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LEGISLATION FOR McDOWELL COUNTY

Representative W. W. Neal Secures the Enactment of Much Important Legislation.

At the special session of the Legislature, Representative W. W. Neal was instrumental in having enacted several laws of much importance.

One law which Mr. Neal had passed has to do with the payment to deputy sheriffs for the capture of blockade stills. Under the old law the county commissioners were required to pay \$20.00 each for the capture of a blockade still, whether it was found to be in operation or not. This law is now very materially changed in that no fee is paid for the capture of an old blockade still, but provides for reward of \$50.00 for the conviction of any person engaged in blockading. The \$50.00 to be a part of the fine and cost of persons so convicted. The capture of an old still has very little influence in abolishing the whiskey traffic, but when persons making illicit whiskey are captured and convicted the source of the trouble is then removed. The law saves the county the \$20.00 that was originally paid and encourages the officers in finding the guilty persons and having them punished.

The motor vehicle law for Marion which required the payment of \$2.00 in order to secure a chauffeur's license was repealed.

Mr. Neal made an effort to amend the law under which confederate veterans are entitled to pensions. The old law provides that where an old veteran owns property to the amount of \$500.00 he cannot secure the State pension. The Neal bill provided that a Confederate veteran must possess not less than \$2000.00 of taxable property before he becomes ineligible to a pension. As a matter of common sense, every one knows that \$500.00 worth of property provides very little income. Two thousand dollars is certainly little enough for an old soldier to own to bar him from the small pension which the State pays. Old soldiers will also hereafter be paid their pensions twelve months in advance, instead of six. This is a very important law and Confederate veterans will no doubt appreciate the efforts of Mr. Neal in their behalf.

Another law which Mr. Neal supported makes it possible for those serving as jurymen to receive a little more pay. The new law provides that the county commissioners, in their discretion, can pay jurymen hereafter as much as \$4.00 per day. The small amount allowed under the old law was not sufficient to pay the expenses while attending court. Jurymen now receive up to \$4.00 provided the county commissioners so order.

The law that prohibited the County Board of Education from increasing the number of schools or school districts was amended by Mr. Neal. Under the old law the County Board of Education was prohibited from creating a new school or district regardless of how badly needed the new school district should become. Mr. Neal amended this law so as to enable the County Board of Education to increase the number of schools or districts, provided the educational requirements of any section or community required a new school or district. The creation of a new school or district, however, must be approved by the State Department of Education.

FEATURE COMEDY AT GRAND THEATRE

Down on The Farm, the special five reel feature comedy to be shown at the Grand Theatre on next Monday is said to be just about the funniest picture ever produced. This picture, produced by the famous director Mack Sennett, has broken all records for attendance at theatres in the large cities of the country, and will furnish more wholesome entertainment than a circus.

KIRBY-BRITTON.

A beautifully appointed wedding was solemnized Wednesday afternoon, September 15, at 5:30 o'clock at the Methodist Episcopal church, South, in Marion, when Miss Ruth Eugenia Kirby, daughter of Mrs. B. P. Davis, became the bride of Mr. John B. Britton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Britton, of Johnson City, Tenn. The wedding service was read by Rev. W. L. Hutchins, pastor of the Methodist church.

Preceding the ceremony, Miss Elma Carson, accompanied by Miss Julia Burton, sang "At Dawning," by Cadman. To the music of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, the wedding procession was led by the ushers, Mr. J. W. Streetman, Jr., and Mr. Grayson Neal. Immediately following came the groomsmen, Mr. Kenneth Kirby and Mr. Floyd Mitchell, Miss Mary Kirby, in blue organdie, and Miss Margie Kirby, in pink organdie, preceded the maid of honor, Miss Margie White, who wore a gown of white organdie. The bridesmaids and maid-of-honor carried bouquets of American Beauty roses. Next, little Mackie Neal and Mary Margaret Giles entered from opposite aisles, carrying French baskets of white dahlias. Immediately preceding the bride came little Virginia Gilkey carrying the ring in a silver filagree basket. The bride followed with her grandfather, Mr. J. W. Kirby. She wore her travelling suit of taupe velour and Hudson seal, with a black feather toque, and a corsage of Bride's roses and lilies-of-the-valley.

The bride was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. William H. Mitchell. Before a tall altar of white flowers, green foliage, and gleaming candles the marriage was performed.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left for an extended trip through the East and the Great Lakes.

Out-of-town guests present were: Mr. William H. Mitchell, Mr. H. R. Britton, Mr. J. B. Britton, Sr., Mr. Chester Lemons, of Johnson City, Tenn.; Miss Nellie Davis, and Mrs. Frank Walker, of Asheville, N. C.; and Mrs. J. S. Hopper, of Florence, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Britton will be at home at the Franklin Apartments, Johnson City, Tenn., where Mr. Britton holds a responsible position in the legal department of the General Office of the C. C. & O. Mrs. Britton is a popular member of the younger set of Marion, where she has a host of friends.

BICKETT AND MORRISON TO SPEAK IN MARION

Chairman Warren has arranged many of the dates for many speakers in the campaign, including Gardner and Page as well as Morrison, and these will be announced from time to time with others yet to be made. Dates for Governor Bickett have just been arranged as follows: Waynesville, Sept. 30; Marion, Oct. 1; Salisbury, Oct. 2.

Appointments for Mr. Morrison include the following: Taylorsville, Oct. 2; Burnsville, Oct. 4; Marion, Oct. 5; Rutherfordton, Oct. 6; Asheville, Oct. 7; Waynesville, Oct. 8; Sylva, Oct. 9.

TEACHERS' MEETING IN ASHEVILLE IN NOVEMBER

Between 1,000 and 2,000 teachers from all parts of North Carolina will gather in Asheville on November 25 for the annual meeting of the North Carolina Teachers' assembly. Where the meetings of the assembly will be held and what the program will consist of have not been decided, but plans will soon be under way to prepare these details.

Thanksgiving week-end is usually chosen for the meeting, as this allows the teachers Thursday and Friday without loss of time from the school work.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Tyler, September 12, a son.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Sept. 14.—Misses Geneva and Lola Allison spent the week-end in Dysartsville.

Miss Mary Mauney is visiting Mrs. J. M. Mashburn.

Miss Louise Flemming spent the week-end at home.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Brigman, a daughter.

A crowd of young people enjoyed a motor trip to Buck Creek Falls Sunday.

There will be Children Day exercises at the Methodist church the 4th Sunday morning in this month.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church will give an ice cream supper on Mrs. Sid Mauney's lawn Tuesday evening, Sept. 14.

The girl's Basket Ball team has reorganized for the year with the following officers: Annie Earley, captain; Vivian Sawyer, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson of Pittsburg, Pa., are visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. D. F. Arney.

Miss Flora Stepp spent the week-end at home.

Irving Lemons of Dallas, Texas, is spending the week with his cousin, Franz Strickland.

Geo. W. Lemons of Dallas, Texas, head of the advertising department of the Dallas News, spent Sunday in Old Fort with Geo. B. Strickland and family.

Carl Green, former student of Old Fort High School and a member of last year's graduating class, spent a few days last week in Old Fort.

Joe Crawford of Hazelwood, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents here.

Several Old Fort boys and girls left this week for Colleges and the University. Among them were Joe Crawford, to Wafford College; Carl Greene, University of North Carolina; Misses Millie and Bulah Karpis and May Allison, North Carolina College for Women; and Grace Arney, Davenport.

Harry Burgin will leave in a short time for Raleigh to enter a business college.

The Liberty Literary Society was organized by pupils of the high school last Friday afternoon with the following officers: Royce McDaniels, president; Clarence Mauney, vice-president; Vivian Sawyer, secretary-treasurer.

(Received last week too late for publication.)

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Spencer of Atlanta, are in Old Fort visiting relatives for a few days.

Mrs. Edward Evans of Asheville is in the city on a visit to relatives.

F. O. Allen left Monday for Rutherford County, called there on account of the death of his aunt, Mrs. Julia Wood.

Bill Stirewalt is at home for a few days from Akron, Ohio on a visit to his parents.

H. I. Williams left Monday for Harriman, Tenn., after spending a few days in Old Fort.

The Old Fort graded and high school opened Monday with the largest attendance in the history of the school, 375 being present the first day. All the faculty were present and everything pointed to a fine year's work.

W. M. Allen is spending a few days in Dillsboro on a pleasure and business trip combined.

Mrs. J. W. Graham and son, Phillip, left Sunday for Kingsport, Tenn., on a few days' visit.

Miss Evelyn Burgin left Monday for Siler City to accept a position as music teacher in the city schools for this year.

Mrs. Fred Jones and little son of Washington, D. C., are in Old Fort for a few days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McCanless, Mr. and

Mrs. Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton.

Miss Helen Huff of Asheville has returned to her home after spending some time in the city.

Miss Emily Mashburn and Miss Justice of Asheville spent the week-end in Old Fort visiting friends and relatives.

Sidney Mauney, Hugh Tate and William Burgin left Monday for Raleigh to resume their studies at the A. & E. college.

Willard Silver and family who for the past year or more have lived on Curtis creek have removed to Old Fort.

Miss Nannie Nichols left Sunday for Forest City to enter the Forest City high school.

C. S. Noblitt is building a jewelry store of solid concrete. He will soon have it completed and ready for occupancy.

NEBO

Nebo, Sept. 14.—School opened here last Tuesday with a good enrollment. Prospects are bright for one of the best schools in the history of Nebo.

Mrs. S. L. Ruff and little son, Sidney Lee, of Wacrosse, Ga., are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. J. K. Stacy.

Miss Maggie S. Taylor left Saturday for Marion, where she will be principal of the Marion Mill school.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hemphill and little son, R. A. Jr., of South Carolina, are visiting relatives here.

Miss Essie Hemphill of Caroleen spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Misses Lottie and Helen Wilson left last week for Weaverville where they will enter school at Weaver college. They were accompanied by their cousin, Daphne Hunter, of Palmyra, Va.

A play, "Aunt Jerusha's Quilting Party," will be given at the high school auditorium Friday night, Oct. 1. Everybody invited.

ASHFORD

Ashford, Sept. 13.—The farmers in the head of our little valley are very busy threshing the golden grains. The yield is far greater than expectations and the thresher is cleaning and saving it most beautifully.

S. M. McCall and J. O. Wilson made a business trip to Marion, Monday.

Miss Alda English of Marion spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Daniel Hitchcock of Marion visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Bessie English left Monday for Brevard where she will enter school.

Mrs. Earl Brown and sister made a business trip to Marion Thursday.

Mrs. S. E. McCall returned home Thursday after visiting relatives in Spruce Pine.

Miss Mabel Crockett returned to Hickory yesterday where she will take up her work again for the winter.

Misses Molly McKinney and Myrtle Swofford of Burnsville visited relatives here last week.

CATAWBA VALLEY

Old Fort, Route 1, Sept. 13.—Miss Maude and Léon Silver spent the week-end with friends and relatives on Mill creek.

Miss Annie Bradley made a trip to Marion last Saturday.

A number of people from here attended the decoration at Mill creek Sunday.

V. L. and W. L. Bradley spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Greenlee.

David Griffin is ill with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Ellen Odom of Black Mountain is home for a few days.

Miss Laura Hicks is teaching school at Old Fort.

Misses Lola and Geneva Allison have gone to Dysartsville to spend a few days.

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NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Rutherford's tax rate for 1920 will be 48 cents on the \$100 worth of property and \$1.44 on the poll. Last year it was \$1.68 with \$2 on the poll.

The Newton Ice and Fuel Company's plant at Newton was destroyed by fire Monday. The loss is estimated at between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

Burke county, North Carolina, of which Morganton is the county seat, has a population of 23,297, increase of 3,709, or 21 per cent, the census bureau announces.

Andrews has a population of 320 more than Murphy, according to figures released today by the census bureau, which gives Andrews 1,634 and Murphy 1,314.

Funds of \$7,500 each for the University of North Carolina and the State College for Women at Greensboro have been established through the will of the late Victor S. Bryant, prominent Durham attorney, who died recently.

MRS. E. A. KIRSTEIN DIES AT FAIRVIEW

Fairview, Sept. 11.—Mrs. Sarah Jane Kirstein, wife of Mr. E. A. Kirstein, died at her home at Fairview on Sunday, Sept. 5, at the age of 59. In 1886 she was united in marriage to Mr. Emil A. Kirstein, who with seven children survive her. She united with the Cane Creek Baptist church at Fairview at the age of sixteen and at the time of her death was a member of Laurel Springs Baptist church.

Mrs. Kirstein was regarded as one of the best women in all the land. She was loyal to the cause of Christ and everything pertaining to the upbuilding of her church and community. She was a devoted wife, a model mother and a sympathetic friend. The church and community will feel her absence keenly.

The funeral services were conducted from the residence by Rev. S. T. Moore and interment made in Laurel Springs cemetery.

FAIRS TO BE HELD IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

In 13 counties of Western North Carolina 48 special, district, county and community fairs will be held, all taking place within the next two months. This is considered by agricultural agents as a record for this district.

The special fairs to be held will be the Cherokee Indian fair at Cherokee on October 5-8, and the Western North Carolina apple show to be held in Asheville October 27-29. C. D. Mathews, Raleigh, is secretary of this fair.

The only district fair to be held will be at the Toe River fair, Spruce Pine, October 5-8. The secretary is N. M. Wiseman, of Spruce Pine.

The following county fairs, with their location, date and secretary, will be held:

Avery, Newland, September 29-30, H. B. Burleson, Newland, secretary; Graham, Robbinsville, October 12-13, S. S. Hooper, Robbinsville, secretary; Madison, Mars Hill, October 14-15, J. T. Redmon, Mars Hill, secretary; Polk, Columbus, October 13-14, M. I. Flentyre, Tryon, secretary; Swain, Bryson City, October 15-16, K. Elias, Bryson City, secretary; Transylvania, Brevard, October 14-15, R. E. Lawrence, Brevard, secretary.

But one negro county fair will be held in the district. It will be in Asheville on October 5-8.

Crane county, Tex., with a population of 37, supplants Cochrane county, Texas, which has 67, as having the least population of any county in the United States.

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