Hutchins.
Address, "American Legion": Hon. W. E. Chambers.
Reading Honor Roll: Lt. J. E. Kanipe.
Presentation of Diplomas: Hon. D. E. Hutchins.
Song, "Star Spangled Banner": Congregation.
Benediction: Rev. B. S. Lassiter.

Brown-Bright

A wedding of much interest took place at Glenwood, Thursday night, February twenty-sixth, at eight o'clock, when Rev. J. M. Brown claimed as his bride, Mrs. Sallie Bright.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Grady Nanny, of Union Mills, in the presence of a few relatives and intimate friends at the home of the bride.

The bride was becomingly gowned in dark blue taffeta and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The wedding took place in the sitting room which was tastefully arranged. They were attended by Mr. Ralph Hensley and Miss Mary Sue Pyatt. Miss Pyatt was attractively dressed in white organdy.

Mrs. Brown was the widow of the late A. L. Bright and sister of Mrs. A. C. Gardin of Glenwood. Mrs. Brown is a member of one of the best families of the county and is very popular among her many friends.

Mr. Brown is a young man of sterling qualities, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Brown of Glenwood. Some years ago he finished his education in the Baptist Theological Seminary of Rochester, New York. He is now pastor of Nebo, Clinchfield, Glenwood and Bethel Baptist churches, and is very much liked in his work.

Their many friends wish for them a long and happy wedded life.

Nebo School Honor Roll.

Honor roll for past month, grades 5 and 6, of the Nebo High School: Jessie Alexander, Charles Brown, Lucile Hemphill, Gertie Jaynes, Myrtle Morrow, Bonnie Fadgett, Gertrude Parks, Cora Parks, Violin Teague, Herbert Wilson.

W. A. Laughridge Passes.

The many friends of Squire W. A. Laughridge, a prominent citizen of Dysartville, will be grieved to learn of his death, which occurred at his home Monday, the 1st inst, after an illness of ten days. His death comes as a shock to the entire community.

Squire Laughridge was one of the most prominent citizens of the county. He was always interested in the welfare of his community, county and country at large. He took a prominent part in church work, was greatly interested in good schools, and was always found on the side of anything that had as its object the upbuilding of the community. Mr. Laughridge was a Methodist, having been a member of that church for a long number of years. He was a faithful and loyal Mason, with all that it means. During his young manhood he served three years as a Confederate soldier, during which service he received wounds from which he never fully recovered.

Squire Laughridge was married twice. His first wife was a Miss Cowan, of which marriage four children survive. His second wife was Miss Virginia Dysart, of which marriage seven children survive.

Squire Laughridge is a man who will be greatly missed in his community, also in county affairs. He at one time served as a member of the board of county commissioners, in which capacity he rendered efficient and valuable service.

The following are the children who survive him: J. L. Laughridge, of Marion; John, Will and Cronje, Dysartville; B. H. and Robert, Salisbury; Thurman, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Dock Weaver, Lawndale; Mrs. A. M. Hutchins, Gastonia; Mrs. J. H. Walker, Dysartville, and Mrs. Z. V. Daves, Marion.

The funeral services were conducted from the residence at Dysartville Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved family, in their great and irreparable loss.

Renew Activity For Better Schedule.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Marion Board of Trade held in the McDowell hotel Thursday it was decided to renew efforts to secure better passenger train connections with the Southern trains going south in order to have the morning train leave Marion at eight o'clock and connect with No. 36. Representatives of the state corporation commission and from Buncombe county will be invited to meet here and discuss the necessity of making this change.

I. T. Avery, of Morganton and Francis Garrou, of Valdese, were visitors attending the meeting. Mr. Avery discussed the proposed housing proposition. C. F. James was appointed to investigate and submit plans looking toward the formation of a housing corporation for Marion.

Weather Report.

Thomas McGuire, Sergeant U. S. Army, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion station for the week as follows:
Maximum 50 degrees
Minimum 14 degrees
Rain .07 inches
Sunshine per cent 85

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

BROAD RIVER

Mrs. Lyda Richards of Tampa, Fla., is spending a while with home folks.

Misses Zora Lee Burgess and Katie Owenby of Black Mountain spent the week end at the home of M. A. Burgess. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stroud, Feb. 12, a daughter.

George Garrison was called home recently on account of the death of his brother, Fred.

Clete Ledbetter and R. G. Owenby were visitors at the home of M. A. Burgess, Sunday.

W. L. White visited at the home of W. H. Morris, Sunday.

Abe Curry and two children spent the week end with his father, W. E. Curry. Boyd Melton has moved to Black Mountain.

J. S. Green is visiting relatives at Patterson.

GREENLEE

Marion, Rt. 2, March 1.—Ed Burgin is ill with influenza.

Miss Mattie Tate has returned to her school at Glenwood after spending the week-end at home.

H. E. Ledbetter spent the week-end in Marion.

J. D. Blanton's children are ill with influenza.

Dewey Bradley has returned to his home at Old Fort after spending a few days with his grandfather, G. W. Bradley.

J. W. McCurry spent the week-end with home folks in Stroudtown.

The Greenlee school has closed on account of the prevalence of influenza.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Rt. 2, March 2.—The pie supper at Relfort Saturday night was a success. The proceeds amounted to \$24.02.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Moore died Friday and was buried at Cherry Springs Saturday.

Logan Bradley spent Saturday and Sunday with Charles Parker.

Misses Pernie Ross and Cargel Melton of Marion spent the week-end with home folks here.

Mrs. Savannah Davis visited relatives in Old Fort Thursday and Friday.

James Lavender made a business trip to Hickory Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Burgin and children are all ill with influenza.

Bethel school closed Wednesday on account of the illness of the teacher, Miss Lula Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parker and two children of Marion are visiting relatives here.

John Lytle will leave today for Akron, Ohio, where he has accepted a position.

O. A. Davis is still on the sick list.

Miss Irene Hogan and brother, Lawrence, were week-end visitors at the home of Frank Turner.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, Feb. 23.—We are sorry our school had to close on account of influenza. We have had the best school this year we have ever had. It was under the leadership of Mr. J. E. Kanipe of Marion, assisted by Miss Lona Goforth of Dysartville. We are sorry to lose them, but hope to be able to secure them again next year.

J. T. Haney is recovering from an attack of influenza.

Miss Lena Swam was called home during the week on account of the illness of home folks.

Influenza is spreading rapidly.

Miss Minnie Turner was shopping in Marion Saturday.

Chapel Hill, March 1.—Mrs. H. D. Smith is very ill, having suffered a relapse of influenza.

C. D. Holland is visiting his uncle at Rocky Path.

John Simpson and little son, Hoke, of Rocky Path were visitors in this community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Toney of Marion spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Potot.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Huffman were visitors at the home of the former's parents Sunday.

OLD FORT

Old Fort, March 3.—Inez Lavern Ebbs, the three-months-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ebbs, died February 24, at their home in Knoxville, Tenn., the baby was brought here for burial. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. F. Mock, assisted by Rev. Church, Thursday, at the home of the deceased's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Williams. Interment was at Old Fort Cemetery.

NEALSVILLE

Nealsville, March 2.—Miss Mabel Tate of Greenlee was a visitor here the first of the week.

The many friends of Miss Bertha England will be glad to learn that she is recovering from an operation for appendicitis at Long's Hospital, Statesville.

Miss Ellen Carson of Pitts spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Boyd Pyatt.

Jesse Morgan made a business trip to Marion Wednesday.

Many friends and relatives were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Joe Morris of Forest City. Mrs. W. C. Morris and daughter, Miss Leota, attended the funeral of the deceased.

Fred Guffy of Vein Mountain was a visitor here during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Brown were visitors in Marion yesterday.

Fred, Grady and Mills Craig of California were called home by the illness of their mother, Mrs. Joe Craig, who underwent an operation at Long's Hospital in Statesville during the week.

Miss Elsie Stacy spent the week-end with her parents at Nebo.

Claude Mashburn and Carl Swann spent Sunday at Greenlee.

The remains of Mrs. Cleo Johnson of Statesville were brought to Nealsville, her former home, yesterday for burial. An impressive funeral service was held at the Baptist church by Rev. Bowden of Marion. The deceased is survived by her husband and two small children, a father, three brothers and four sisters. Influenza, followed by pneumonia caused her death.

Miss Pearlie Teter spent the week-end with her parents in Morganton.

Dr. Thomas Holds Great Revival in Lewisburg, West Va.

The great revival meeting lately held in the Old Stone Church, Lewisburg, closed Sunday night, October 26th, after three weeks of almost constant prayers by the church people and preaching day and night by Rev. Dr. Trigg, A. M. Thomas, of Kansas City, assisted by the earnest efforts of the pastor, Rev. W. H. DuBose and by the Presbyterian and Methodist preachers of the community, and by W. G. Maltermire, of Birmingham, Ala., who led the large choir.

The number of decisions for Christ reported as the result of this meeting is large.

At the service on Sunday morning, November 2nd, the Session of the Old Stone church received 136 new members, including affiliate memberships from the two schools and the number received by letter, and it is believed there will be others.

Quite a number of the converts connected themselves with the Methodist church. Here it may be remarked that one of the most notable gratifying features of these revival services was the harmony, co-operation and good will with which Presbyterian and Methodist preachers and people worked together for the glory of the Master's kingdom on earth.—Lewisburg Exchange.

Dr. Thomas will be in Marion March 28th to April 11th.

The board of county commissioners were in session Monday. Very little except routine business was transacted.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Daniel C. Roper, commissioner of internal revenue, will resign his office soon to retire to private life.

Ex-Gov. R. Glenn announces that he will support Lieut. Gov. Gardner for the Democratic nomination for Governor and will soon publish a statement in support of Gardner.

Mrs. C. Manly McDowell died at her home in Morganton Wednesday afternoon of influenza-pneumonia. Her husband and two children survive. Mr. McDowell is just recovering from influenza.

A woman's conference, to which will be invited the women from all denominations in the state, will be held in Charlotte on March 6, 9 and 10, in connection with the pastor's conference which is scheduled under the auspices of the inter-church world movement.

Willis Wickle, in jail at Bryson City on charges of murdering Columbus Wiggins, a volunteer Red Cross nurse, while the latter was nursing at the home of Wickle in the Needmore section of Swain county, attempted to commit suicide in the jail by cutting his throat. Wickle was caught before he could bleed to death. He is being closely watched to prevent another attempt on his life.

James M. Gudger, junior, member of the house of representatives from the Tenth North Carolina district, in the 58th, 59th, 62nd and 63rd congresses, and one of the most prominent political figures in western North Carolina, died at his home in Asheville Sunday morning at 7 o'clock, death being due to heart failure. While he had been ill for some time, having suffered a stroke of apoplexy several months ago, his death came as a great surprise to the members of the family and friends.

C. A. Blackwelder Dead.

Old Fort, Feb. 28.—Caleb Alexander Blackwelder, formerly a resident of McDowell county, died at Tampa, Fla., at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mattie Laws, Feb. 23, at the extreme age of 91 years, and was buried at Siloam cemetery near Old Fort, Feb. 25.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. John L. Ray, pastor of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. R. F. Mock, of the Methodist church.

The children surviving Mr. Blackwelder are: L. C. and W. M. Blackwelder, of Old Fort; Mrs. Lucilla Irvin, Salisbury; Mrs. Hattie Russell, Andrews; B. P. Blackwelder and Mrs. Sarah Hagerman, Idaho; Mrs. Mattie Laws, Tampa, Fla.; Mrs. Luke Lancaster, Lancaster, Wash., and R. A. Blackwelder, Montana, together with quite a number of grand-children, great-grand-children and great-great-grand-children.

He was a soldier in Hill's brigade in the Confederate army, was wounded during the battle of Gettysburg and was also wounded the same night that General Stonewall Jackson was killed.

Lee Conley had the misfortune to break his arm while cranking an automobile Tuesday.