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## OLD FORT SCHOOL FINALS

Exercises of a High Order Mark  
Close of a Successful Term—  
Faculty Re-elected.

The annual commencement of the Old Fort high school began on last Friday night with the contests in declamation and recitation. A large number of students of the high school participated in these contests making the occasion one of great interest to the people of the community. The recitations and declamations were of very high order and reflected the excellent training which the students had been given by the teachers. An overflowing audience was present at the Friday night program.

On Sunday the annual sermon was preached by Dr. Clarke, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Asheville. Dr. Clarke preached a very able sermon, which was well attended by the people of Old Fort.

On Monday night the graduating exercises were held. The program consisted of the class day exercises as follows: Salutatory, Miss Myrtle McCurry; class history, Cletus Tate; class will and testament, Miss Myrtle McCurry; class prophecy, Joe Crawford; class grumbler, Carl Greene; instrumental solo, Miss Mae Jordan; valedictory, Cletus Tate. The young graduates acquitted themselves well and the papers were above the average in quality and preparation.

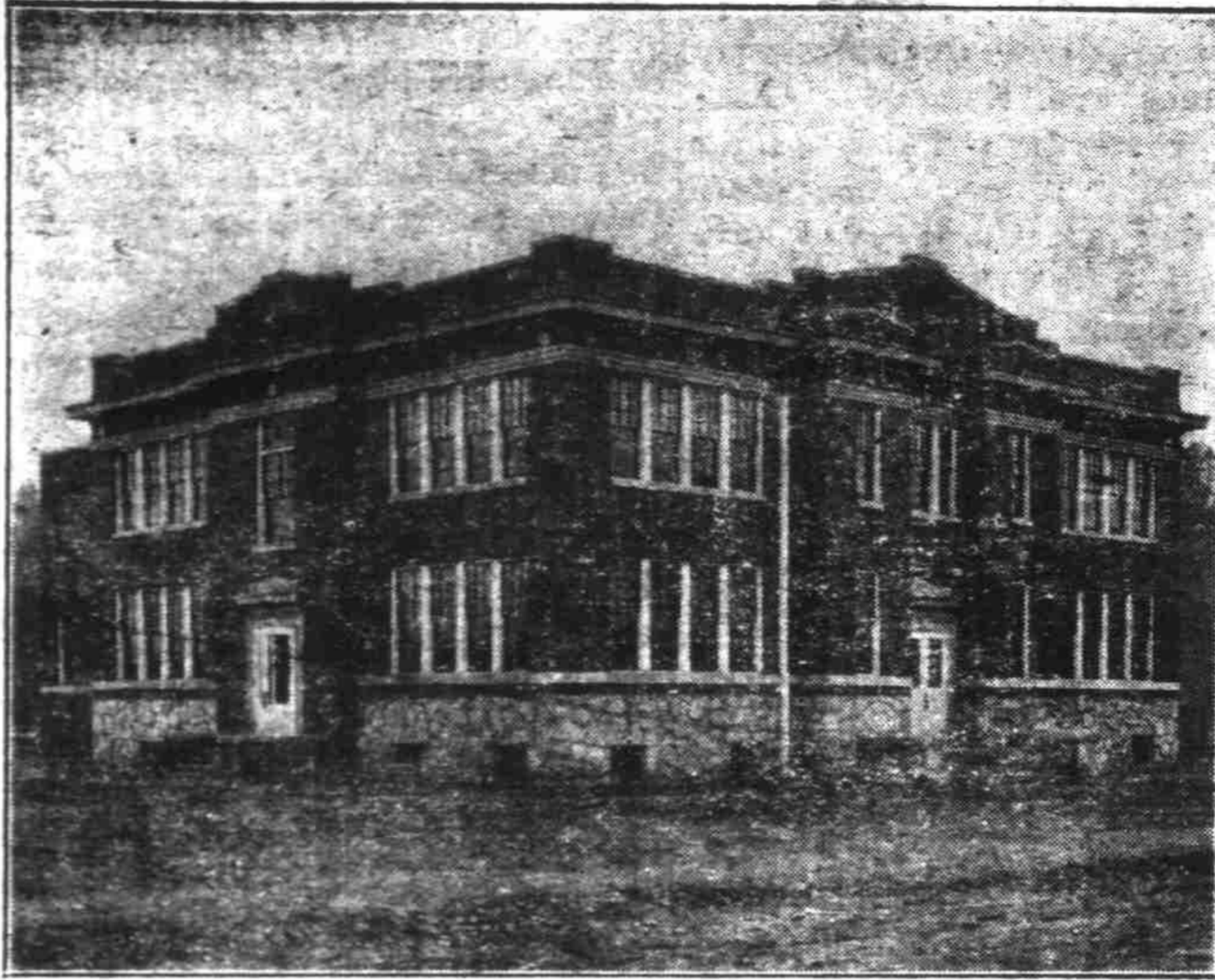
At the conclusion of the class exercises, Supt. G. B. Strickland in appropriate words presented the diplomas. In his final words to the class, Mr. Strickland admonished the young men and women to ever live up to their ideals; that it should be their endeavor to serve rather than to be served.

A feature of the Monday night program was quartet selections by Mrs. Adkins, Mrs. Miller, Miss Evans and Mr. Strickland.

County Supt. N. F. Steppes spoke briefly of the work of the school and of the other high schools in the county. Mr. W. R. Chambers of Marion was the speaker of the occasion. He spoke of the importance of education and proper attitude on the part of the community. Mr. Chambers' address, owing to the lateness of the hour, was brief and to the point, but much appreciated by the large audience.

The Old Fort school has had a very satisfactory year. The attendance has been by far the largest the school has ever had. The work accomplished in the grades has been of high quality. Mr. G. B. Strickland, superintendent for the past two years, by his strict devotion to duty has done much for the cause of education in Old Fort. In his work he has had the co-operation of the people of the town.

The work of the school has prospered to such a large extent under Mr. Strickland's management that it has become necessary for the school to provide more room and equipment. To meet the present needs the School Board is putting the old building in first class condition for use during the next year. Several additional teachers will be added to the faculty. The grade teachers for the past year were: Mrs. Chas. Steppes, Mrs. Strickland, Misses Mary Burgin, Clara Griffin, Alice Shrock, Ethel



OLD FORT HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Miller, Pearl Evans and Mamie Wadley, who have co-operated with the superintendent in making the school year the best the school has ever had.

At a recent meeting of the directors, Mr. Strickland and his corps of teachers were re-elected for the coming year.

## Marion Mill School Has Successful Closing.

The Marion Mill school concluded a very successful year's term on last Friday night with the annual entertainment. The program consisted of songs, plays, drills and an operetta by the children of the various grades. The children had been well trained for the occasion and performed their parts in a highly creditable manner to both pupils and teachers. The closing exercises were attended by a very large crowd of the village people.

The Marion Mill school has had a very successful term. The attendance has been the best the school has ever had. Very few tardies have been registered against the pupils during the past year. The work of the various grades has been very efficient and the pupils have made creditable progress. The people have taken much interest in the school and have co-operated with the teachers in every possible manner. Recently an ice cream supper was given for the benefit of the school from which was realized \$179.71. Part of this money will be used to purchase books for the library.

The principal for the past year has been Miss Delia Gibbs, of Garden City, who has served the school in this capacity for the past three years. Miss Gibbs has rendered very efficient service and the people have been well pleased with her services as principal of the school. She has been ably assisted by Misses Edith Lonon, Cassie Patton, and Clara Bird, who, by their untiring energy and devotion to the school, have done their part in making the work for the past year very satisfactory in every respect.

## Marriages.

The following parties have been recently married by Rev. J. C. Story:

Mr. Hiram Brooks and Miss Bessie Martin of Clinchfield Mills. Mr. H. D. Duley and Miss Stella Church of Rhodiss, N. C., and Mr. Lawrence Hall and Miss Bertha Ward, of Marion Mill.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

### CARLYLE

Nebo, Route 2, May 24—The farmers of this section are getting along nicely with their crops. The rainy season has caused them to hustle.

The community was indeed surprised to learn of the marriage of Dowie, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Childers of this place to John P. Teague of Hickory, which was solemnized in Marion last Saturday. The bride has many friends and is loved by all who know her. The groom is a prosperous farmer of Hickory.

Miss Maude Arrowood of Newton visited homefolks here through the weekend. She was accompanied by Weyman Case of Honeshoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cathbertson visited the former's parents Sunday.

A large number of Carlyle folks have gone to Canton Ohio, during the past few weeks.

Grady L. Davenport visited relatives in Hickory during the week.

H. G. Arrowood and daughter, Myrtle visited relatives in Glenwood recently. The favorite pastime in Carlyle is fishing, which is very much enjoyed.

Mrs. Roby Crooks and children expect to leave in a few days to join her husband at Mount Airy.

Mrs. M. L. Goodman left Friday for Erwin, Tenn.

The Sunday School at Oak Grove church is progressing nicely under the leadership of J. S. Hemphill.

### CATAWBA VALLEY

Old Fort, Route 1, May 24—The Oakdale school, taught by Mrs. T. H. Allison and Mrs. W. Hicks closed Friday.

Miss Flora Steppes was in Marion last Friday on business.

Charlie Gibson of Cliffside has been visiting friends here the past week.

J. A. Silver and daughter, Maude, were in Marion last Thursday on business.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hensley, May 21, a son.

Mrs. G. F. Bradley returned home last Thursday after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hicks.

Miss Lula Hicks spent Saturday in Marion.

### CROOKED CREEK.

Old Fort, Route 2, May 24—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis and children spent the week-end with relatives in Old Fort.

Claude Bradley and Mr. Howell of Black Mountain visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bradley. James Morris has accepted a position in Spartanburg.

Mr. Ledbetter of Nealsville spent the week-end here with his sister, Mrs. J. J. Carswell.

W. G. Lavender of Old Fort visited his parents here Sunday.

A number of young people enjoyed a singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner last week.

Misses Annie and Janey Parker spent the week-end in Old Fort.

Forrest Lytle of Catawba Valley visited friends here Sunday.

James and Lee Lavender made a business trip to Asheville Friday.

Neice Davis died at his home here Thursday after a lingering illness. He was 50 years of age. Interment was made at Bethel Friday.

Jasper Davis of Henderson spent Sunday with his brother, Decatur Davis, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Davis of Old Fort attended the funeral of Neice Davis last Friday.

Misses Pearl and Rosa Turner and Lee Lavender and Carl Morris attended a party given by Misses Ethel and Nora Bell Morgan at Curfew Saturday night.

### DYSARTVILLE

Dysartville, May 24—Herbert Daye is making preparations to move to Marion, where he will engage in the mercantile business.

A large crowd attended the memorial services here yesterday. It was a great success. The exercises were the best of the kind ever held here.

Mrs. J. Ray Denton and little son, Homer, of Atlanta, Ga., are visiting relatives here.

James Laughridge and family of Marion were visitors here Sunday.

Mrs. Beecher Denton and two daughters of Lawndale visited relatives here last Sunday.

Mrs. Kate Taylor of Nebo spent the week-end here.

Miss Mamie Goforth returned home last Saturday from Clinchfield school where she has been teaching since Jan. 1.

David Laughridge and family of Marion spent a few days here last week.

G. E. Satterwhite and family of Bridgewater, visited relatives here Sunday.

W. A. Dysart and family of Hickory were visitors here Sunday.

J. S. Cowan and family of Marion spent Sunday with relatives here.

J. C. Goforth made a business trip to Nebo last Saturday.

Miss Mary Kirksey and Frank Cowan returned home from Wallbury school last week.

### OLD FORT

Old Fort, May 25—Miss Adeline Wilkinson delightfully entertained a number of her friends at a rook party last Friday evening. The hall and living room were made unusually attractive with spring flowers. After a progressive game of matrimony and other amusements, a delicious salad course and ice cream were served. The following were present: Misses Evelyn and Sadie Burgin, Mabel Crawford, Elizabeth Biddix, Ethel Miller, Maggie Allen, Pearl Evans, Gertrude Dula and Lillie Lytle; Messrs Herbert Duncan, John Artz Fred Bradley, Frank Allen, E. R. Keeter, O. L. Shelton, Forrest Lytle, J. H. Williams, Cyrus Frazier, Reuben Young and Joe Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Johnson and little daughter, Frances, of Darlington, S. C., are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. T. J. Strange.

Little Alice Goode of Forest City is spending some time with her grand mother, Mrs. Maggie Allen.

Mrs. J. L. Nichols, who recently underwent a very serious operation at the Biltmore hospital, is improving rapidly.

### MONTFORDS COVE

Nealsville, May 22—Most of the farmers of this section have finished planting.

On Sunday, May 30, at 11 o'clock, Rev. Reid Harris of Asheville will preach at Concord M. E. church. Everybody cordially invited.

Mrs. Nancy Harris is still very ill, but we hope she will soon recover.

Mrs. C. M. Hall, who has been quite ill, is improving.

The 8th congress of the international woman suffrage alliance meets at Geneva, Switzerland, June 6-12. Mrs. Josephus Daniels will be the official representative of the United States government at the meeting.

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Mr. Henry A. Page has resigned as fair price commissioner of North Carolina, assigning ill-health as a reason.

The women teachers of Asheville have presented to the mayor and city commissioners a petition for the same pay as male teachers receive.

J. E. Duckworth, aged 92, and father of twenty children, has professed faith and was baptized at Cathey's creek, Transylvania county, last week.

Roy Runnion, a Madison county farmer, his wife and their two babies, were killed Sunday near Hot Springs, when their automobile plunged over a steep embankment on a dangerous mountain curve. Jeter W. Massey, a passenger, was also killed.

Senator Overman has recommended to the President the appointment of W. C. Newland, former lieutenant-governor of North Carolina, as the successor of the late ex-Governor Robert B. Glenn as a member of the international joint commission. This commission is named to settle controversies arising between the United States and Canada over boundary waters and the position is considered a federal sinecure.

The navy recruiting officer from Asheville will spend May 31st and June 1st in Marion in the interest of navy recruiting and will be glad to explain any part of the navy to those interested. He can also explain the navy pay bill which has passed and is now a law. This bill carries a liberal increase of pay for enlisted men and also a provision that should be of particular interest to all ex-navy men.

The Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce has issued invitations to all Chambers of Commerce in the State of North Carolina to be represented at a meeting on June 9, 1920, at Fayetteville. The purpose of this meeting is the organization of a State Chamber of Commerce to take care of such problems as freight rates, shortage of farm labor, education, and all other matters pertaining to the welfare of North Carolina. Manufacturers, bankers, professional men and all other business interests are also invited to participate.

## Revival at Baptist Church.

The revival services which began at the Baptist church on last Sunday are drawing good crowds and every evidence points to a very successful meeting. Dr. J. E. MacManaway of Greenville, S. C., one of the leading preachers of the Baptist church, is preaching very able sermons. Dr. MacManaway talks in a clear cut manner and his sermons are simple and to the point. So far only two services daily are held, in the morning at 8 o'clock and at night at 8.

By a vote of 228 to 139 the House, Friday, passed the Senate resolution declaring the war with Germany and Austria at an end. Two Republicans voted against it and 19 Democrats supported it.