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McDOWELL SINGING CONVENTION MEETS

Annual Convention Held in Marion Saturday and Sunday—Officers Elected

The McDowell Singing convention met at the court house on last Saturday and Sunday. Only the matters of routine were taken up during the Saturday meeting and Sunday was given to regular choir singing. As usual, the court house was packed to overflowing all during Sunday. The various choirs participated in the exercises and lived fully up to their reputation and past record as music makers. Three choirs were present, as follows: Bethlehem, Clear Creek and Armstrong, while the partial membership of other choirs were also present and participated in the exercises.

The day was clear and the people showed their appreciation of the singing by turning out in great numbers. A number of visitors brought their dinners with them and remained throughout the day. People were in attendance from every section of McDowell county and many congratulatory expressions were heard. That the singing gets better with each meeting seems to be the consensus of opinion.

The following officers were elected: John C. Burnett, president; Joseph Kanipe, vice president; H. S. Quinn, Sec'y and Treas. A motion was made and carried that the President appoint one committeeman from every township in the county. Upon vote of the convention it was decided that the next meeting will be held at Bethlehem on the fourth Sunday and Saturday in August 1921.

SITUATION IN TENNESSEE IS BADLY TANGLED

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 21.—Developments today in the bitter fight over ratification of the woman suffrage amendment by Tennessee left the situation tonight in such an entanglement of technicalities that many suffragists and all their opponents declared the courts would have to decide the status of the measure. The outstanding features were these:

An injunction temporarily restraining Governor Roberts, Secretary of State Stevens and Speakers Andrew Todd and Seth Walker, of the senate and house, respectively, from certifying ratification to Washington, or from taking any other action with regard to the amendment, on the ground this legislature had no legal right to act upon it, was issued by Judge E. F. Langford, of the chancery court of Davidson county. The injunction is returnable within five days on agreement.

The suffrage majority in the house called from the journal the Walker motion that the house reconsider its action in ratifying the amendment, and killed it.

The Green River Baptist Association meets with the Baptist church at Old Fort on September 30th. There will be a two days' session. Rev. J. T. Bowden, of Marion, will preach the sermon at 11 o'clock a. m. on the first day.

Congressman Upshaw Speaks to Large Audience.

Congressman W. D. Upshaw of Georgia spoke to an overflow of audience at the Baptist church on last Sunday morning at eleven a. m. Congressman Upshaw took for his subject "A Stainless Flag and a Sober Nation." He lived fully up to his reputation as a speaker. Talking at length on the work of the prohibition folks, he spoke of the long fight which brought about the constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of whiskey in this country. He emphasized the great importance at this time of continuing the fight and seeing to it that enforcement of the prohibition laws is placed in the hands of officials who are in sympathy with the law and who will see to it that its provisions are carried out. He cited instances of where the law is null and void because those who are trusted with its enforcement are opposed to prohibition. Mr. Upshaw answered all the arguments that the pro-liquor element advance, and proved conclusively that there is no defense for the whiskey traffic.

Congressman Upshaw is known throughout the country for his stand in the matter of prohibition. He has long been one of the leaders in the fight and states that he expects to continue in the fight until the whiskey traffic is wiped from the face of the earth.

At the end of the Congressman's speech, a good sized collection was taken, consisting of pledges and donations which is to be used by the prohibition folks in its further fight against the liquor business.

MR. C. A. DALE PASSES.

Mr. Charles Augustus Dale, a well known citizen of Marion, died Friday at 1:30 p. m. at his home on Garden street. Mr. Dale had been in bad health for a long time, but only recently was compelled to remain at home. Mr. Dale was born January 11, 1849, and was, therefore, seventy-one years of age at his death. He spent his entire life in this immediate section. For a number of years he was engaged in the mercantile business, but for the past several years had been engaged in insurance business. He was known to and knew possibly as many people as any one citizen of McDowell county. His passing, while not unexpected, will be a shock to his many friends and relatives throughout this section.

Mr. Dale was married in 1878 to Miss Sallie Conley, sister of Geo. W. Conley, who preceeded her husband to the grave about four years ago. He is survived by six children: Mrs. Eva Brown and Conley Dale, of Marion; Lee Dale, of Asheville; Charles Dale, of Charlotte; Mrs. C. R. Wilcox, of Martinsville, Va.; Mrs. Robert Shuford, of Collins, Ga.; also three sisters and three brothers: Mrs. T. A. White, Mrs. Sue Bobbitt and Mrs. Agnes Hyams, and J. H. Dale, of Marion; C. S. Dale, of Chillicothe, Texas, and T. M. Dale, of Washington, D. C.

The funeral was held from the residence Saturday morning at eleven o'clock and was attended by many friends and relatives of the deceased. Rev. Parker Holmes conducted the services and interment was made in Oak Grove cemetery.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT
Old Fort, Aug. 24.—Miss Clara Martin of Atlanta, is visiting friends in Old Fort.

Miss Pearl Cox of Gastonia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. Y. Grant. Rev. R. F. Mock has just closed a very interesting protracted meeting at Bethlehem.

Tom Davis recently returned from a business trip to points in Virginia. Frank Thompson, of the Little Rock, Ark., Machine Gun Co., 7th infantry, is at home on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Thomas Davis.

Mrs. White of Asheville has returned home after a visit to relatives here.

Mrs. P. L. Payne of Knoxville, is visiting relatives in Old Fort.

Mrs. C. Y. Hyams of Canton is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Sallie Parker of Spartanburg, S. C., is visiting relatives in Old Fort.

Miss Mott Logan, Rose and Lalie Freeman of Rutherford county are spending some time with relatives in Old Fort.

F. O. Allen left Sunday for Rutherford county on a two weeks' vacation.

Hardy Burgin, son of C. H. Burgin, left Friday for his home in New York after a visit to his parents.

Mrs. H. F. Lytle of Asheville is visiting relatives near Old Fort.

Clyde Hemphill of Canton spent Sunday with friends in Old Fort.

Mrs. J. B. Robinson has returned to her home in Asheville after visiting relatives at this place.

Miss Helen Watkins of Raleigh is in the city visiting relatives.

Mr. Ditmore and son, Harry, of Bryson City, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sandlin.

The following will be the faculty of the Old Fort Graded and High school for the present school year: First grade, Miss Mary Burgin; second grade, Mrs. Chas. Steppe; third grade, Miss Laura Hicks; fourth grade, Miss Clara Griffin; fifth grade, Miss Katheryn Bailey; sixth grade, Miss Mamie Wadley; seventh grade, Miss Anna Schrock; high school, Miss Ethel Miller and Mrs. Geo. B. Strickland.

HANKINS

Marion, Route 3, Aug. 24.—T. C. Cuthbertson of Asheville, is visiting here at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. D. Erwin.

C. R. Whetstone has been on the sick list for some time.

The funeral services of Mrs. —, Lentz, of Nebo, were conducted here last Thursday. Mrs. Lentz was formerly Miss Alice Barnes. She was well known by the people here and her death brings sorrow to all.

Misses Cary and Donnie Hall and their brother, Fred, spent a few days here last week at the home of their sister, Mrs. Tom R. Hall.

Quite a number of the folks from here attended the singing convention in Marion Saturday and Sunday.

A. D. Erwin made a business trip to Marion last week.

W. H. Ledbetter, of Gaffney, S. C., was here on business last week.

Rev. M. G. Erwin will begin a revival meeting at the Methodist church on August 30. Everybody invited to attend.

The school here is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Annie Wall. The attendance is far greater than it has been in the past several years. Miss Leona Bush, of Marion, arrived yesterday to take charge of the primary work.

GARDIN

Gardin, Aug. 23.—Mrs. C. D. Wacaser was shopping in Marion, Saturday.

Miss Sallie Wacaser left Saturday for Shelby.

Mrs. J. W. Craig was shopping in town Saturday.

Miss Emma Higgins left Saturday for Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mason visited relatives here during the week.

Great damage has been done to crops in this section by the recent heavy rains.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, Aug. 23.—Mrs. — Coats of Campobella, S. C., spent the week with her son, A. S. Coats.

J. L. Swann of Glenwood visited relatives in this community recently. Mrs. G. P. Poteat spent Sunday with Mrs. J. H. Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Poteat spent a few days last week with the former's brother, J. L. Poteat, in Cleveland.

Quite a delegation of our young people attended the singing convention in Marion Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Holland were shopping in Marion last Friday.

J. W. England spent the latter part of the week in Stroudtown with his father, W. M. England, who is seriously ill.

W. A. Proctor has been on the sick list for the past week.

NEALSVILLE

Nealsville, Route 1, Aug. 23.—Rev. M. M. Huntley filled his appointment at the Cove Saturday and Sunday. Eleven converts were baptized Saturday.

The grim reaper death entered the home of Mr. Manley Misenheimer in Oklahoma, Wednesday, and claimed as its victim his mother, Mrs. E. C. Misenheimer. The body will be laid to rest at Concord, N. C., her former home. Mrs. Misenheimer left her home here about the last of June to spend a few months with her son. Her health was not good though up to her death she was able to go about. She was an estimable Christian lady and will be greatly missed by her friends here. She is survived by three sons and one sister, Mrs. J. C. Taylor, of Forest City, and an aged mother, Mrs. Nancy Mitchell. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Harris and little daughter are spending some time with the former's mother, Mrs. B. W. Harris. Mr. Harris recently received his discharge from the navy.

Mrs. J. J. Carswell, after spending several months with her mother, Mrs. W. P. Ledbetter, will leave today for her home in Old Fort.

We hope that every dog day will not be a wet day, and that we may have some sunshine for awhile.

Miss Clara G. Harris will leave today for Round Hill where she will enter school as a senior this year.

Nealsville, Route 1, Aug. 23.—E. L. Morris of Union Mills spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rabb are visiting relatives in Lenoir and other points.

Rev. J. T. Bowden and J. M. Brown are conducting a revival meeting at Bethel church.

We have had twenty rainy days out of twenty-one during the month of August in this vicinity. water courses have all been overflowed and corn and other crops are badly damaged.

Mrs. W. M. Wilson seems to have your Crooked Creek man trumped on large cucumbers. She raised one that tipped the scales at five and one-fourth pounds, measuring fourteen inches in circumference and eighteen inches long. He must have planted "inferior seed" or weather conditions were unfavorable in his vicinity.

School at Sugar Hill is progressing nicely under the efficient management of Misses Alma and Nelle McCurry.

ASHFORD

Ashford, Aug. 23.—We have been having several weeks of rain, and we gladly welcome the sunshine this morning.

Mrs. S. E. McCall left for Spruce Pine Saturday for a few days visit

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The name of Greensboro College for Women, Greensboro, has been changed to Greensboro College. This is the third name the institution has had.

According to news from Asheville, 76 rattlesnakes, varying in length from eight inches to three feet, were killed Friday by Frank Wright, near a saw mill on the Fairview road.

Rural Policeman J. A. Connor captured a 100-gallon capacity still a few days ago near the McDowell county line in Morgan township, Rutherford county. The still had been taken out of the furnace and hidden about one and one-quarter miles away.

J. C. Postelle closed a revival at Concord Methodist church Saturday.

Our second week of school is progressing nicely. The assistant teacher arrived yesterday.

S. M. McCall made a business trip to Spruce Pine last Friday.

Misses Frances Crockett and Lydia Hefner left for Burnsville yesterday.

F. A. Keefe received a tractor engine Friday.

Greene Chapman made a business trip to Marion last Friday.

C. W. Wiseman has gone to Knoxville on a business trip.

Mrs. Sam Brown and son, Sam, Jr., of Erwin, Tenn., are visiting relatives here.

Miss Willa Webb of Asheville is visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. W. Wiseman.

C. L. Wise is visiting relatives at Crossnore.

J. E. Wilson spent Saturday and Sunday in Nebo and Marion.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Aug. 24.—The decoration at Bethlehem last Saturday was well attended. The weather was fine and an appropriate program was rendered. Rev. E. F. Mock made a fitting and touching talk to a very attentive crowd.

Miss Carrie Starr, of Winston-Salem, and Miss Mae Gilliam, of Broad River, were guests of Mrs. O. A. Davis last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierson Robertson of South Carolina visited Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Robertson last week.

Lee Lavender spent last Wednesday and Thursday with friends at Greenlee.

Mrs. J. J. Carswell has returned from an extended visit to relatives in Montfords Cove.

James Lavender made a business trip to Hickory last week.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Davis of Old Fort was buried at Cherry Springs last Wednesday. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to them in their grief and bereavement.

Ollie and Harley Lavender of Marion visited homefolks here Sunday.

Miss McKinney of Marion is visiting Miss Margaret Walker.

Rev. C. P. Holland is conducting a revival meeting at Cherry Springs this week.

Miss Docia Lytle is visiting friends in Old Fort.

Stanley Robertson is improving after an illness of several days.

The Progress is a little late this week owing to the fact that the electric current was off yesterday and we had no power with which to operate our presses and linotype machine. Much of the matter in this issue had to be set by hand, and much news matter had to be omitted for lack of time in setting it.