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NEW BUILDING AND LOAN ORGANIZED

Will Be Known as the Home Building Association of Marion—J. F. Conniffe Secretary.

The new Building and Loan Association was organized at the court house on Monday night by a large number of citizens of Marion. The name given to the new association is The Home Building Association of Marion. The purpose of this association is for the improvement of facilities for building in Marion and McDowell, to enable members of the association to buy real estate, build homes, and own and otherwise improve the same.

The plan of the organization is along the general lines provided for Building and Loan associations, by which members subscribe for stock and pay for the same in monthly installments on the first day of each month. The first series will date as of August 1, 1920, and the second series will date as of April 1, 1921, and thereafter a new series will be opened on October 1 and April 1 of each year. Any person desiring to become a member of the association after any series is closed will be permitted to do so on rules provided by the association.

Already more than 1500 shares have been subscribed by a large number of persons covering a wide range in and around Marion, and the association has every assurance that its first series will have approximately 3000 shares subscribed.

At the meeting Monday night J. F. Conniffe was elected secretary and treasurer. A board of directors was elected, composed of the following: J. D. Blanton, W. C. Smith, H. H. Tate, W. W. Guy, M. L. Justice, O. F. Adkins, R. I. Bush, D. W. Crawford and J. W. Winborne. The directors will meet at an early date and elect officers.

Through this building association any citizen may become a member and subscribe to as few or as many shares as he or she may desire. Every share when matured is worth \$100.00 and figures to cost the member, in actual dollars and cents, \$78.00. For every share \$1.00 is paid per month on the first day of each month and that dollar begins to draw interest as soon as it is paid in, and every other dollar paid in does likewise; the amounts paid in and the interest mature the stock. It takes a little over six years for these payments and interest to mature the stock. In other words, when a member has paid in \$78.00 it has accumulated enough interest to pay for the full share of \$100.00. By saving a few dollars each month it is not long before the stock is paid for and every cent of money paid in is returned to the shareholder with compounded interest.

It is hoped that with two live, safe, wide-awake Building and Loan associations in Marion that every citizen will have an opportunity to accumulate and save funds and buy and own a home. Nothing could be done to make Marion a more thrifty place than for its citizens to patronize and derive benefits through these associations, and it is earnestly hoped that every citizen in and around Marion will take advantage of the splendid opportunities thus given to them. The new association will enlarge the field of usefulness to be derived from these associations.

Everett Frady, of Asheville, was killed and Lieutenant Theodore Whitt, pilot of a commercial plane belonging to Scott Dillingham, of Asheville, had both legs and one arm broken, when the plane plunged 250 feet to the ground Sunday. Frady was riding as a passenger and became frightened when they left the field. Whitt said that Frady seized the control stick and froze to it. Whitt was unable to break his hold.

HONORED CITIZEN OF MARION PASSES.

Sadness possessed the hearts of the people of Marion and McDowell county last Friday when the news went forth that Mrs. Carter had died. The end had been expected for several days, but no amount of expectation could prepare the hearts of her loved ones and numerous friends for an announcement of her departure. While there was life there was the enthusiasm of love and friendship. When death kissed down her eye-lids still there was a deep consciousness of loss. Her death was characteristic of the life she lived—peaceful, calm, serene. There was no moaning of the bar when she put out to sea.

Mrs. Carter was born in McDowell county, April 8th, 1835, being more than 85 years old at the time of her death. She was born in the North Cove section of the county and there spent her girlhood days. Surrounded by clear streams, and sweet air, perfumed by the wild flowers, she acquired that intellectual stigma that always marked her from her girlhood to her death.

Mrs. Carter was the widow of the late Thomas D. Carter who was an eminent lawyer and editor, and who died several years ago.

Mrs. Carter is survived by three daughters: Mrs. D. E. Huggins, of Marion; Mrs. Swindell, of Memphis, Tenn.; Miss Cora Carter, of Florida; two sons: Judge Frank Carter, and Bascombe Carter, of Asheville. There are also a number of grandchildren and great-grand children. Her friends were numerous. To know her meant to love her. She was affectionately called "Grandma Carter" by a host of little children on whose head her hand of love had been placed and into whose ear she had whispered words of advice.

She joined the Methodist church when very young, and was a devout worshipper at its shrine all the remaining years of her life.

The funeral was conducted in the Methodist church Sunday morning by her pastor, Rev. W. L. Hutchins, assisted by Revs. J. C. Story and J. T. Bowden, after which her body was laid to rest in the Oak Grove cemetery. The many floral designs bore a tender testimony to the love and esteem in which she was held by her friends.

Again a parting sail we see,
Another boat has left the shore;
A kinder soul on board has she
Than ever left the land before;
And as her outward course she bends,
Sit closer, friends.

McDOWELL MEN ENLIST FOR SERVICE IN ARMY.

Announcement is made that four young men from McDowell county enlisted at the United States Army recruiting station in Asheville during the week and were sent to army stations to join the regiments to which they were assigned. They were:

Arnold Green, of Marion, joined the 28th Infantry for one year, sent to Fort Thomas, Ky.

Burt Duncan, of Marion, enlisted for one year in the 28th Infantry, sent to Fort Thomas, Ky.

Hoy G. Culberson, of Marion, joined the 28th Infantry for one year, sent to Fort Thomas, Ky.

Preston A. Cuthbertson, of Nebo, joined the Coast Artillery for three years, sent to Fort Dupont, Del. Cuthbertson is a former service man, having been a sergeant first class, during the war. He was at that time attached to the non-commissioned officers' staff at Fort Monroe, Va. He enlisted here as a private but will be given his former rank upon reaching his corps.

Kohler Holsclaw, the young white man of Catawba county, convicted of killing John W. Gabriel at Terrel last December, was sentenced Thursday to be electrocuted on September 24th; his 24 birthday.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

NEBO

Nebo, July 27—Mrs. M. C. Sigmon and daughter, Miss Tracy, are visiting relatives in Gastonia, Gibsonsville and Wilmington.

Miss Rena Jameson of Garden City spent a few days this week with Miss Sue Tate.

Miss Maggie Taylor left Sunday for Pinnacle where she will teach a short while this summer.

On Monday afternoon, July 26, a few ladies of the community met at the school building and discussed plans for organizing a community league. All people of the community and all teachers of the coming school year are requested to join the league. It will do everything possible to bring the homes and school together, and work for the betterment of both. At the first meeting the ladies planned to sell home made ice cream at the bi-monthly community service meetings. These ladies will donate milk and eggs for the cream and the clear proceeds will be used to buy athletic supplies for the school. They discussed plans for monthly meetings, regular visits to the school and how to get necessary laboratory supplies for general science and physical geography courses this year. They did not deem it wise to have a formal organization until Wednesday at 4:30 o'clock, August 18. On that date it is especially requested that all people of the community be present. It is believed that this league will be one of the strongest factors in making a good school in 1920-21. Those present were very much interested and are going to make a special effort to interest others. Come one, come all. You are a link in the chain. The school needs you as much as you need it. Do not forget, August 18.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Route 2, July 27.—Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lytle and children of Greenlee spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends here.

Lee Lavender and Carl Morris have returned home after spending some time in Gastonia.

Miss Gertrude Durham is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gilliam.

Mrs. John McDonald of Greensboro is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Nat Davis.

Miss Grace Erwin of Henrietta is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. W. Lavender.

Miss Myrtle Lytle was carried to McDowell Hospital last Wednesday, where she underwent an operation. Her friends will be glad to learn she is doing nicely.

Miss Addie Lavender has returned home after spending some time in Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Davis spent Sunday in Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Fate Hogan and children spent Saturday and Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Harris Gilliam.

Mrs. Cynthia Davis passed away at her home here Thursday. Interment was made at Salem on Friday.

Harley Lavender and Marion Parker spent the week-end with relatives here.

Forest Lytle of Catawba Valley spent Sunday with friends here.

Adolphus Noblitt of Old Fort visited relatives here last week.

Rev. E. P. Mock is conducting a revival meeting at Bethel this week.

BROAD RIVER

Dome, July 21.—A very pretty wedding was solemnized at ten o'clock Sunday night at the home of Mr. W. H. Ledbetter, when Miss Maggie Elliott of Red Top was given in marriage to Mr. Cleet L. Ledbetter of Dome. The wedding was

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Construction of Morganton's \$90,000 hotel is expected to begin within the next 30 days. It will be a brick structure containing 40 sleeping rooms.

William Bennett, Jr., of Fayetteville, serving a life sentence there since July 22 for the murder of his wife and unborn child, was taken from the jail Sunday by a mob and lynched. He was hung near the county poor farm.

The Southern Methodist assembly grounds at Lake Junaluska will be expanded to twice its present capacity, according to a building program calling for the expenditure of \$400,000 this fall, announced by A. L. Dietrich, business manager.

Students of the summer school of the state college for agriculture and engineering, composed of teachers of the public schools, voted 300 to 120 to petition the general assembly meeting in special session in August to ratify the Susan B. Anthony amendment.

PICTURE TREAT FOR MARION.

The Grand Theatre announce that on Wednesday, August 4th, night show only, they will present Mary Pickford in her greatest picture, Pollyanna, a wonderfully produced screen version of Elinor H. Porter's popular novel.

In this beautiful story Miss Pickford has reached the pinnacle of her success, and the little "glad girl" is said to be the daintiest, dearest little maid that has ever been screened, and will take her place in the heart of every one who sees her. The story has so much humor and pathos that besides being fascinating, it is wholesome and refreshingly natural.

a quiet one, the ceremony being performed in the presence of a few friends. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Minty Elliott of Red Top and the groom is a son of Mr. W. H. Ledbetter of Dome. They both have a host of friends who wish them a long and happy wedded life.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Early Mease, July 2, a daughter.

Misses Maude Owenby and Anna Warren of South Carolina are visiting friends and relatives here.

Corn crops in this section are looking very prosperous.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, July 26.—N. F. Stegge and family of Marion were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor last Sunday.

Miss Lurline Corpening of Marion will open school at Sandy Flat today.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Landis and Key Landis were visitors here Sunday.

Mrs. W. A. Carswell has been seriously ill, but is improving.

Rev. J. T. Bowden of Marion is conducting a revival meeting at the Baptist church here. While there are not a great deal of interest manifested among the unaved, the church has been greatly revived. The meeting will probably continue until Thursday.

This community has suffered from heavy rains lately and great damage has been done to corn.

D. F. Giles and family were visitors at the home of J. M. Goforth yesterday.

Mr. Harrison of Tennessee is a visitor here.

Ben Melton is home for a few days.

Everette Denton and family of Charlotte were visitors here last week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Poteet, July 21, a daughter.

COUNTY SCHOOLS MAKING GOOD REPORTS

Much Interest Taken by Teachers—State Superintendent Rules on Question of Salaries

With few exceptions the schools of the county, which open during the summer, are now in operation. Owing to the shortage of teachers, a small number of schools that usually begin in the summer have not opened. A number of teachers have been secured from other counties and an effort is being made to open all the summer schools.

Satisfactory reports of the schools in operation are coming to the office of the County Superintendent. The enrollment has been very good and indications are that the attendance will be the best that the schools have ever had. Much interest is being taken by the teachers in getting all the children in school on the opening week that they may get their work organized and outlined as soon as school opens. This is necessary in order to save time on the part of both pupils and teachers.

While there is little doubt of a substantial increase in teachers' salaries, yet the matter is somewhat indefinite. A salary schedule, has been mapped out by the state and county school authorities, which they hope to have put in force by the special session of the legislature which meets in August. Owing to the fact that a number of teachers will expect to draw their salaries at the end of the first month, Supt. N. F. Stegge has taken the matter up with the State department and has been advised by Dr. E. C. Brooks, State Superintendent, that it will be safer to pay the schedule as in effect last year until after the legislature has passed upon the matter. This will enable teachers to draw salaries sufficient to pay expenses and whatever difference is due them will be paid as soon as the salary schedule is definitely settled. For the information of teachers and others, the following letter from Dr. Brooks is published:

My dear Mr. Stegge:
In reply to your letter I think it would be safer for you to pay the salaries in force last year until after the General Assembly meets. You can then pay any difference that remains to the teachers as soon as we know definitely what to expect. I feel confident that the new salary schedule will be put into force, but you will have no complications if you follow the suggestions above.

Teachers holding high school, grammar grade and primary certificates will be paid the same salary from the State. By referring to the salary schedule you will observe that we make no difference, provided the qualifications are the same. However, if you pay on the basis of last year it will be necessary for you to pay in accordance with the kind of work done. If a teacher holds a high school teacher's certificate and does grammar grade work she will be paid on the basis of a grammar grade certificate. But a teacher holding a grammar grade certificate and doing high school work will be paid on the basis of the grammar grade certificate.

Very sincerely yours,
E. C. BROOKS,
State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

A. S. WATKINS HEADS PROHIBITION TICKET

Lincoln, Neb., July 22.—Ohio got its third presidential candidate for the 1920 campaign when the prohibition national convention nominated Aaron S. Watkins, of Germantown, Ohio, after learning from William J. Bryan that he would not accept the nomination voted him yesterday.

Mr. Watkins won on the second ballot after he and R. H. Patton had each received 85 votes on the first ballot.