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ABUNDANT CAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING

"In Plenty, Security and Peace" People Face the Future, Says President.

Washington, Nov. 12.—President Wilson issued his Thanksgiving proclamation tonight saying that "in plenty, security and peace, our virtuous and self-reliant people face the future," and setting aside Thursday, November 25, for the usual observance. The text follows:

"The season approaches when it behooves us to turn from the distractions and pre-occupations of our daily life, that we may contemplate the mercies which have been vouchsafed to us, and render heartfelt and unfeigned thanks unto God for His manifold goodness.

"This is an old observance of the American people, deeply imbedded in our thought and habit. The burdens and the stresses of life have their own insistence.

"We have abundant cause for thanksgiving. The lesions of the war are rapidly healing. The great army of freedom, which America sent to the defense of liberty, returning to the grateful embrace of the nation, has resumed the useful pursuits of peace, as simply and as promptly as it rushed to arms in obedience to the country's call. The equal justice of our laws has received steady vindication in the support of a law-abiding people against various and sinister attacks, which have reflected only the baser agitations of war, now happily passing.

"In plenty, security and peace, our virtuous self-reliant people face the future, its duties and its opportunities. May we have vision to discern our duties; the strength of both of hand and resolve, to discharge them; and the soundness of heart to realize that the truest opportunities are those of service.

"In a spirit, then, of devotion and stewardship we should give thanks in our hearts, and dedicate ourselves to the service of God's merciful and loving purpose of His children.

"Whereas, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the 25th day of November, next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and I call upon my countrymen to cease from their ordinary tasks and avocations upon that day, giving it up to the remembrance of God and His blessings, and their dutiful and grateful acknowledgment."

MRS. MARGARET STUART DIES AT OLD FORT.

Concord, Nov. 13.—Mrs. Margaret Stuart died Friday night at her home in Old Fort, after having been confined to her home for several weeks with illness. Mrs. Stuart, who was 92 years of age, had been in good health until she fell several weeks ago and broke her hip, she having been confined to her bed since that time. During the past several days she suffered from a complication of diseases, and while her death was not unexpected, it came as a shock to her many friends here, and caused much sorrow to the hundreds of people here who knew her.

Mrs. Stuart made her home in this city for several years, but for the past several years had been living in Old Fort. She is survived by four children: Mr. W. W. Stuart, Misses Lou and Rose Stuart and Mrs. H. I. Woodhouse, of this city.

The body will be brought to this city for burial.

Wrangle's Army Wiped Out.

Constantinople, Nov. 14.—The army of General Wrangel, the anti-bolshevik commander in south Russia, has been wiped out and a number of his generals have committed suicide.

A mob in Sebastopol has pillaged the American Red Cross stocks.

FACTS CONCERNING THE BOARD OF TRADE

Editor of Marion Progress: I notice in your last issue that the Editor called on the Secretary of the Marion Board of Trade to get busy and start something. 'Tis true that the last few weeks before election were such that propositions to establish various kinds of business enterprises or launch any new plans for civic improvement would not be encouraged to any extent due to the general interest in election, but I agree with you that now is the time for our citizens to come together in some sort of proposition that means the upbuilding of Marion and McDowell county.

I call attention to the fact that the Marion Board of Trade was organized January 7, 1920, and that within the space of about six weeks its anniversary will take place. There will be an election of officers and also a selection of a board of directors of the four divisions for another year. This is interesting, or should be to any citizen of Marion, and now that women have the right of suffrage and do take part in matters of this kind, I take this opportunity to extend to the ladies of Marion and McDowell county an invitation to join the Marion Board of Trade and to meet and participate in the affairs of the organization at its general meeting.

I have always refrained from dictating to the organization as to what should be done, but I will offer this as a suggestion that several ladies should be elected to membership on the board of directors, and possibly a secretary for another year should be chosen from among the ladies of Marion. I will say this much for those with whom I have had the pleasure to work the last year that the board of directors and the members of the Board of Trade have cooperated well with plans being promoted through the organization.

Most of us know the reason why it is difficult to organize enterprises in a town where they do not have access to adequate electric power; therefore, this proposition should be made the major item that we should deal with until we can safely invite capital to Marion for the purpose of organizing various manufacturing plants and feel that they would not "pass us up" because we have no "power."

A great amount of publicity work has been done and I am constantly getting inquiries relative to the establishment of manufacturing plants here, and invariably the question of power is raised which presents a problem that I am unable to solve.

I feel that a town which in a few years would become a city by reason of its geographical situation and its splendid railroad facilities, were it not for the fact that inadequate electric power prevented its growth, should take some determined steps to secure power in such quantities that would meet the demands.

Now, if anyone doubts that this is not a serious proposition, let him come to me and I will quote him power rates and also show him where numerous manufacturing plants have gone elsewhere during the last year which Marion had almost secured, but which, owing to the fact that adequate power could not be had, went to where this important item could be easily solved.

The Western North Carolina Power Company, as most of us know, is producing power within twelve miles of Marion and selling most of it east of us. It is understood that the Bridgewater dam is to be raised ten feet which will of course increase the power production at that point. Our citizens should demand that Marion have a reasonable apportionment of this power and "to demand" power in this way, it's up to somebody "to put." In other words I believe if Marion will put, we can get the power.

THINK ON THESE THINGS.

Respectfully,
B. L. LUNSFORD, Sec'y
Marion Board of Trade.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Nov. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mashburn and daughters spent Saturday in Asheville.

Miss Madeline Mashburn spent Saturday in Asheville.

Miss Emily Mashburn spent the week-end in Old Fort.

Miss Thelma Grant spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Connor, a daughter.

Misses Helen and Gertrude Huff of Asheville are visiting relatives here.

Misses Nell and Annie Early and Myrtle McCurry spent the week-end on Crooked Creek.

Rev. J. T. Parker, a missionary from Cuba, spoke at the Methodist church Sunday evening, relative to his work in Cuba.

The Old Fort school enjoyed a half holiday Thursday, given in honor of Armistice Day.

An entertainment consisting of plays, readings and songs was given in the school auditorium Friday evening for the benefit of the Boys' Basketball team.

Mrs. T. J. Flemming, who lived about four miles from Old Fort, died Thursday morning, Nov. 11.

Mrs. J. G. Miller of Ashboro, is visiting relatives in Old Fort.

Rev. R. L. Foster, the Methodist pastor, received a generous pounding by the people of Old Fort Tuesday evening, Nov. 9.

Mrs. W. M. Blackwelder left this morning to visit relatives in Wilmington.

NEBO

Nebo, Nov. 16.—At the regular Community meeting Wednesday, Nov. 10, Miss Louise Brown's room gave an interesting program lasting about three quarters of an hour. More than twenty-five parents were present and thoroughly enjoyed the exercises of the little folks. Afterwards the League had its regular monthly business meeting. Most of those present registered as regular members. The secretary reported a balance of \$55.20 in the treasury.

It was decided to offer a picture to the room that shall keep itself most attractive from now until the close of school. Two ladies will make a visit to the school each week and grade the appearance of the rooms as they find them. Those acting as judges for the next month are Mrs. Anna Alexander and Mrs. Frank Wilson, first week; Mrs. R. F. Brown and Mrs. R. V. McGimsey, second week; Mrs. Will Brown and Mrs. W. M. Bowman, third week; Mrs. Columbus Sigmon and Mrs. Ernest Noles, fourth week. The several rooms are much delighted with this decision and are manifesting an unusual interest in brooms, wash-cloths, floral arrangements and so forth.

The attention of the public is again called to the address that will be given under the auspices of the N. H. N. Society by Miss Elizabeth Kelly, State Director of North Carolina Moonlight Schools, on Friday, Nov. 19th, at 8 p. m. in the auditorium of Nebo High School.

GREENLEE

Marion, Rt. 2, Nov. 15.—Miss Laura Sherling of Marion is visiting her uncle, J. F. Davis.

Miss Sue Conley of Marion was the guest of Miss Bird yesterday.

Miss Margaret Dobson of Asheville is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wright of Topton are visiting homefolks here.

J. F. Davis made a business trip to Old Fort last Saturday.

J. G. McCall made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

M. D. Ledbetter spent the week-end in Greenlee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Towse and

family have moved to Biltmore where they will make their home.

H. A. Tate made a business trip to Marion last Monday.

F. M. Bradley of Old Fort was a visitor here yesterday.

W. J. Snipes and little son, Herman, were in Marion on business last Saturday.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, Nov. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Clontz of Morganton are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mangum.

T. B. Landis made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

Our public school opened Monday with Mr. Alonzo Davis as principal and Miss Rebecca Patton as assistant. The school has started off nicely with a good attendance.

Mrs. Cornelia Taylor died last Sunday, the 7th, and was buried Tuesday at the Baptist cemetery. She was the oldest daughter of Rev. J. R. Denton of this place and married J. Y. Taylor. Our deepest sympathy goes out for the bereaved family and relatives. Rev. Bowers, pastor of the Baptist church of Morganton conducted the burial services.

Ernest Satterwhite is home from Spencer for awhile on account of bad health. We hope he will soon regain his strength.

SEVIER

Sevier, Nov. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Brown spent Sunday with Mrs. Dessie Brown.

Mrs. Dessie Brown has been very sick for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ersie Huskins spent the week-end at Mica.

W. C. Huskins is getting ready for a big corn shucking.

CLINCHFIELD

Marion, Nov. 15.—The mills are running at full blast.

Rev. J. P. Hornbuckle held his first service at the Methodist church last Sunday.

G. A. Lavender visited his father on Crooked Creek last week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Noblitt, Oct. 31st, a son, Harding Coolidge.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank, Marion, N. C., held on Nov. 3, 1920, the following resolutions on the death of the late Dr. George I. White were unanimously adopted:

The Board of Directors of the First National Bank, Marion, N. C., have learned with sorrow and regret of the death of Dr. George I. White, who organized the First National Bank of Marion, N. C., and who put his very spirit and life into the development of this bank from a small State bank to a large prosperous National institution.

Dr. White was a financial genius and the great aim of his life was the development of this bank. He gave it his very best thought and ability. Our association with him during the long years that he was cashier was most cordial. He was courteous, agreeable and a cultured gentleman. We shall cherish his memory so long as we live.

To his bereaved wife, children and relatives, we extend our heartfelt sympathy in their great loss, and be it resolved that this memorial be spread upon the minutes of this institution and a copy thereof be published in the Marion Progress and be transmitted to the family of our deceased friend, associate and cashier.

J. L. MORGAN,
J. E. NEAL,
Secretary.

Cost \$3,416,000 to Elect Harding.

French Lick, Ind., Nov. 11.—The Republican national campaign cost \$3,416,000, according to figures given out here tonight by Fred W. Pp-ham, treasurer of the Republican national committee, who is here for a brief rest. He stated that the deficit amounted to \$1,350,000.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Spindale, Spencer and Stonecutter mills at Spindale all cut wages 20 per cent last Monday. The mills are running on fuller time than formerly.

Thomasville, N. C., for the second successive year, was the first town in the southeast to report "over the top" in the annual roll call of the American Red Cross.

East Spencer is arranging to erect a new school building at a cost of \$45,000. Plans have been adopted by the school board and work on the building is to be started at an early date.

State Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham informs The Progress that orders received for lime before December will be booked at \$2.00 a ton bulk. After December 1 the price is likely to be \$2.50.

J. J. Britt, for two terms Republican congressman from this district, who has been editor of the Asheville Times for the past three months, has severed his connections with the newspaper. He will return to the practice of law in Asheville.

United Daughters of the Confederacy, in their twenty-seventh annual convention in Asheville, by a vote of 1,254 to 325, selected St. Louis, Mo., in preference to Birmingham, Ala., as the place of their 1921 gathering that will be held in the new Statler hotel of the Missouri city.

Denouncing the act whereby the names of southern military and naval heroes of the Civil war were omitted from the list inscribed in the hall of honor and fame in the Arlington Memorial amphitheatre, the United Daughters of the Confederacy in the most spirited gathering of the 27th convention in Asheville last week by popular acclaim adopted resolutions appointing a committee to serve with permanent powers until such a time as the names of southern heroes are placed on the roll.

POSTOFFICE AND STORE AT PLUMBTREE ROBBED.

Spear, Nov. 16.—Yeggmen blew the large safe in the store belonging to C. W. Burleson company at Plumtree, and after going through the mail at the postoffice, made good their escape. No trace of the robbers has been found.

A number of quilts and mattresses had been thrown on the safe which completely destroyed the blast. At the time of the robbery some valuable papers and \$35 in money were in the safe. The robbers appropriated the money and War Savings Stamps, but did not destroy the papers.

Continuing their raid on the store the thieves carried away about 20 suits of men's clothes.

THEATRICAL NOTICE.

The management of the Oasis Theatre desire to call the attention of the public to the especially strong program for the coming week.

With Marguerite Clark in *Come Out of the Kitchen*, May Allison in *Held in Trust*, Wanda Hawley in the Realart picture *Miss Hobbs*, and the Metro super-production *The Mutiny of the Elsinore*, we are offering a program that will not be excelled by the best theatres in the largest cities of the country.

Weather Report.

Thomas McGuire, Sergeant U. S. Army, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion station for the week as follows:

Maximum	70 degrees
Minimum	28 degrees
Rain	3.15 inches
Sunshine per cent	85