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## COUNTY OFFICERS INSTALLED MONDAY

### County Commissioners Have Busy Session—J. L. Lackey Made Chairman.

The recently elected officials of McDowell County consisting of J. L. Nichols, Sheriff; R. Fred Barnes, Register of Deeds; M. G. Poteat, Treasurer, and J. L. Lackey, John Pyatt and Oscar Wilson, county commissioners, were sworn in Monday and entered immediately upon discharge of the duties of their respective offices.

Quite a large crowd was present to witness the going out and coming in. The entire democratic ticket having been elected in the November election brought many democrats from the various parts of the county to see their democratic friends inducted into office. Little ceremony, however, was in evidence, the new officers taking the oaths and beginning work. Ex-Register of Deeds T. L. Epley was present at the office of the register of deeds to assist the incoming register in getting acquainted with the routine of the office.

The commissioners had more business than could be transacted in one day and concluded their first meeting on Tuesday. Only routine matters were passed upon and the election bills were paid. The election officers were present with their bills of per diem and expenses of the election, and the same were paid. The bills, in many cases, were made out at the rate of \$4.00 per diem, but upon investigating, the commissioners found that this was in excess of the amount as allowed by the law and the bills were revised with the proper amount as the law allows.

In the organization of the board of commissioners Mr. J. L. Lackey of Old Fort was made chairman. Mr. Lackey is well qualified to handle this position and he transacted the business with ease and facility. All bills presented for payment were sworn to by the chairman as to the correctness of the amount.

Mr. J. W. Winborne was elected attorney for the board of county commissioners and passed upon the legal phases of any matters coming before the board of commissioners. Mr. Winborne is perhaps one of the best qualified persons in the county, being very familiar with county affairs. He remained at his post throughout the day in order to be of service to the board of county commissioners.

## HONOR ROLL MARION GRAD- ED SCHOOL FOR NOVEMBER

Primary Department: Rose Atkins, Annie K. Craig, Alfred McCall, Florine Laughridge, Miriam Story, Archie Byrd, Jack Banks, James Banner, Dula Hawkins, Robert Smith, Inez Jarrett, Catherine Cannon, Fred Conley, Clarence Gaddy, George Gardin, Edward Little, Edith Hall, Carrie Joe Lewis, Mary Rabb, Virginia Conley, Virginia McConnell, Josephine Martin, Margaret Wilson, Frank Bolton, Kelley Gilkey. Grammar School: Louise Tate, Mabel Young, Elizabeth Conley, Kate Cowan, Beatrice Pearson, Carrie Silver, Ella Smith, Benson Davis, Carlton Gilkey, Margaret Craig, Sudie Houck, Annie Faye Hunt, Margaret McConnell, Mary Buckley.

High School: Simmie Cross, Sara Conley, Mildred Hudgins, Alma Link William Story, Alice Roan Cross, Irene Franklin, Zilprah Frisbie, Brownie Giles, Daphne Spratt, Luna Wall, Kate Mae Ellis.

Distinction Honor Roll: Hubert Bolch, Charles McCall, Kathryn McCall, Helen Franklin, Everett Henley.

Fires in several Texas cities and towns Saturday and Sunday caused the loss of one life and property damage totaling upward of \$325,000.

## BLOCKADE STILL RAIDED TWO MEN CAPTURED

Who said that J. L. Nichols would not go after the blockaders if elected sheriff? The doubting Thomases may now set all fears at rest, as the newly elected sheriff has already presented concrete evidence of his intention to rid McDowell county of the illicit liquor business. Immediately upon being sworn in as sheriff, Mr. Nichols went out in the discharge of his duties, and to make McDowell County a decent place to live in. Having scented information to the effect that a blockading outfit was being operated about one and one-half miles above Old Fort, the new sheriff, accompanied by Prohibition officer John Lail, Policeman Moffitt, Don Grant, C. L. Lytle and A. E. Poteat, on Monday night proceeded to the scene of action and found Joe Hensley and Charles Brown on the job in the manufacture of moonshine. The spot was peculiarly adapted to the purpose of making blockade liquor. The still was located in a place that was almost impossible for the officers to reach on account of the nature of the surroundings, without giving warning to the men engaged in the nefarious business; so the sheriff and his fellow-raiders decided to lie in wait and guard the scene of operation until the men were ready to leave, and capture them as they came out. Reaching the scene of operation about 10 o'clock at night, the men planted themselves down and waited until about 5:30 in the morning, when Hensley and his companion, Brown, decided that it was time to go home and rest for the day, being captured just as they were coming out of the secluded spot that they had selected for their business. After taking the men, Sheriff Nichols and his deputies walked on down to the scene of operation and destroyed the plant and the supplies on hand. Several gallons of liquor were poured out and fresh rum, just having been made. The men were brought to Marion and placed in jail to await trial.

Sheriff Nichols is very much determined to destroy the blockading business in McDowell county. A word to the wise should be sufficient, and it is hoped that this first successful raid will be a warning to blockaders of McDowell county that the business will immediately cease, as the Sheriff expects to execute his duty without fear or favor to any one.

## NEBO HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Nebo, Dec. 7.—One of the most interesting features of the work in Nebo High School is the public school music course conducted in all the grades by Miss Vivian Blackstock, the music teacher. It is beginning to be understood by educators throughout the state that music is a necessary requirement in the education of all children. McDowell county has not generally made use of this subject. In fact Nebo is the first school in which it has been introduced. All children of this school now have an hour's instruction in this work each week. Miss Blackstock received her training at Meredith College, Raleigh. She had a very successful year's experience in this last year in Biltmore High School. The high school chorus at Nebo has on several public occasions this fall shown its ability. From time to time all grades will be given a chance at public performances.

The honor roll for the third month in this school is as follows: First grade: Harry Hemphill and Elvin Teague. Second grade: Clara Brown, Myrtle Carver, Ferry Parks, Robert Lewis, William Swingle, Erwin McGimsey. Fourth grade: Sara Brown and Anna Jaynes. Fifth grade: Blanche Lewis, Mary Ellen Parks, Ruth Kineaid, Billy Bowman, Catherine Hunter. Sixth grade: Myrtle Morrow. Seventh grade: Bonnie Padgett, Hazel Brown, Lucile Hemphill, Jessie Alexander. Eleventh grade: Lena Spencer.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

**OLD FORT**  
Old Fort, Dec. 7.—Mrs. G. B. Strickland and daughter, Elizabeth, have returned from a visit to Nashville, N. C.

Grayson Bailey spent Saturday and Monday in Marion on business. Miss Gertrude Dula spent Sunday in Asheville with relatives.

F. M. Bradley spent Sunday in Asheville.

A wedding of much interest to the people of Old Fort, took place Thursday afternoon when Miss Gertrude Whitmire and Edwin Epley were united in marriage, at the home of the bride. They left immediately after the ceremony for Washington, D. C., New York, and other points of interest.

Miss Louise Flemming spent the week-end with her parents.

Jack Fortune of Asheville spent Saturday and Sunday in Old Fort.

A crowd of young people enjoyed a motor trip up the mountain Sunday.

Geo. Bailey is spending a few days here.

Misses Evans and Bailey and Messrs. Tripp and Teague enjoyed a horseback ride to the Falls Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. M. H. Grant of Greenlee, spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Flemming.

The domestic science department will give a play "The Charity Pupil," Tuesday evening, Dec. 14, at 7:30 o'clock. Proceeds to be used to equip the kitchen.

The Junior boy's basket ball team defeated the Marion team Friday evening, on the Marion court, by a score of 12 to 7.

The "Varsity" teams of Marion and Old Fort engaged in an interesting game of basket ball on Thursday, Dec. 2, on the Old Fort court, the score being 9 to 5 in favor of Old Fort. The game was fast from start to finish and some real good plays were made. The line up was as follows: Marion—Justice, R. F.; Hoover, L. F.; Jameson, C.; Chapman, R. G.; Miller, L. G. Old Fort—R. McDaniels, R. F.; Sabom, L. F.; Mauney, C.; K. Miller, R. G.; J. Stepp, L. G. Goals were made by the following: Marion: Hoover, 1, Miller 1. Old Fort: Mauney, 1, McDaniel, 1, Miller, 1, Stepp, 1.

## MONTFORDS COVE

Nealsville, Rt. 1, Dec. 6.—Farmers are most through with their fall work.

L. V. Harris gave a corn shucking Saturday afternoon, followed by a social Saturday night which the young folks enjoyed very much.

"Uncle Johnny" Wilkerson died suddenly at his home Saturday night. He will be buried at Montford's Cove Baptist church today.

Miss Flay Williams is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Verna Harris.

Ransom Hemphill has entered the hospital at High Shoals where he will have his tonsils removed.

Molo Ledbetter and Robert Harris were visitors in the Glenwood section Saturday night and Sunday.

J. C. Crawford and daughter, Miss Louise, were guests at the home of C. M. Hall yesterday.

Verno Harris is erecting some new buildings on his place he recently purchased from J. H. Wilkerson at the White House.

Paul Williams spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother at Uree.

Mrs. W. M. Wilson visited her mother, Mrs. D. C. Brown, near Marion, Saturday.

The Oak Grove school is being taught by Mrs. Millard Parker.

Mrs. Carl Wilkerson and children are visiting Mrs. Wilkerson's parents at Green Hill.

Misses Ethel and Louise Frady, who are attending school at Glen-

wood, spent the week-end with their parents here.

Mozie Morgan and Mrs. Dink Cannon were shopping in Marion last Thursday.

## HANKINS

Marion, Rt. 3, Dec. 6.—A pie supper was given at Hankins school house Saturday night, Dec. 4. An improvised postoffice, where everyone obtained a package or letter, was enjoyed very much. Then followed a voting contest for the best looking girl. The prize was a box of candy and was awarded to Miss Annie Wall. The proceeds for the night were about \$38 which will be used in furnishing a Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Davenport spent Saturday night and Sunday at the home of Mr. Erwin.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Cuthbertson of Asheville have returned home after spending a few days here with the former's sister.

The corn shuckings are about over in this community and it is said that more corn has been shucked this fall than in many a year passed.

Rev. Shell will fill his appointment at the Halltown Baptist church next Sunday afternoon.

## GREENLEE

Marion, Rt. 3, Dec. 6.—Mrs. A. B. Wright has been on the sick list for the past week.

C. F. Smith of Nebo was here on business last Friday.

Mrs. W. J. Snipes and son, Herman, were shopping in Marion last Friday.

R. H. McCall, C. B. Wood, T. M. Burnett and V. L. Bradley made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

Mrs. E. M. Tate was the guest of Mrs. Charles Tate yesterday.

Miss Mary Greenlee, principal of the Clinchfield school, spent the week-end with her parents here.

Mrs. M. H. Grant spent a few days last week with relatives at Old Fort.

Mrs. W. H. Greenlee was shopping in Marion last Saturday.

V. W. Hall of Biltmore was a visitor at W. J. Snipes yesterday.

## ALTAPASS

Altapass, Nov. 29.—The school at Pratt is progressing nicely.

The people of the community assembled at the school house last Thursday night and enjoyed a short Thanksgiving entertainment. The program consisted of recitations, songs, and a play by the pupils. Short talks were made by patrons of the school. The evening was very pleasantly spent.

The "Sunset" Literary Society will hold its regular meeting Saturday. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present and hear the debate.

## HIGHWAY COMMISSION

### SELL BOND ISSUE.

According to previous announcement, the Highway Commission for McDowell County offered for sale on Monday highway bonds in denominations of \$1,000 to amount of \$150,000. The bonds are dated July 1st and are to run for thirty years with option to begin payment of \$15000.00 per year after July 1st, 1941. The funds from the sale of this issue are to be used exclusively for construction and maintenance of highways.

A number of bids were submitted, and considering the depressed conditions of the money market, the highway commissioners were able to make a good sale, having received the amount of \$151,175 or a net premium of \$1,175. Bonds have been selling on the market at a considerable discount and but for the fact that McDowell county owes little, the chances are that it would have been impossible to have sold this issue at a premium. The successful party was The Providence Savings Bank and Trust Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio.

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## NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

### Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Greensboro Baptists have pledged \$36,075 for the purpose of securing the Baptists hospital for that city.

Glenn's warehouse and the S. W. Y. C. Supply company's building at Elkin were completely destroyed by fire Sunday. The loss is estimated at \$80,000, with \$25,000 insurance.

The Toe River Herald announces that the mica plant and business of the J. E. Burleson Mica Company at Spruce Pine has been sold to the Asheville Mica Co., the consideration being in the neighborhood of \$150,000.

Willie Curtis, the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curtis, of Franklin, was instantly killed last Friday, when the 22-calibre rifle with which his ten year old brother was playing, and which was thought to be unloaded, was discharged.

## DEATH OF J. R. DENTON OF DYSARTSVILLE.

Contributed.

On Wednesday, Nov. 24, the community was saddened by the death of Rev. J. R. Denton, who had resided here for along number of years. He was in his eighty-fifth year. Mr. Denton was converted and joined the Baptist church at twenty-five years of age, and five years later he entered the ministry. He spent most of his life preaching and teaching. He considered teaching as essential as preaching.

The deceased is survived by his widow, who was Miss Sallie S. Cowan, and six sons—J. E. Denton, of Charlotte; E. P. Denton, of Dysartsville; W. B. Denton, Lawndale; McKibben Denton, Knoxville, Tenn.; J. R. Denton, Atlanta, Ga., and Hugh Denton, Morganton, also one daughter, Mrs. F. C. Daves of Dysartsville. Another daughter, Mrs. J. Y. Taylor, preceded him in death about two weeks.

Major Denton, as he was called here, was Major in the home guards during the confederate war. He always stood for the right on all questions, moral and political. It seemed to be the ambition of his life to be a model man.

## CONGRESS RECONVENES MANY BILLS INTRODUCED

Washington, Dec. 6.—Congress reconvened today with the customary brief and routine opening sessions, which were attended by great crowds and marked by an address, in the senate, by President-Elect Harding as a unique and historic feature. Senator Harding took his seat, answered his name when the senate roll was called and made a brief address from the rostrum.

Other features of the opening of the third and final session of the 66th congress were receipt of annual appropriation estimates aggregating \$4,653,000,000 and introduction in the house of an unusual volume of new bills and resolutions.

## PARENT-TEACHER'S MEETING.

The Parent-Teacher's Association will have its monthly meeting Monday, December 13th, at 8:30 p. m. at the graded school. The following interesting program has been prepared and all members are urged to be present.

Paper No. 1. "What has our Town done for our Children?" Mrs. Lonon.

Paper No. 2. "What kind of a School do we want for our Children?" Mrs. Cross.

Christmas program by a few of Mrs. Briggs' class.

Rev. D. M. Litaker, presiding elder of this district, will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. J. P. Hipps will preach at Providence church Sunday morning at the same hour.