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EPWORTH LEAGUE WORK

Instructive District Institute, Organized by Miss Bradley, Held Here Last Week.

Last Friday evening at the Methodist church here was the closing of one of the most instructive Epworth League institutes ever held in the Marion district. This program began Thursday afternoon when delegates from nine Epworth leagues of the Marion district met here and organized their institute work under the management of field secretary, Miss Grace Bradley, of Asheville. The program was interesting and instructive throughout. Rev. J. O. Ervin, of Asheville, Rev. W. L. Hutchins, of Marion, and Rev. C. M. Pickens, of Morganton, delivering addresses during the institute. Thursday evening at the Methodist parsonage a beautiful lunch was served by the Epworth league of Marion to all the visiting delegates and social games and other amusements were held preliminary to a program at the church devoted to instructions along the line of the "Third Department in the Epworth League." District Secretary W. M. Shuford, of Morganton, was in attendance on Friday. Rev. Dawson, of Forest City, was also here and participated in the work of the institute. Miss Bradley made a splendid impression on the people of Marion. Delegates to the annual league conference at Winston Salem were chosen as follows: Misses Pauline Hawkins and Mildred Wilson; Messrs. B. L. Lunsford and Lee Conley.

A Great Record.

North Carolina measured up splendidly in the number of Distinguished Service Crosses awarded in the late war. New York furnished 368,000 troops to the armies in France and won 613 D. S. Crosses. North Carolina furnished 73,000 men and won 173 D. S. Crosses.

North Carolina stood twenty-first among the states in the number of men furnished but seventh in the number of D. S. C. winners.

The 30th Division, composed of troops from North and South Carolina, Tennessee, and the District of Columbia, is credited with an even dozen Medals of Honor, the highest award in the gift of the nation, which is three more than any other division received; and the 30th also won 307 D. S. C's. The next divisions in order of honors were the 2d, 1st and 3d.—Rockingham Post Dispatch.

Successful Revival.

The revival services at the First Baptist church, conducted by Rev. J. E. McManaway, are being attended by large crowds and much interest is being manifested in the meeting. Dr. McManaway is preaching strong sermons and has made a very favorable impression upon all who have heard him. His sermons are plain and simple, but pointed and convincing. His messages are well received and much good no doubt will result from the meeting. There has already been twenty-four additions to the church. The meeting will continue throughout the week with two services daily, at 11 o'clock in the morning and 8 o'clock at night.

Board of Aldermen Ask Railroad to Erect New Bridge.

The Board of Aldermen of the town of Marion is making an effort to have the old bridge on Main street crossing the railroad removed and a modern concrete bridge erected in its place. The matter has been taken up with the railroad company and it is hoped that the old bridge will be torn down at once and a new one built.

The old bridge has always been an "eye sore" to this part of the town. It is not only unsightly, but probably not any too safe. A new bridge could certainly be demanded and it is hoped that the board of aldermen will be able to induce the railroad to build one in keeping with the town.

Marion to Have New Hospital.

The J. L. C. Bird home place has been purchased and will be converted into a hospital. It is removed from the business section and consists of several acres, making it very desirable for this purpose.

The plans of the new hospital are not yet definitely determined. The building will be fitted up with the best of furnishings and all necessary equipment.

The hospital will be financed by local capital and managed by local people. It should mean much for Marion and McDowell County. The hospital will be incorporated under the name of The McDowell Hospital.

Lenoir Bird Leaves for Washington

Lenoir Bird, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. C. Bird of this place, left last week for Washington, D. C., where he expects to make his home for a while, at least.

Lenoir was very popular in Marion where he is known to everyone. He finished the ninth grade in the Marion Graded School at the last commencement, standing very high in his class. He is one of the best boys who has ever been brought up in Marion and has many friends who will regret to learn that he will no longer make his home in this vicinity.

Jewell Reid Giles Sustains Hurt from Fall.

Jewel Reid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Giles, sustained a rather painful though not a permanent injury a few days ago, by falling from a shade tree on the lot of the Giles home. The little girl had climbed the tree some distance when she lost her grip and fell to the ground. The left leg struck a snag, making a very ugly wound. From the last reports the little girl was getting along very nicely.

Sheriff Mashburn reports the capture of a large copper still on the head waters of Cedar Creek, in Broad River township, on Monday night. A large quantity of mash was destroyed with the plant.

That the congregation may attend the revival services at the First Baptist church, Rev. J. C. Story announces that there will be no church services at the First Presbyterian church next Sunday. Sunday School at 10 a. m.

Mrs. C. A. Jaquins, of Dysartsville, spent Saturday in Marion.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

NEALSVILLE

Nealsville, May 31—Mr. and Mrs. John Goforth spent Sunday in Rutherfordton.

Several of our citizens attended the Memorial services at Bethel, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Lonon of Pitts spent the week-end with the latter's sister, Mrs. W. B. Pyatt.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Swann will be glad to learn that their little daughter, Hazel, is getting along nicely following an operation at the Rutherford Hospital last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Poteat spent Sunday afternoon with friends in Rutherfordton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. England of Spindale spent the week-end with daughter, Mrs. Claud Morris.

GREENLEE

Marion, Route 2, June 1—Lock Tate has been quite ill for the past week but is improving.

J. G. McCall made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

Mrs. W. L. Crisp and children have returned from a two weeks' visit to the former's sister at Topton.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Grant spent Saturday in Marion.

Harry Towe has returned to Asheville after spending the week-end with his family here.

E. M. Tate was in Marion one day last week on business.

C. B. Woody made a business trip to Hickory last week.

H. T. Tate is on the sick list.

GARDIN

Marion, Route 1, May 31—Robert Carswell has succeeded Herbert Daves as mail carrier on the Marion-Dysartsville Star route.

Misses Mary and Vera Wacaser left Friday for Morganton where they will attend the Burke summer school.

A large crowd from this place attended church at Pleasant Hill yesterday.

J. B. Higgins left for Mount Airy last week.

The farmers of this section are busy with their corn crop.

Noah Turner is reported very ill.

Mrs. Fred Webb spent a few days with her parents last week.

CATAWBA VALLEY

Old Fort, Route 1, June 1—Mrs. A. L. Hicks and daughter, Frances, are visiting the former's son in Canton.

Mrs. P. H. Allison is very ill.

Miss Annie Bradley has returned home from Belfont where she has been engaged in teaching school.

The farmers of this community are very busy with their crops while the weather is favorable.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Griffin visited their daughter in Old Fort last Sunday.

Mrs. William Parker has been very ill for some time.

We are glad to know that Margaret Porter is able to be out after being ill for some time.

David and Azor Griffin of Ridgecrest spent the week-end with homefolks here.

W. Parker and son, Arthur, have returned to Winstboro, S. C., after spending a few days with home folks.

J. A. Silver spent last Sunday with his daughter in Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Porter were visitors at the home of Hamp Bradley on Mill creek last Sunday.

Bulow Kelly of Winstboro is spending a few days with home folks.

Revival at Sevier Begins Sunday.

Rev. J. C. Story will begin a revival meeting at Sevier Presbyterian church next Sunday, June 5. Rev. Leonard Gill, of Charlotte, will assist the pastor in the meeting. There will be two services each day, in the morning and at night. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

T. M. Davis, of Old Fort, spent Monday in Marion.

Adjourn Congress is Final Decision

Washington.—Republican leaders of the house and senate agreed tentatively on a final adjournment of Congress.

Many members of both the senate and house, however, have indicated that they prefer a recess for the political conventions to a sine die adjournment and this may cause a change in the plans as tentatively agreed on.

Final decision as between a recess or an adjournment, it was said might hang fire until the last moment. In a conference with the senate leaders, however, Representative Mondell is understood to have been advised to go ahead with his adjournment resolution under the assumption that it probably would be found satisfactory to the senate majority.

Only the Armenian mandate resolution and conference reports are on the list of important measures slated for passage before Congress quits.

United States Loses Revenue on \$10,000,000 in Bonded Liquors.

New York.—More than 1,200 permits to remove liquor from bonded warehouses in New York and vicinity have been found to be forgeries which netted \$10,000,000 profit in the last two months, according to the New York World.

War Nerves is Newest Thing in London in the Way of a "Jag."

London.—The newest "jag" is war nerves. And it isn't punishment. War nerves tend to give a sober person the appearance of being drunk. Magistrate Leycester warned the police when they brought in a driver charged with driving a car while drunk. The man was discharged.

Nitrate Fixation Plants Are to Be Bought and Operated by Government.

Washington.—By unanimous vote, the senate agriculture committee ordered a favorable report on the Wadsworth bill authorizing the acquisition and operation by the war department of the nitrate fixation plants at Sheffield and Muscle Shoals, Ala.

Soldier Relief Bill is to Find Rest in Legislative Graveyard.

Washington.—The soldier relief bill was before the senate, probably for reference to a committee, which opponents of the measure said would be virtually "interment in the legislative graveyard."

Pershing Pleads With the American People to Fulfill Obligations.

Washington.—A plea that the American people be not swayed by "personal ambition or political expediency" from fulfilling obligations to less fortunate peoples who confidently look to us for help, marked the memorial day address of General John J. Pershing delivered in the Amphitheater at Arlington national cemetery.

Horse-Whipping Brute Escape a Deserved Lashing in Colorado.

Colorado Springs, Col.—J. D. Johnson, of this city, escaped a lashing with a horse whip because Police Court Magistrate Manning was unable to find any one with sufficient courage to administer the punishment.

Johnson was arrested for beating a horse. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and receive twenty-five lashes with the same whip he had used on the horse.

Marshal Petain Tells of Grateful Feeling of Frenchmen for America.

Paris.—Marshal Petain, commander-in-chief of the French army, standing on the slopes of Mount Valerien, the last stronghold of the French during the siege of Paris in 1870, told 16,000 persons assembled in the little cemetery of Suresnes Sunday of the gratitude of France for the sacrifices made by the sons of America in the cause of France on her soil during the great war. Women in black predominated in the assemblage.

The Guild of St. John's Church will meet this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock with Mrs. J. E. Guy.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

James M. Gray, district agricultural agent, reports the plans for a big co-operative cattle sale at Spruce Pine maturing with rapidity, much interest being taken by the farmers in staging an auction that will bring together from 1,500 to 2,000 head of beef cattle early in September for the sale. Of this number Avery county feels sure of having at least 1,000 on hand, with a possible 500 to 1,000 coming from Mitchell and Yancey counties, it is said.

The board of directors of the State school for the blind at Raleigh was in session Friday and exonerated the administration against whom four definite charges had been preferred by ten teachers who asked an investigation. The management was given hearty endorsement. The specific charges were inefficiency in general school management, lack of co-operation with both teachers and pupils on the part of the administration, unjust discharge of teachers, neglect of serious condition in the boy's building.

State's Educational Budget Passed

The State board of education has approved a budget of \$3,440,177.17 for the public schools of the State. Of this amount three and a quarter millions were spent for teachers and school administration, 90 per cent of which has already been paid out. The remainder will be apportioned as the schools close their year's work.

Of the total amount collected for school purposes in the State, \$959,233 was paid by the corporations and the remainder from the tax levy. These figures do not include the special tax levies by the counties, districts and cities which the State board does not administer. The total disbursements for the schools in the State during the past year is estimated at upward of \$7,000,000, an average of about \$15 per child of school age.

What it Costs Some of State Candidates to Run.

Candidates have filed their expense accounts with the Secretary of State and the following are noted:

O. Max Gardner, for Governor, \$4,683.48.

A. L. Brooks, for United States Senate, \$2,150.02.

Mrs. Mary Settle Sharpe, for State superintendent of public instruction, "not a penny has been expended by me except the \$20 entrance fee." Her Democratic opponent, Dr. E. C. Brooks, reports the same.

John Parker, Republican candidate for Governor, \$109.

Robt. N. Page, for Governor, \$5,263.50.

Judge B. F. Long, for associate justice of the Supreme Court, \$120.

Cameron Morrison's campaign for Governor has cost him \$6,050.60 up to the night of the 25th.

The House, Saturday, by a vote of 249 to 92, passed the soldier relief bill and it now goes to the Senate.