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## MARION GRADED SCHOOL FACULTY

### List of Teachers Completed— School to Open on September 6th.

The Marion Graded school will open its next term on September 6th.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was decided to run the school this year nine months, thus making it possible for the school to qualify in the standard high school grade. The faculty for the coming year will be as follows:

First grade, section B, Mrs. W. R. Chambers; A section, Mrs. C. S. Briggs.

Second grade, Miss Elma Carson. Third grade, B section, Miss Mamma Carver; A section, Miss Margaret Winslow.

Fourth grade, Miss Ellen Crawford.

Fifth grade, Miss Effie Cox. Sixth grade, Miss May Baity. Seventh grade, Miss Thelma Elliott.

Ungraded, Miss Mary Simpson.

#### High School Teachers.

English, Miss Mary Poteat. Science and History, Miss Lottie Poole.

Latin, Miss Joyce Decker. French and Mathematics, Miss Leonora Aiken.

Commercial Courses, Miss Jessie Ratliffe.

Superintendent, T. A. Holton.

In the high school department there will be some changes of text books. The last Legislature enacted a law requiring all the high schools of any county to adopt uniform text books. Text books for McDowell county high schools have been selected, and are on sale at the Marion Book and Art Store. A list of books by grades can be secured by request of the superintendent.

#### COUNTY SCHOOLS OPEN.

A number of the county schools opened on last Monday, the 19th, and others will open on next Monday, the 26th. In a number of districts experience has shown that it is better to open school during the summer months and to wait until fall and have all the school taught out during the fall and winter. This is especially true in districts that are sparsely settled, making it necessary for children to be compelled to go a considerable distance to school. During the summer months the children can attend throughout the summer months. It is expected that schools opening now will have the continuous term, except in a few districts where it is absolutely necessary for the larger pupils to stop for a short time during the fodder and harvest season.

Notwithstanding the shortage of teachers throughout the State, every effort is being made to secure teachers for every school in the county. In this the County Board of Education and the committeemen have been extremely fortunate in that there are only a few places vacant. It is possible that some schools will have their terms divided, but every means will be used looking toward having every school in the county operate the full term.

Considerable interest is being taken by the committeemen of various schools in having the school house in good shape. Quite a number of houses will be painted and repaired, and a number of committeemen are availing themselves of the order of the Board of Education to pay one-half the cost in providing patent desks and other necessary furnishings. More patent will be provided for the schools this year than have ever been installed in the whole history of the schools of the county.

Rev. B. S. Lassiter was obliged by a brief illness to give up appointments at Marion and Black Mountain last Sunday.

## INTEREST INCREASES IN COMMUNITY MEETINGS.

The attendance is still on the increase at the community meetings and so is the interest. As the people realize the purpose of the work they begin to see that they are not attending a mere "moving picture show" and with only a very few exceptions show their respect for the educational features by excellent behavior.

With the exception of the Clinchfield Mill, where the attendance is naturally the largest, Garden City is ahead so far, in numbers on the program. Dysartsville is second and Nebo, third.

Several places have shown their interest by putting up posters, advertising in other ways, and ventilating the building well on the day of the meeting. Here Nebo deserves honorable mention. Their auditorium is always clean and made attractive with fresh ferns and flowers. Their community singing and instrumental music add to the pleasure of the meeting. The "stringed" instrumental music furnished by the boys and the girls' piano solos and duets were much enjoyed.

As was done at Glenwood last week ice cream will be sold at the next community meeting at Nebo, Wednesday evening, July 21st. This will probably attract larger crowds and start small bank accounts for school and playground equipments. If this plan proves successful we hope other schools will follow the lead of Glenwood and Nebo.

As the days are growing shorter and dark comes earlier now we hope to open our meetings by 8 o'clock during the next itinerary. We are always glad to have the children come an hour earlier for games and stories.

The schedule for the next program is as follows:

Tuesday, July 20—Marion Hall, (colored.)

Wednesday, July 21—Nebo High School.

Thursday, July 22—Glenwood High School.

Friday, July 23—Strouttown School.

Saturday, July 24—Marion Mill School.

Monday, July 26—Greenlee School.

Tuesday, July 27—Garden City School.

Wednesday, July 28—Dysartsville School.

Thursday, July 29—Sugar Hill School.

Friday, July 30—Old Fort (colored) School.

Saturday, July 31—Vein Mountain School.

Monday, August 2—Clinchfield Mill School.

#### Some Don'ts for Canners.

Now that the canning season is here the housewives are confronted with the problem of jar breakage. Each year many glass jars are broken for lack of proper handling. To avoid this loss:

Do not place cold jars, either filled or unfilled, in hot water.

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Do not overpack jars which are to be processed. Some products like corn, pumpkin, peas, lima beans, and sweet potatoes, swell in processing. Pack jar only to within one-half inch of top.

Do not allow draft of cold air to strike jars when they are removed from the canner.

The wire bail should not fit too tightly or the jar will break when the lever is forced down.

All new jars should be tempered before using. To do it, put them in cold water sufficient to cover them and bring to a boil.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

#### NEALSVILLE

Nealsville, Route 1, July 17.—Farmers here are getting along fine with their farm work. Crops generally are good.

Mrs. Nancy Harris departed this life July 15th at the home of her son, G. M. Harris, where she has made her home for a number of years. She leaves three sons, W. G., M. J. and G. M. Harris; one daughter, Mrs. William Nanney of Union Mills, and a number of grand children. Mrs. Harris was 88 years old and a consistent member of the Baptist church. She was ever ready to help the needy and distressed in her community and will be greatly missed by one and all.

God moves in a mysterious way, yet He has a tender pity for the bereaved children. To them we offer our heartfelt sympathy. May they experience the sweet comfort of knowing that: The fine memories given to help our joy on earth when earth is past shall help our joy in heaven. The remains were laid to rest Friday evening in the Cove cemetery, the funeral rites being conducted by her pastor, M. M. Huntley.

W. P. Ledbetter is seriously sick at his home here. Mrs. J. J. Carswell, his daughter, is still at his bedside.

Miss Vera Ledbetter and a young lady of Caroleen have been spending some time with the former's parents here.

The White Pine school will open in a few days with Mrs. Ora Parker as teacher.

Mrs. Lee Crawford of Old Fort visited her brother, W. P. Ledbetter, last week.

Mrs. Rebecca Nichols of Old Fort returned to her home last week after spending some time here with relatives and friends.

#### GREENLEE

Marion, Route 2, July 19.—The Greenlee school opened this morning with a good attendance.

Mrs. Joe Moody and son have returned to their home in Old Fort after spending a week with relatives here.

Miss Rebecca Greenlee returned home Saturday from Marion where she has been attending the Summer school.

Miss Lonnie Snipes and brother were shopping in Marion last Saturday.

Ernest Wright is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. T. Snipes.

R. H. McCall made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

C. B. Woody is visiting his mother this week.

Corn crops are looking fine in this section.

#### CATAWBA VALLEY

Old Fort, Route 1, July 19.—Mrs. William Melton of Ridgecrest spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Griffin.

H. A. Hensley attended court in Marion the latter part of last week.

Miss Annie Bradley will open school today at Bethlehem.

Farmers have about finished laying by corn.

Mrs. Joe Moody has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Grant, at Greenlee, for the past week.

E. W. Griffin returned home yesterday from Bridgewater where he was called on account of the illness of his mother, Mrs. Clark.

A. Buchanan is very sick.

#### CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Route 2, July 19.—Miss Myrtle Lytle has been very ill for the past week.

Sam Bailey of Spruce Pine visited J. S. Lavender during the week.

Misses Thelma Grant and Mae Allison of Old Fort visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Davis of Old Fort are visiting relatives here.

Corn crops on the creek are looking fine. The small grain crop is the best it has been for several years.

J. J. Carswell visited relatives in Montford's Cove Saturday and Sunday.

A revival meeting is in progress at Salem this week.

James Bailey has been on the sick list for some time, suffering with malaria.

#### NEBO

Nebo, July 20.—Mrs. H. D. Plant and children of Knoxville, Tenn., and Mrs. K. E. Simpson of Rutherfordton are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wilson.

Miss Lillie Landis of Dysartsville spent a few days last week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. G. D. Taylor.

Miss Mabel Morrow is home now after having attended the Summer school in Marion.

Misses Lottie and Helen Wilson, who are teaching at Harmony Grove, spent the week-end here with homefolks.

Mrs. K. E. Simpson and little niece, Helen Plant, spent the week end with relatives in Morganton.

E. L. Tate has returned to his work in Tugalo, Ga., after having spent several days here with his family.

### New Building and Loan Association to Be Organized.

The agitation which has been going on for some time for a new Building and Loan Association has been the means of stirring up considerable interest in the matter. On last Monday night a number of the citizens and business men who are interested in the new organization met for the purpose of discussing ways and means to get the new organization properly organized. Mr. C. F. James was elected temporary chairman and L. R. Cowan was elected temporary secretary. The committee to make application for charter and to draft the by-laws and constitution for the association was selected as follows: J. W. Winborne, chairman; J. F. Conniff, R. I. Bush, C. F. James, J. L. Biddix, W. W. Guy and D. M. Gibson.

There will be a second meeting at the court house on next Monday night when it is expected that the board of directors and officers will be elected.

Considerable interest has developed and the new organization has already about two thousand shares of stock subscribed. It is expected that this amount will be very considerably increased during the present week and that the organization will start under bright prospects.

The purpose of the new organization will be to aid in the building of a greater Marion. It will assist its stockholders in building enterprises, and especially in the building of homes. During the last few years the building activities, owing to financial conditions, have almost ceased. The new organization hopes to put new life into building operations and to encourage the building of more homes, thus making a bigger and greater Marion.

#### Weather Report.

Thomas McGuire, Sergeant U. S. Army, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion station for the week as follows:

Maximum	90 degrees
Minimum	59 degrees
Rain	4.39 inches
Sunshine per cent	50

## NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

### Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The democratic executive committee will open campaign headquarters in Raleigh about August 1, according to announcement made by Chairman Tom Warren.

D. B. Smith, of Charlotte, has resigned as district attorney for the Western District of North Carolina. Wants to devote his full time to his private practice.

A venomous snake entered the home of Roy Venable, a farmer of Surry county, the past week, and bit his 14-months-old child. The child was taken to a hospital but no hopes were held out for its recovery.

One man was killed and two were wounded when the machine gun company of Durham, guarding negro prisoners in Graham, Alamance county jail, fired on a mob which had fired on the jail on Monday night.

The adjutant general has been notified that the annual encampment of the national guard of this state, scheduled for August 7, has been postponed thirty days. The troops from this state will go into camp at Morehead City on September 7 and remain there for fifteen days. The postponement was made in order to give the national guard organization in the state more time in which to get additional units inspected and ready for camp. It will mean that a much larger number of men will go to camp than could have gone a month earlier.

#### Splendid Showing.

Winston-Salem Journal.

North Carolina has a number of cities and towns that have claims to national fame and distinction. The North Carolina Chamber of Commerce Bulletin, official organ of the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, enumerates these cities as follows:

Winston-Salem is the largest tobacco and men's underwear manufacturing city in the world.

The internal revenue collections at the Winston-Salem office for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1920, aggregated \$80,344,344.60, these figures breaking all former records in the history of the office, and nearly doubling the amount collected the year previous. The custom receipts of the Winston-Salem office the past year were \$3,797,415.88.

Greensboro has the largest denim mills in the world.

Durham has the largest hosiery mills in the world, and is the second largest tobacco manufacturing city in the world.

Wilson is the largest bright tobacco market in the world.

Pinehurst is one of the south's greatest and most famed winter resorts.

Badin has one of America's largest aluminum plants.

High Point is the world's second greatest furniture city.

Kannapolis is the world's largest towel manufacturing city.

Gaston has the largest number of cotton mills of any county in the United States.

Asheville is one of the most famous summer and winter resorts in the United States, and has the finest hotel in the world.

Wilmington is one of the leading sea-ports in the United States.