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## SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION THIS WEEK

Judge Harding Presiding—  
Number of Cases Disposed  
of on Criminal Docket.

Superior court convened here Monday morning with Judge W. F. Harding of Charlotte presiding and Solicitor J. E. Shipman prosecuting the docket. R. J. Lonon was made foreman of the grand jury and F. A. Curtis, officer. Judge Harding delivered to the grand jury one of the most able charges ever given a grand jury in this county. The court room was filled with citizens who listened closely to the Judge's charge which contained much practical and helpful advice.

The criminal docket is heavy but is rapidly being disposed of. The most important case is that of D. J. Wells, who is to be tried for killing his son in North Cove last May. With the completion of the criminal docket there are several civil matters to be taken up and court is expected to be in session all this week and probably until the latter part of next week.

The following cases have been disposed of:

Perry Mace, retailing, sentenced to four months on roads.

Leroy Bradley, disturbing religious congregation and carrying concealed weapon, not guilty. In another case for disturbing religious congregation Mace plead guilty and judgment was suspended on payment of cost.

Charles Holland, manufacturing whiskey, not guilty.

Rand Raffield, assault with deadly weapon, fined \$25.00 and cost.

J. T. Harding, f. and a., fined \$25.00 and cost.

Ida Crisp, gambling, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

John Crisp, gambling and keeping gambling house, fined \$500 and cost.

Theo McKesson, Will Gardner, Will Higgins and Troy Russau, gambling, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

## Claude Weeks Dies.

Mr. Claud Weeks, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Weeks, died at the McDowell Hospital last Friday morning from diabetes. Mr. Weeks had been sick for several weeks. Some time ago he found it necessary to give up his work and go to the hospital for treatment. After considerable improvement he left the hospital and returned home. He suffered a relapse a few days ago and was compelled to return to the hospital where his condition grew gradually worse until the end came Friday morning.

Mr. Weeks was a young man in the prime of life, being twenty-seven years of age. He had lived in Marion for some time where he has been employed as a barber. He is survived by his parents, one brother and four sisters.

The funeral was conducted from the residence on Park Hill Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. J. C. Story, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiating.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the stricken relatives in the hour of their great grief.

## Patton-Ledbetter.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at five o'clock Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. D. Patton near Bridgewater, when her daughter, Miss Cassie, was given in marriage to Mr. Therman Ledbetter of Marion. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder of Marion district. The wedding was a quiet one and witnessed only by immediate relatives and intimate friends of the contracting parties.

Miss Patton is one of the most popular young women of her community possessing a charming personality that has made her a favorite among the younger set of her home section. She is a young woman of education and accomplishments. For the past several years she has been one of the leading teachers in the schools of the county.

Mr. Ledbetter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Ledbetter of Broad River township. He is a popular young business man of Marion, where he has many friends. He attended the State University and during the war he served as a soldier in France.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left on train No. 21 for a wedding tour in the Western part of the State. Upon their return, they will make their home in Marion. Their many friends throughout McDowell County extend cordial and best wishes.

## Good Roads Representative Coming to McDowell.

Mrs. Kent Brown, representative of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, will visit Marion and other points in McDowell County during the next few days for the purpose of securing members to this organization.

An active campaign is being waged over the counties of the State in an effort to secure at least one hundred active members in each county. McDowell County is expected to secure a membership of this number in order to be up to the average of the other counties.

The North Carolina Good Roads Association is looking to secure a State system of hard surface roads. At present there is in the State a little over fifty thousand miles of public highway and but a very small proportion of this is equal to the traffic which now goes over the roads. In other words, our citizens are laboring under an artificial handicap which is levying a tremendous tax on every vehicle now going over the roads every day in the year. To obtain the necessary legislation to remove this handicap would require an organized effort on the part of the forward looking citizens of North Carolina and the North Carolina Good Roads Association offers itself as the medium through which our progressive citizens can act and make itself felt in connection with the obtaining of such a State system of hard surface roads.

Then, too, an efficient system of hard surface roads leading into McDowell from Yancey, Mitchell, Burke, Rutherfordton, Henderson, Buncombe, and even more remote counties would add greatly to the industrial and agricultural development of Marion and McDowell County.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

### GREENLEE

Marion, Route 2, July 12.—Mrs. W. H. Greenlee was shopping in Marion last Thursday.

W. J. Snipes was in Marion last Saturday on business.

Misses Lonnie and Pearl Snipes, who are working in Winston-Salem, are home for a visit of a few weeks.

Mrs. D. J. Dobson and Miss Belle Dobson were shopping in Marion last Saturday.

A crowd of young folks enjoyed a trip to Bridgewater last Monday.

M. D. Ledbetter has returned to Marion after spending a few days with homefolks here.

### CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, July 12.—Mrs. H. D. Smith, who has been seriously ill for the last few days, is reported better.

Friends of T. J. Swann will be glad to learn that he is able to be out again after being confined home by illness for some time.

The Community Meeting at this place last Saturday was a great success. A large crowd was in attendance. The school ground was much improved and the dinner served by the ladies greatly enjoyed. We need more such get-together meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Poteet are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Poteet.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Smith died Thursday and interment was made at Chapel Hill burying ground July 9.

Mrs. J. A. Kaylor spent the week end with her daughter, Mrs. Boston Reel at Nealeville.

School will open at Chapel Hill school house on July 19 with Miss Jessie Conley as principal and Miss Simpson, assistant.

A revival meeting will begin at the Baptist church July 24 and continue for several days.

### MONTFORDS COVE

Nealeville, Route 1, July 12.—W. S. Haynes made a business trip to Lattimore last week.

M. R. Nanney and M. J. Harris spent Tuesday in Marion.

Mrs. Hunter Ballew of Georgia is visiting relatives here.

C. B. Harris left this week for Rock Hill, S. C. to accept a position.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Houk and children of Marion were the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. J. L. Ledbetter, last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Vera Ledbetter of Caroleen is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter.

Mrs. Lee Crawford and J. R. Ledbetter visited their brother, W. P. Ledbetter, who is seriously sick, during the week.

Preston Hensley spent a few days last week with his parents.

Philip Umphurs is visiting I. E. Marlow.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Y. Lytle of Greenlee are visiting relatives here.

J. G. Haynes spent one day last week in Marion.

The corn crop here is looking prosperous. Most of the folks are thru laying by.

### PITTS

Pitts, July 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Washburn of Estatoe are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Washburn.

The Sunday School at Peppers Creek is progressing nicely with a large attendance.

A wedding of interest to many friends was solemnized here last Sunday when Miss Effie McKinney became the bride of G. W. Brown. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Washburn in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. Following the ceremony the happy couple were served dinner at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Notah McKinney. The bride is a

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius McKinney and the groom is a son of Mrs. Myra Brown of Pitts. Both have a host of friends who wish them a long life of joy and happiness. They will make their home at Pitts.

The school on Peppers Creek will open July 19 with Miss Sarah Collis of Phenoy as teacher.

James Brown lost a fine cow last week. The cow was on the premises for grazing when she became entangled in the rope and fell and broke her neck.

Rev. Troy Jones will preach at Peppers Creek school house next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

## Building and Loan Association Hold Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the McDowell Building and Loan Association was held on Monday night, July 5, at the court house. The meeting was well attended by the many stockholders. There was considerable discussion as to the needs and work of the Building and Loan in helping to build a bigger and better Marion. In this work the Building & Loan has rendered much service to home builders in the past. It will be the policy of the organization in the future to render every courtesy and consideration to stockholders consistent with safe and sound business.

Resolutions extending cordial good wishes for the success of the new Building and Loan Association about to be organized was unanimously passed.

The board of directors for the year were elected as follows: Thomas Morris, R. F. Burton, J. L. Morgan, J. Q. Gilkey, D. E. Hudgins, William Sweeney, John M. Tyler, F. M. Bradley, A. D. Hunt, J. H. Tate and J. E. Neal. The new board of directors immediately entered into executive session and re-elected Thomas Morris, president; R. F. Burton, vice president; J. E. Neal, secretary and treasurer, and D. E. Hudgins, attorney.

The report of Secretary and Treasurer J. E. Neal showed very much increase in the business of the association. There are now 3,800 shares in force. Total outstanding loans amounting to \$140,000 are now being carried by the association. There was paid to shareholders during the past year \$33,500 in maturities and accrued interest. The association has been successful from its organization 18 years ago. It has had constant and wholesome growth during the several years of its existence. Its business is conducted on safe business principles and no losses have been sustained by the shareholders.

## No Relief Secured.

Raleigh, July 13.—Highway commissioner Frank Page has returned from Washington where he held a conference with the Interstate Commerce Commission in the hopes of getting the order against the use of open top cars for hauling other material than coal, changed to such an extent that all the road work in North Carolina would not be held up. He found the commission determined to keep the order in force for another month since the coal situation was such that every coal car in the country would be needed for hauling coal to the consumers.

Services at St. John's church next Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

## NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Robert H. Bost, of Concord, was instantly killed and eight others injured, Sunday, when the automobile in which they were riding turned turtle. The automobile was destroyed by fire.

The Blue Ridge Development Company is progressing with the survey of the proposed electric railway line from Mount Holly to Blowing Rock. The surveying party has reached Newton.

A shooting took place Sunday afternoon three miles from Lenoir and as a result Brant Hendricks, white, gas probably fatally hurt and Wylie Harper, a negro, was killed. Several white men and negroes were engaged in a row resulting from the white men charging the negroes with stealing their distillery.

Sawing their way through their separate cells and a window on the third floor, letting themselves to the ground by blankets tied together, and making their escape in automobiles, seven prisoners, most of whom were charged with crimes of a serious nature, escaped from the Buncombe county jail at an early hour Tuesday, and so far the efforts of the sheriff's department to apprehend them have failed.

Announcement is made of plans for the erection of a large general hospital to be four stories in height in Forest Hill, opposite the Normal and Collegiate institute, in Asheville, Dr. A. T. Pritchard and J. G. Anderson and local capitalists being behind the movement. The permit calls for the expenditure of \$100,000 and the hospital will have a capacity of between 100 and 125 beds.

## Great Rally at Chapel Hill.

The citizens in the Chapel Hill district met last Saturday with the purpose of cleaning off the school grounds and getting the school building in shape for school opening. A large crowd of citizens with shovels, rakes and scrapers did considerable work on the school grounds. Gravel was hauled and scattered over the grounds, which will keep down the mud during the winter months.

The women who were present added much to the success of the occasion. They had prepared a fine dinner and at the twelve o'clock hour the folks gathered around a large table and partook of the good things to their full satisfaction.

Immediately after dinner the people met in the school house and listened to an address by Superintendent N. F. Steppe on the importance of education.

The people of Chapel Hill are very much interested in their school, and are planning to have the best school this coming year that they have ever had. Misses Jessie Conley and Annie Simpson will be teachers, and the people have already pledged their support and cooperation in everything necessary to make the school a success.

More than 300,000 widows are on the pension list of the United States.