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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Arrangements Made to Begin the Service in McDowell County to Start About June 1.

Arrangements have been completed with the State Board of Community Service for giving this service to McDowell county. Miss Violet Alexander, of Mecklenburg county, will be director of the work in McDowell. Mr. W. C. Crosby, State director, will be here to inaugurate this new work and to see that it is properly started in McDowell county, starting June 1st.

The object of this service is to promote a more wholesome condition in the rural communities. It will be in the nature of moving pictures, entertainments and other attractions. It will not only be entertaining, but educative in that lectures will be given on sanitation, hygiene and proper living.

The work is being carried on in several counties in the State and the people are much pleased with it. Under the plan of the State department, the service is given to ten communities in the county. Each community will, in this way, have the attractions every two weeks. It is not yet definitely decided what communities in McDowell county will be selected. This will be decided by the State director.

Ex-Governor Glenn Dead.

A dispatch from Winston, Canada, dated Monday, announces the death of Ex-Governor R. B. Glenn, which occurred at that place Saturday night.

Governor Glenn was found dead in his bed Sunday morning, death resulting from heart failure.

He was attending the International Boundary commission meeting when the end came. The only person at his bedside when death came was a trained nurse who had been his constant attendant for the past year.

Robert Brodbax Glenn was born in Rockingham county in 1854. He was educated at Davidson college, University of Virginia and Pearson's Law School in Yadkin.

After practicing law in Stokes county, he served in the legislature of 1880. Later he moved to Winston-Salem, where he continued the practice of his profession, becoming solicitor, district attorney and state senator. He was elected governor in 1904 and during his term saw statewide prohibition put into effect, a development in which he had a large share.

After the end of his term as governor, he was engaged in lecturing and was in great demand as a prohibition speaker.

Suffrage Leaders to Visit Marion.

Mrs. Chas. M. Platt, of Asheville, former president of the North Carolina Equal Suffrage Association and now chairman of the tenth district ratification committee, and Miss Lavinia Engle, field secretary of the National Association, will visit Marion next week and will discuss the ratification of the amendment to the Federal Constitution and citizenship work under league of women voters at a meeting at the court house next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

Revival Meetings to Begin Sunday.

Dr. J. E. McManaway of Greenville, S. C., an evangelist under the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will open the revival at the Baptist church next Sunday morning. The meetings will continue through three Sundays, closing June 6th. Everybody invited and all the churches in town asked to co-operate as fully and heartily as possible. Mr. McManaway is a good preacher



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er of the gospel; congenial, sympathetic and helpful. All night services will be at eight o'clock and the day meetings will be determined at the eleven o'clock service Sunday morning.

The new Sunday School rooms will be formally opened at the Baptist church next Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock. After a brief opening exercise of the school, Secretary E. L. Middleton, of Raleigh, will make an address on "The Church and Her School." The entire Sunday school and church are asked to attend and join heartily in this jubilation service. Mr. Middleton is secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board of North Carolina. At three o'clock in the afternoon there will be a mass meeting of all the Sunday Schools in and around Marion for the purpose of creating a greater interest in this line of church work. This meeting will be held at the First Baptist church, and Mr. Middleton, who has had a long and rich experience, will speak.

Old Fort School To Close.

The annual commencement of the Old Fort Graded School will begin next Friday, May 21, with the declamation and recitation contests. Several boys and girls will compete for the medals in these contests and the occasion promises to be a very interesting part of the commencement exercises.

On Monday night the class day exercises will be held. The program consists of the various class parts and the literary address by W. R. Chambers, of Marion.

The Old Fort school has had a very successful year. The people have been well pleased with the work of the school and the teachers. At a meeting of the board of trustees recently practically the entire faculty was re-elected for the coming year.

North Carolina produced 14 per cent of the peanut crop of the United States in 1919.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

CROOKED CREEK.

Old Fort, Rt. 2, May 17—Mrs. J. S. Lavender has been seriously ill for several days, but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Carswell visited relatives in Montfords Cove and Nebo Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Lavender and son, Jennings, of Marion, visited relatives here Sunday.

Lee Lavender is visiting friends at Mount Pleasant.

Mesdames Charles and William Gilliam were shopping in Old Fort last Saturday.

Luther Marlow has moved to Virginia. Mrs. Maggie Lavender and daughter, Miss Estelle, of Old Fort, spent the week end with relatives here.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Robertson, May 10, a daughter.

Miss Lula Hicks spent the week end at her home in Catawba Valley.

Carl Morris spent last Sunday in Marion.

N. Davis is seriously ill with dropsy. Mrs. Wheeler Davis and daughter, Essie Mae, were shopping in Old Fort last Saturday.

James Byrd and family of Black Mountain visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Edmund Davis of Marion spent the week end here.

CATAWBA VALLEY

Old Fort, May 17—The people of this section have about finished planting corn.

Mr. and Mrs. William Porter of Swannanoa are visiting the former's brother, T. A. Porter.

Miss Myrtle Lott of Crooked Creek spent the latter part of last week with Miss Annie Bradley.

Mrs. G. F. Bradley and little daughter of Forest City are visiting the former's parents here.

Margaret Porter has been seriously ill with pneumonia and typhoid, but is improving.

Miss Annie Bradley and sister were shopping in Marion last Saturday.

An aeroplane passed over the valley last Thursday going east.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, May 17—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Swann of Spruce Pine visited relatives and friends here during the week.

Mr. Benfield and daughter of Hickory spent the week with the former's sister, Mrs. J. R. Huffman.

Mr. and Mrs. Tate Mosely of Marion spent Sunday with the latter's uncle, J. A. Swann.

Rev. Britain of Nebo spent the week end at the home of C. D. Holland.

Friends of Noah Turner will regret to learn that he is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poteat of Marion spent the week end with relatives here.

GREENLEE

Marion, Route 2, May 17—Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Crisp and children are visiting relatives at Topton.

M. H. Grant spent last week with his brother near Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tate spent the week end with relatives near Old Fort.

Sidney Hall has returned to South Carolina after spending a few days with homefolks here.

Miss Florence Wright has returned to her home at Topton after a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. L. Crisp.

NEBO

Nebo, May 18—We are very glad to note that material is being brought in for the new school building and that the prospects are bright for beginning work on the building soon. We hope it can be completed for the next term of school.

The Sunday schools are progressing nicely with good attendance at both churches. Plans are under way for the observance of Children's Day the latter part of June.

Miss Georgia Sigmon is visiting her

brother at Bridgewater.

E. J. Cuthbertson moved his family to Gastonia last week.

Mrs. G. M. Annis and daughter, Mrs. Smathers, of Canton, are visiting the former's son, G. G. Annis.

R. V. McGimsey spent Sunday with his father near Bridgewater.

We are glad to welcome home quite a number of our young people who have been off teaching and in school.

OLD FORT

Old Fort, May 18—J. H. Miller of Detroit, Mich., is spending a few days in Old Fort.

Cletus Tate spent the week end with relatives in Black Mountain.

Miss Mabel Crawford spent Monday in Asheville.

Miss Madeline Mashburn spent Monday and Tuesday in Asheville.

Rev. John L. Ray preached his last sermon at the Presbyterian church last night.

A number of young people of Old Fort enjoyed a straw ride last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox of Gastonia, are visiting at the home of D. Y. Graut.

Cari Greene spent the week end with home folks in Asheville.

Mrs. John White and family spent the week with Mrs. George Hyams.

Mrs. J. H. Payne spent Sunday with her parents in Asheville.

R. B. Cannon is visiting his sister, Mrs. A. B. Finch.

Capt. D. M. McIntosh and family have been visiting relatives in Richmond, Virginia, for the past ten days.

J. K. Bird and family of Black Mountain visited relatives here Sunday.

Jack and John Fortune of Asheville spent Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Travis Salisbury, of Salisbury, was the guest of Miss Madeline Mashburn a few days last week.

Cross Mill School Closes Successful Term.

The Cross Mill school closed a very successful school term with an appropriate program on last Friday night. The exercise was composed of plays, recitations, songs, etc., by the children of the various grades. The pupils acquitted themselves in a highly creditable manner, reflecting much praise upon the teachers, Mrs. Blanche Holland and Miss Nelle McCurry, for the excellent training they had given the students for the occasion. At the conclusion of the program by the school, short talks were made by Supt. N. F. Stepe and Rev. W. L. Hutchins.

The school at Cross Mill has been very satisfactory in every respect. The attendance has been good throughout the year, and much real work has been accomplished. The people have co-operated in a very admirable manner in making the school of real service to the community. They have been well pleased with the teachers during the year and sent up a unanimous request for their return to teach the school next year.

Clinchfield School Closes May 20.

The closing exercises of the Clinchfield high school will begin on Thursday evening, May 20, when the lower grades will give a program consisting of songs, drills, plays, etc. On Friday night a play will be given by the high school grades.

The teachers and pupils are taking much interest in the preparation of the program for the occasion, and it promises to be the best that the school has ever had. The public is cordially invited to attend the exercises on both nights.

Farmers' and Farm Women's convention at Raleigh, August 24-5-6.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Asheville.—Miss Dekla Burnett, for the past thirteen years a teacher in Buncombe county, and one of the best known of local educators, was elected rural supervisor of the county elementary schools.

Wilmington.—Wilmington's proposed million dollar hotel seems assured according to chamber of commerce officials. The sum total of subscriptions to date is nearing the \$400,000 mark.

Spencer.—According to information from headquarters of the state highway association at Greensboro the building of a hard surface road between Spencer and the Yadkin river, three miles north of here will have to wait for awhile on account of no bids being received.

Cherryville.—John J. George, one of the most prominent citizens of Cherryville, and one of the leading cotton mill men in the section was elected mayor. C. A. Rudisill, T. G. Sumner, J. B. Houser and N. B. Keadle, commissioners, and W. C. Mitchell, clerk.

Rutherfordton.—M. A. Bell of this city committed suicide by shooting himself in the mouth with a 32-caliber pistol, death resulting almost instantly. There is no direct cause of the horrible act. Mr. Bell went to bed as usual and got up early.

Allen.—The farmers of this community have been taking advantage of the favorable weather preparing their farms. Owing to the recent rains farmers of this section are somewhat late getting their cotton planted.

"The Eyes of the World."

"The Eyes of the World," the photoplay from Harold Bell Wright's truly great novel, shown at the Grand Theater on next Monday, is a big and intensely interesting production.

The photoplay follows the author's story with exactitude and the characters on the screen are the characters from the pages of the novel to the life.

The exteriors are things of beauty. The rugged, towering mountains of San Bernardino county and the orange groves and rose gardens around Redlands, the locale of the story, have been exquisitely photographed into scenes of rare charm.

It took eight months to film "The Eyes of the World" and the photoplay shows it in the careful working out of the smallest detail.

The picture is one of the best even shown in the city. Its story is big and vital, but yet full of the human interest of every-day occurrences among every-day people.

Civil Service Examination.

An open competitive examination under the rules of the U. S. Civil Service Commission for the position of postoffice clerk in the postoffice in Marion will be held in Marion on June 5. All persons wishing to take this examination should secure blanks and file their applications with the local secretary at once.

Mr. Joseph Nathan Harrelson died at his home at Nebo, Tuesday, May 11, after a lingering illness. Mr. Harrelson had been in bad health for a year or more and was forced to give up his position with the Seaboard Airline Railway last November. He was 24 years of age and is survived by two brothers and two sisters.