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LEADING CITIZEN OF MARION PASSES AWAY

Dr. Geo. I. White Died in Morganton Monday After Long Illness—Funeral Here Tuesday Afternoon.

The death of Dr. George I. White, cashier of the First National Bank here, which occurred at Broad Oaks Sanitarium, at Morganton, Monday morning at one o'clock, while expected for some time, brought the deepest grief and gloom upon this community. Dr. White founded this bank and it has been a phenomenal success financially, but more than this, through his efforts, it has promoted practically all of the industries that have made a name for this town as a manufacturing center. He was known to be remarkably able and his high Christian character made him an extraordinary power in the community, and it might be said that he was for many years not only a leading citizen, but the leading citizen of Marion.

Dr. White was born in Wilkes county in 1866 and was 54 years of age at the time of his death. He graduated at the University of Maryland in 1890, making the highest average in anatomy of any student in the history of the institution. He practiced medicine in Winston-Salem a short time, later going to Morganton where he was a member of the staff of the State Hospital for about three years. From Morganton he came to Marion where he practiced his profession some time before engaging in the banking business.

In 1895 Dr. White was married to Miss Mamie Sinclair, daughter of the late Col. P. J. Sinclair, who, with one daughter, Miss Margie White, and two sons, George and Tannie, survive him. He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. J. B. Williams and Mrs. J. H. Shaw, of Greensboro, and Mrs. J. N. Stone, of San Antonio, Texas.

The affection and esteem in which he was held brought a remarkable demonstration to his funeral. All of the leading citizens, as well as the poor and humble, attended, and in every way possible indicated love and respect for Dr. White, and the floral gifts were unusually lavish and beautiful.

Dr. White was an elder in the Presbyterian church for many years, an officer of the graded school board and a director in the majority of the industries of the town.

The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. C. Story, pastor of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. W. L. Hutchins, of the Methodist church.

The tribute paid by his pastor was eloquent, forceful and with deep feeling.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mrs. White and family in their great bereavement.

Among those in attendance upon the funeral from a distance were Mrs. J. H. Shaw and Mrs. J. B. Williams of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kearns of High Point, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Sinclair and Miss Violet Lyerly of Asheville, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Henderson of Burlington, Mrs. Ben Montgomery of Spartanburg, S. C., Mrs. Carlotta Smith and Mrs. Phifer of Morganton.

ENTERTAINMENT AT NEBO.

The play, "Aunt Jerusha's quilting party," will be given at Nebo Friday night, September 24th, instead of Oct. 1st, by the members of the community league. The married men and women of the community represent the characters of the play. Ice cream and cake will be sold and the program will be closed with a cake walk. An admission fee of 10 and 25 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

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CLINCHFIELD SCHOOL OPENS

The Clinchfield school opened Monday with a full corps of teachers headed by Miss Mary Greelee, principal. Everything was ready for the beginning of work on the opening day. Miss Greelee had been at her office for some time outlining the work for the coming year, and had everything ready for beginning what is expected to be the best year in the history of the school.

The children and teachers assembled in the large auditorium for the opening exercises and for the announcements. Miss Greelee, principal, talked of her plans for the coming year and gave instructions as to how the school work should proceed. Mr. Hugh F. Little was present and made a very interesting talk to the large body of students present. Mr. Little emphasized the importance of education and told of his efforts to provide the best for the people of the mill village. He was listened to with rapt attention by the boys and girls who showed by the expression they wore that they were appreciative of Mr. Little's efforts in their behalf.

The Clinchfield school has the largest census of school children in the county. The attendance on the opening was the largest in the history of the school. In fact, the large new building was filled to its maximum capacity and there is now need of additional rooms for some of the work of the school.

The faculty for the year is as follows: Miss Mary Greelee, principal; Miss Runyon, assistant, high school; Miss Mayme Goforth, Lottie McCoy, Lona Goforth, Ola Wall and Louise Porter, grade teachers.

MACK DENTON DEAD.

Mack Denton, son of Mrs. J. E. Denton of this place, died in Asheville from the effects of an injury that he received while in military service before his return from France. Mr. Denton entered St. Leo's Hospital where he was a patient for several months. From St. Leo he was sent to the Winyah Sanatorium, Asheville, where he was under treatment up to his death.

Mr. Denton at the outbreak of the war volunteered his services and was assigned to the 105th engineers, where he performed active duty until wounded. Mr. Denton before going to the army was engaged in the real estate business at Greensboro where he made many friends who will regret to learn of his passing. He was married in 1917 to Miss Lottie Hughes, of Greensboro, who besides his mother, Mrs. J. E. Denton, Mrs. M. G. Poteat, Miss Dewey Denton, Hugh, Earl and Charles Denton, and a sister, Mrs. Stanford, survive. The body was carried to Greensboro on Monday where the interment was made on Tuesday.

Mr. Denton was a young man 26 years of age. He was reared in Burke and McDowell counties where he has many friends who will be shocked to learn of his untimely death.

The sympathy of the community goes out to the grief-stricken mother and other members of the family.

THEATRICAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Grand Theatre in announcing the presentation of "Everywoman" on Wednesday and Thursday of next week desire to state to the public that this picture is an allegorical presentation of the life of every woman. It is claimed by the Paramount-Artcraft Co. to be one of the most beautiful and perfectly produced pictures that they have ever made, and it was selected by the local management as the best picture available with which to open the new theatre in the Tate and Giles building, but on account of delay in completing the new building, the picture will have to be shown at the old theatre on the dates previously arranged.

Twenty-five per cent of the men who were drafted into the army could not read nor write English.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Sept. 20.—Miss Mary Mauney, who has been visiting Mrs. J. M. Mashburn, has returned to her home in Badin.

Miss Bessie Rue Flemming left Saturday for Asheville to take training at the Mission Hospital.

Messrs. T. J. Fortune and Elmer Comer of West Asheville spent the week-end in Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mashburn entertained the following young folks Wednesday night: Misses Jennie Stirewalt, Annie White, Lola Allison, Cora Laws, Vivian Sawyer, Bonnie Fortune and Bessie Flemming; Messrs. Jack Hoffman, Clarence Mauney, Harry Burgin, Reid Grant and Royce McDaniel, in honor of the nineteenth anniversary of their daughter, Miss Essie.

Miss Thelma Grant, who is taking a business course in Asheville, spent the week-end at home.

Miss Gertrude Durham is visiting her mother in Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. W. F. Grant of Marion spent the week-end here.

A party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Flemming Friday night in honor of their daughter, Bessie Rue. Various games were played and the party was greatly enjoyed by all. Those present were Misses Bonnie Fortune, Annie White, Mae Allison, Bula Kanipe, Millie Kanipe, Gertrude Durham, Helen Davis, Alma Hemphill, Essie Mashburn, Clara Griffin; Messrs. Clarence Mauney, Grady Nichols, Harry Burgin, Reid Grant, Royce Kanipe, Stanley Kanipe, Franz Strickland, Erwin Lemons and Alfred Gibson.

Miss Grace Arney returned to Lenoir Monday to resume her studies at Davenport College.

Miss Pearl Evans spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. D. N. Oliver at Montreat, returning Monday morning.

Mr. Keeter returned Monday from Asheville where he attended Field's Minstrel Saturday night.

Misses Bessie and Georgia Greene took in the circus in Asheville Monday.

Mrs. Artz and daughter, Miss Frances went to Asheville Monday.

Herbert Duncan returned Monday from his home, where he has been on account of his mother's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Marshall and Miss Frances Artz are visiting Mrs. Fisk in Asheville.

A Domestic Science shower was given in the Domestic Science room at the school building Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Several of the ladies of the town brought utensils suitable for the kitchen, which were appreciated. Punch was served and a pleasant hour passed.

Mr. Britt of Asheville spent Saturday in Old Fort, the guest of Mrs. Charlie Burgin.

Geo. W. Lemons and family of Dallas, Texas, who recently spent some time in Old Fort, passed through Sunday returning to their home after having spent the summer in Asheville and other points in Western North Carolina.

Mrs. P. C. Harmon returned Saturday from Asheville where she spent the week-end with her sister.

Everyone who attended the entertainment given at the school auditorium Tuesday night by the Hawaiians was highly pleased and said "come again."

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Route 2, Sept. 21.—The farmers of this community are taking advantage of the beautiful weather and fodder pulling is progressing rapidly.

Grayson Bailey is attending the reunion of the 81st Division at Greenville, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Carswell have moved to Nebo.

CONGRESSMAN WEAVER SPEAKS IN MARION

Hon. Zebulon Weaver, of Asheville, present Congressman from this district and candidate for re-election this fall, spoke to the voters of McDowell county at the court house here Wednesday, September 22. Mr. Weaver has had large experience as a legislator, having served two terms in the House of the North Carolina Legislature and later serving two terms in the Senate. Since 1916 he has represented this Congressional district at Washington and his record is one that is thoroughly in keeping with his promises made to his people when he first asked to represent them.

In his speech Mr. Weaver referred to the great work of the Democratic congress since 1913, contrasting it with the record of the Republican party since it has been in power, and conclusively showing that the Democrats had more than fulfilled their campaign promises and made good their platform while the Republican party has not a single constructive piece of work to its credit. Mr. Weaver showed, too, the fallacy of the arguments advanced by the opponents of the League of Nations. The League of Nations, he said, is composed of the Council and the Assembly represented by 37 different Nations, each of which has one representative. The Assembly is merely a body before which the plans to be adopted by the League may be discussed, as the final power and the right of action in the League is in the Council. The council is composed of one representative each from nine countries, five of these countries being permanent. The United States, England, France, Italy and Japan are permanent in the Council while the remaining four places may be filled by the Assembly as it sees fit. He explained also that the League did not take the war making power of the United States away from Congress and did not affect the sovereignty of our country in the least. He asked that the voters of this district keep faith with the soldier dead in France by voting for those who stood for the League of Nations and world wide peace.

Mr. Weaver had among his audience many ladies who were very enthusiastic, as were the rest of his hearers. He appealed to every person to cast aside partisan principles and play the part of a full-blooded American rather than that of a Democrat or Republican. After his address a very enthusiastic meeting of the ladies was held at the Democratic headquarters to make plans for the entertainment of Gov. Bickett who will speak here on Friday, October 1st, and Hon. Cameron Morrison who will also speak here on Tuesday, October 5th.

Quite a number enjoyed the community singing given by Lee Lavender at his home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson of Old Fort visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silvers, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mauney of Old Fort were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lavender Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Reel and children and Mrs. Etta Reel of Curfew spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner.

O. A. Davis spent Sunday with his mother on Cedar creek.

Miss Myrtle Lytle spent last week visiting relatives in Old Fort.

Mrs. John Ross has been right sick but is improving.

Mrs. James Lavender and children spent the latter part of the week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Condry, near Bethlehem.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Fortune spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ross.

Miss Lora Stepp spent the week-end with homefolks near Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis of Old Fort visited the latter's parents Sunday.

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SUPERIOR COURT NOW IN SESSION

Judge W. F. Harding Presiding Over Two Weeks' Term—Several Cases Disposed Of.

Superior court for the trial of criminal and civil cases convened here Monday morning with Judge W. F. Harding, of Charlotte, presiding and Solicitor J. E. Shipman prosecuting for the State.

The morning session was taken up with the selection of the grand jury, the judge's charge to the grand jury and the reading of the docket for the term. Judge Harding's charge to the grand jury was very able and comprehensive.

J. L. Wilson of Nebo was made foreman of the grand jury and W. G. Lavender is officer.

Ashe Buchanan plead guilty to forcible trespass and judgement was suspended on payment of cost.

Stan Biddix plead guilty to charge of manufacturing whiskey and judgment was suspended for three years on payment of cost.

Sid Hemphill, retailing, not guilty. Albert Forney, for assault with deadly weapon, plead guilty and was fined \$100 and cost. In another case for carrying concealed weapon, he was found not guilty.

I. E. Marlow plead guilty to the charge of contracting for personal benefit and judgement was suspended on payment of cost.

Jasen Rhodes plead guilty to the charge of carrying concealed weapon and drew a fine of fifty dollars and cost.

Henry Martin, retailing, not guilty.

George Duncan, charged with assault with deadly weapon, was found guilty of simple assault.

Andrew Smith was found guilty on a charge of larceny. Sentence not yet announced.

The civil docket will probably be taken up today.

LIBRARY TO BE RE-OPENED

The Ladies' Library Association was for a number of years a most valuable institution in our town, but for the last three years it has not been active. Realizing the need for it, and missing the pleasure and benefit derived from it, the members of the Woman's Club have recently taken over the books—about six hundred and fifty in number—and will at a very early date be in position to open same to the public.

Through the courtesy of the public spirited owners, a suitable room has been secured in the new Tate-Giles-Pless building at a nominal rent, the book-cases have been moved in, and the work of re-listing and shelving the books will begin at once.

More than twenty years ago through the efforts of the late Mrs. Thomas, the library became a reality for Marion and while she lived she was ever keenly interested in it and untiring in working for it, giving liberally both of time and means. In appreciation of this it has been decided that there could be no more fitting name given it than The Florence Thomas Memorial Library.

While the library will be under the direction of the Woman's Club, yet it will in no wise be necessary to be a club member in order to become a subscriber to the library. The dues will be one dollar and a half per year with the privilege of getting books twice a week. It is earnestly hoped that many of the men and all others interested in promoting the welfare of the town will become subscribers. As soon as possible a goodly number of new books will be placed on the shelves and much pleasure, as well as profit, is promised. Any one desiring to subscribe to the library may do so by paying the subscription price in advance. Apply either to Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey, chairman, or Miss Margaret Winslow, secretary of The Florence Thomas Memorial Library Association.