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## HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN WITH BIG ATTENDANCE

Marion, Old Fort, Nebo and Glenwood Schools Begin Under Bright Prospects.

The several high schools of McDowell opened Monday. The principals had been at their offices for the past several days getting everything in readiness for the beginning of school. The records were all complete and everything started off in fine shape.

Marion Graded School begins this school year under bright prospects. A full corps of efficient teachers are on hand, and everything points to the best school year Marion has ever had. The enrollment is said to be the largest in the history of the school. In fact, the school is filled to its maximum capacity, and unless measures are taken to enlarge the school building and provide more equipment, it will be impossible for the school to meet the very heavy demands that are now being made upon it. Since the education of the children of any community is the most important business of that community, the people should see to it that every means is provided in order to enable the children to get the most and the best that can be offered. The time is at hand when something must be done to take care of the demands that are being made upon the school in Marion. Unless this is done, then the children of Marion will be the losers.

At Old Fort the school opened under very favorable circumstances. Notwithstanding the great shortage of teachers, a full faculty of efficient instructors had been secured and the school had a very bright opening. The enrollment was larger than the school has ever had before. To take care of the increased demands, the Board of Trustees of Old Fort school fitted up an extra building where the lower grades will be taught. Much interest was in evidence and the indications are that the school will have the very best year in its history.

The Nebo school opened on Tuesday, with Miss Blanche Penny at the helm. One or two vacancies occurred in the faculty at the last minute, but these will be taken care of in a short time. The school opened under favorable prospects for the best year Nebo has ever had. Everything had been arranged and the school started off without a hitch. The indications are that the attendance at Nebo will be the best in its history.

The new building, now under the course of construction, will be finished sometime during the fall. This will enable the school to do more efficient work and to be of real service to Nebo and McDowell county.

Glenwood High School had the brightest opening of its history. Practically every student in the district was enrolled on the first morning. Quite a number of students from other sections of the county were on hand to enter the high school department. Miss Celestia Penny, principal, had everything in complete readiness to begin a successful year's work. A number of patrons were present and the community feels that they are fortunate in the personnel of the efficient faculty that they have secured.

## WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT.

The following announcements have been issued:

"Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Powell Davis request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Ruth Eugene Kirby, to Mr. John Bell Britton, Jr., on Wednesday afternoon, the fifteenth of September, nineteen hundred and twenty, at half after five o'clock, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Marion, North Carolina."

## GOV. BICKETT COMING.

Governor T. W. Bickett is scheduled to speak in Marion on Friday, October 1st.

Don't miss The Whip. It's a hummer.

## MR. EUGENE CROSS AND FAMILY IN AUTO WRECK.

While driving on last Thursday evening, Mr. Eugene Cross and family had a miraculous escape from death when the car in which they were riding went over the embankment near the Corpening place south of town. During the recent heavy rains the bridge at this place was carried away, leaving an open ditch across the road about ten feet in depth. Mr. Cross was driving leisurely along and, not knowing that the bridge was gone, plunged into the ditch before he had any chance to stop his car. The car turned over, underpinning Mrs. Cross, who suffered painful injuries and great pain before she was extricated from beneath the car. Mr. Cross remained at the scene of the wreck trying to lift the car from the body of Mrs. Cross while one of the children ran to summon aid. As soon as Mrs. Cross was taken from under the wreckage the family was brought to Marion and those who were severely injured were given medical attention. At first it was feared that their injuries were very severe, but it is understood that they are making satisfactory progress toward recovery.

## HUFFMAN-RAYBURN.

Of interest to their many friends throughout Marion and McDowell county will be the announcement of the wedding of Miss Katie Huffman, of this place, to Mr. J. C. Rayburn, whose home is near Vein Mountain. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. C. Story at the Presbyterian manse last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Rayburn is a young woman of very estimable qualities. For the past several years she has held a trusted position with the First National Bank. She has also been instructor in the Commercial department of the graded school for some time. She is popular among a large circle of friends not only in the business life of Marion, but in the social realms as well.

Mr. Rayburn is a son of Spuire W. C. Rayburn of Vein Mountain. For some time he has held the trusted position as ticket agent in Marion for the Southern Railway. He is efficient and is highly regarded by the company of which he is an employee. He is popular among a large circle of friends in Marion and throughout this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn left Sunday on a wedding tour of several days. They will visit Cincinnati, Ohio, and other places before they return. They will take up housekeeping in Marion, where they expect to make their future home.

## COWAN REUNION.

On Saturday, August the 28, the Cowan reunion at Dysartsville was a decided success notwithstanding the fact that one of the speakers (Rev. T. C. Jordan of Rutherfordton) and many relatives were absent on account of road and bridge conditions caused by the continued rains.

The address made by Mr. James Mode of Golden Valley and the bountiful basket dinner and melon feast were enjoyed by near a hundred people.

The place selected for this occasion was a vacant house and farm generally known as the Hampton Cowan place on Cane Creek, near Dysartsville. This is rather a historical and picturesque place, and it was great pleasure to those who roamed there in their childhood to view those broad Cane creek bottoms lying between mountains on either side, dotted here and there with moss and ferns, and to linger around the great rocks near the old spring. The rock chimney with broad fire place has a date of 1837 on the back of it tho' there are Cowan buildings there even older than the chimney. This place has been owned by three generations of Cowans. First by John Cowan, Sr., second by his son Hampton Cowan, and at present by Hampton's nephew, R. H. Cowan.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

### MONTFORDS COVE

Nealsville, Route 1, Sept. 4.—The farmers around here are almost through hauling, the wet weather having cut the crops short.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown of near Nebo were visitors Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Harris.

Miss Laura Adams, who holds a position at Caroleen, spent this week with homefolks.

Rev. W. Reid Harris is at home on a visit. He will leave about Sept. 12th for Trinity College.

Manley Misenheimer returned to his home in Oklahoma last Sunday after visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Nancy Mitchell.

Elijah Frady lost his horse one day last week. Mr. Frady was leading the animal across a bridge when it fell and was fatally injured.

Miss Mattie Harris leaves today for Bostic where she will teach this year. School opens the 6th.

Miss Floy Williams has returned home from Chimney Rock where she has been holding a position.

Mrs. C. M. Hall has returned from a visit with relatives in Marion.

F. V. Harris has purchased the Joshua Williams farm near the White House. He will remodel and cover the house soon.

### CATAWBA VALLEY

Old Fort, Route 1, Sept. 6.—J. A. Silver is having his dwelling remodeled.

Miss Minnie Bradley, who has been ill with typhoid fever, is able to be out again.

Miss Annie Bradley returned to her school last Monday after being absent for some time on account of sickness.

Logan Bradley made a business trip to Gastonia last week.

David Griffin has been on the sick list for a few days.

Miss Mayme Douglas of Winnsboro, S. C., is a visitor here for a few days.

Mrs. Chas. Tate of Greenlee spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Melton of Ridgecrest spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks here.

### CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Route 2, Sept. 6.—Mrs. W. M. Ewart and little daughter, Margaret, of Seattle, Wash., are visiting Mrs. O. A. Davis.

Luther Reel of Winston-Salem visited his sister, Mrs. Frank Turner, last week.

Mr. Long of Garden City spent a few days last week with his daughter, Mrs. Wheeler Davis.

Tom Parker of Marion visited relatives here last week.

Rev. C. P. Holland has closed a very interesting and successful meeting at Cherry Springs.

Abraham Lavender of Rock Hill has been visiting his father here for several days.

Mrs. Mattie Turner of Old Fort has returned home after a visit to relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Davis, Misses Hattie Gilbert and Rooney Daugherty spent the week-end with Mrs. Davis' mother, Mrs. Gilliam, near Black Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis of Indiana are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nat. Davis.

Misses Pearl and Rosa Turner have entered school at Old Fort.

G. A. Bradley of Marion spent the week-end with his parents here.

Lee Lavender and Carl Morris have returned from Mayworth.

Misses Estelle Lavender and Helen Davis of Old Fort visited Mrs. J. S. Lavender last week.

There will be preaching at Providence Methodist church Friday night Sept. the 10th, also the Saturday and Sunday following.

## MR. J. H. EPLEY DIES AT RUTHERFORD HOSPITAL

Mr. J. H. Epley, a well known citizen of the Hanks section, died Sunday morning at the Rutherford Hospital, where he had been ill for several days. Mr. Epley had been sick for some time and was carried to the Rutherford hospital for an operation. The operation was performed, but failed to give relief. Mr. Epley had been in declining health for a number of years. He was 73 years of age at the time of his death.

The remains were brought to Marion, where the funeral was held Tuesday at 2 p. m., Rev. Parker Holmes officiating. Interment was made at the Stroutdown cemetery.

Mr. Epley is survived by his wife and the following children: Millard and John of Detroit, Mich., Tom, of Marion, Mrs. Geo. Flemming, Greenville; Mrs. James Henline and Mrs. T. Y. Barnes, Marion, and Mrs. Dona Jarrett, who lived with the deceased. He is also survived by twenty-two grand children and two great grand children.

Owing to the many friends and relatives of the deceased, the funeral was widely attended. Among those from a distance were John H. Cook and H. T. Cook of Salisbury, nephews of Mr. Epley.

## ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

Friends and members of the Dixie and Book Clubs were pleasantly entertained Friday afternoon from five to six at a beautiful Rose luncheon given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Crawford by Miss Ellen Crawford who announced the engagement of her sister Miss Ethel Pauline, to Mr. Alexander Montague Bonner, of Raleigh.

The spacious colonial home was a veritable garden of roses, pink and green being the color scheme. Guests were received by Mrs. A. D. Stoner and Miss Ellen Crawford, sisters of the bride-to-be, and were conducted to seats at various tables in the reception hall and adjoining parlors. Every table held its centerpiece of fragrant roses, and was soon further enhanced by lovely baskets, cleverly devised by hand, decorated with roses and flanked with a most delectable fruit salad. Mrs. B. L. Ashworth and Mrs. W. C. McCall, also sisters of Miss Crawford, were assisted in serving by Mrs. W. T. Morgan, Mrs. W. R. Chambers, Mrs. H. F. Little, Misses Joyce Decker, Faye Conley and Annie Laura Blanton.

Following the salad course hand painted wild rose cards which held a rose contest were placed in the hands of the guests. The prize for this contest, a hand-woven basket containing an exquisite bunch of pink roses, was won by Mrs. Hugh Little. The dainty favors given at the close of the afternoon were tiny green boxes decorated with a single fragile hand made wild rose. These boxes were found to contain delicious mints in pink and green. Just at this time the engagement was announced in a novel and beautiful manner. Every guest was presented by Miss Crawford with a lovely pink rose which had concealed under its graceful stem and leaves a tiny envelope bearing the words, "Sub Rosa." On opening these envelopes, cards carrying the names of the affianced pair and "December, 1920," were found.

## TRIBUTE TO THE KNOCKER.

After God finished the rattlesnake, the toad and the vampire, he had some awful substance left with which he made a knocker. A knocker is a two legged animal with a corkscrew soul, a water sagged brain and a combination backbone made of jelly and glue. Where other people have their hearts he carries a tumor of rotten principles. When the knocker comes down the street honest men turn their backs, the angels weep tears in heaven and the devil shuts the gates of hell to keep him out. No man has a right to knock so long as there is a pool of water deep enough to drown his body in, or a rope to hang his carcass with.—T. J. G.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAKE NEW TAX LEVY

New Rate for 1920 Will Be 66 Cents on the \$100 Worth of Property—Poll \$2.00.

The board of county commissioners had a rather busy session on last Monday. Besides passing on the regular routine matters, the levy for the coming fiscal year was made. The rates for county purposes are as follows:

For State schools, 13c; for county schools, 15c; for county school building and incidental fund, 3c; for general county purposes, 7c; roads and bridges, 14c; to pay interest and part of principal of outstanding notes, 10c; interest on county highway bonds, 4c; total, 66c. Poll tax \$2.00.

These levies do not include the special school tax levy in special districts. These levies, however, were greatly reduced, the levy in some of the districts being as low as 4c, in some others, 5c, in a number 10c, and a few 12c. The old levy in special tax districts ran from 20c to 30c and in two or three, the special levy was as high as 50c and 60c. Notwithstanding the greatly increased cost of everything, it is thought that the above levy will be sufficient to take care of the county's needs. The wisdom of the new Revaluation act is, therefore, seen by computing the taxes on the new rates. But for the locals indebtedness, which the county commissioners were compelled to incur in order to take care of the expenses for the past two years, the county rate would have been 56c as compared with \$1.48 2-3. The charge that taxes under the new scheme of taxation will be greatly increased is now set at rest since the new levy has been made.

## DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETS AT GLEN ALPINE.

An interesting session of the Marion district Epworth league institute was held with the Glen Alpine Epworth league August 28 and 29, and the Marion Epworth league was represented by Miss Lucy Davis, Miss Virginia Holmes, Miss Johnnie Conley, Miss Edna Tate and Mr. Lee Conley. Quite a number of other Marion Epworth leaguers were present. These delegates report a very splendid and instructive session. Among the speakers were Rev. J. O. Ervin, of Asheville; Prof. W. E. Hause, of Rutherford college; W. M. Shuford, of Morganton; Miss Gracia Bradley, of Asheville, field secretary of the Epworth league of western North Carolina conference, and Miss Gertrude Falls, of Mooresville junior secretary of the conference, conducted this institute. B. L. Lunsford, who is district secretary for the Marion district, presided and the institute was a pronounced success.

## DEMONSTRATION IN CANNING.

On next Saturday morning at 9 o'clock in the Domestic Science room, Miss Lottie Poole, teacher of domestic science in the Marion High School, will give a demonstration in the canning of beans and corn.

United States government methods of canning will be used. The women of the town and county who are interested in canning are invited to be present.

## SIX MONTHS OLD, WEIGHS 33 POUNDS.

King's Mountain boasts of a baby of exceptional weight, says the King's Mountain Herald. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moose, of Patterson grove, were in King's Mountain Saturday afternoon exhibiting their first daughter who is between six and seven months old and weighs 33 pounds. The child seems to be perfectly healthy and the flesh solid. She is just a fat baby and feels good and is very playful.

We wish to make an earnest request that all advertisers get their copy in as early in the week as possible—certainly not later than Tuesday morning.