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GOOD DELEGATION AT-TEND ROAD MEETING

Strong Delegation Good Roads Advocates Go to Raleigh in Interest of Good Roads Bill.

A delegation of more than twenty-five representative citizens of McDowell County and good roads enthusiasts left Marion Wednesday afternoon for Raleigh to represent McDowell county before the joint legislative committees that will hear and pass upon the Good Roads bill Thursday at three o'clock.

There seems to be united interest over the State in demanding permanent roads in every county in the State. McDowell county will not be left out because her citizens are demanding that we more than keep pace with the other sections of the State. The McDowell delegation will favor a bond issue of whatever amount is required to begin this work, provided the bond money is used for hard surface roads.

This is the initial step in McDowell county to build not only the central highway, but four other permanent roads leading out from Marion through the different sections of the county, which will make roads enter Marion from six points of the compass. Among those in the McDowell county party were: Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hudgins, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Giles, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Winborne, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. George Kirkpatrick; Messrs. N. F. Steffe, C. F. James, T. J. Halliburton, J. F. Snipes; M. G. Poteat, W. K. M. Gilkey, and others.

ARMY MUST PRACTICE

DRASTIC ECONOMY

Washington, Jan. 29.—Drastic economy at army posts and camps was ordered by Secretary Baker, due to an impending deficiency of \$94,000,000 in appropriations for the quartermaster crops.

Among retrenchments ordered were:

A 40 per cent cut in the quartermaster general's civilian payroll by February 15.

Reduction of water transportation activities to a minimum, harbor craft not absolutely required to be laid up and the employees discharged.

Expenses for transportation as a convenience to employes to be cut off.

A 50 per cent curtailment in gasoline and lubricants issued to motorized artillery and the air service.

More economical routing of shipments absolutely necessary.

Curtailling of telegraph and cable expenses.

In addition to these, Mr. Baker ordered economies in fuel, clothing, general supplies and subsistence issues, practically identical orders being sent to Philippine, Panama, and Hawaiian departments and all independent posts and stations.

WELFARE PROGRAM

TO STAND IN STATE

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—Abolition of the offices of county superintendent of public welfare, sought in a number of local bills introduced in the house was practically defeated this afternoon when the propositions and grievances committee of the lower body voted to report favorably the substitute bill of Commissioner Beasley for continuing the welfare work in the state.

Practically the same provisions of the original act are retained in the new bill carrying the appropriation for furthering the work in North Carolina and all bills to abolish local officers will be reported unfavorably.

RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL NOW GOES TO THE SENATE

Washington, Feb. 1.—The rivers and harbors bill carrying a lump sum appropriation of \$15,250,000 was passed today by the house and sent to the senate. A motion to recommit the measure was voted down 205 to 120.

REPRESENTATIVE W. W. NEAL A BUSY MAN

Representative W. W. Neal spent the week-end of last week with his family, and conferring with the people of McDowell county and other sections with reference to legislative matters. Mr. Neal is one of the busiest men in the legislature. He is chairman of the committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, and is a member of a number of other committees. He has taken an active part in all matters of State-wide importance, but is not neglecting the interests of the people of McDowell county. One bill in which Mr. Neal is very active is to increase the pensions of Confederate soldiers. At the special session Mr. Neal introduced a bill providing that old soldiers should receive one year's pension in advance, and increasing the property qualifications of Confederate soldiers eligible to pensions. If he succeeds in getting the present law passed it will still further increase the pensions of these old soldiers.

Mr. Neal expects to have enacted a law requiring a bond for all drivers of public service vehicles, the bond to be not less than \$500.00, which is to indemnify any person who may suffer damages or injury at the hands of the drivers of public service cars. The bill provides for a license fee of \$25.00 for public service car drivers.

Mr. Neal states that there is considerable agitation for rural police in certain sections of the county. Rural police do not add an increase tax burden in that they receive no stipulated salary as they are paid on the fee basis.

While in Marion last Saturday, Mr. Neal talked with a number of citizens about pending legislature and matters of importance to McDowell county. He desires to know the wishes of the people on any matter, and requests that any citizens interested in any matters before the legislature should feel free to take them up with him, either in person or by letter.

Mr. Neal, while at home, conferred with people from other counties who came to see him about matters of legislation. Mr. Neal is recognized as one of the leading men in the Legislature, and people from other counties who are not able to get important legislation through their own representatives are conferring with him.

BRYSON-SNYDER STORE UNDER ONE SYSTEM

Asheville Citizen, 30th.

The annual meeting of the officials of the Bryson-Snyder stores, located at various points in Western North Carolina, held at the Swannanoa-Berkley hotel, proved to be one of the most successful these business men have ever attended. The stores have recently been combined, the interests of Holmes Bryson, of Asheville, and C. A. Snyder, of Hickory, have been merged, the new stores to be called the Bryson-Snyder stores. W. L. Snyder, of Canton, and Fred Bryson, of Marion, have recently joined the firm and will be connected with the system hereafter.

Ctores are now located at Asheville, Hickory, Marion, Granite Falls, Maiden, Old Fort, Dillsboro, Cullowhee and Wilmot. It is planned to soon open other stores to the east and west of the Blue Ridge mountains until the system becomes one of the largest in the state, if not in the south.

Mr. Bryson is president of the new combination with C. A. Snyder as secretary-treasurer.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The management of Oasis Theatre wishes to announce that the sum of \$67.28 was realized from last Friday's show for the benefit of the European Relief Council, and that the entire amount, with no deduction for expenses, has been forwarded to the state chairman Henry A. Page, Aberdeen, N. C.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Jan. 31.—Miss Frances Artz spent several days last week in Asheville.

Eugene Keeter spent Sunday in Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley left last Tuesday for the Southern Coast of Florida to spend the month of February.

Miss Elizabeth Biddix, who was called home Wednesday on account of the illness of her mother, has returned, reporting that her mother has improved.

Mrs. Rebecca Westerman is visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hoffman.

Miss Maude Crawford will spend the month of February in Asheville.

Miss Elizabeth Biddix is making her home with Dr. and Mrs. John B. Johnson during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley.

Miss Margaret White of Asheville spent the week-end here.

Harry Teague spent Sunday with his mother in Black Mountain.

Fred Bradley is among the guests of the Sandlin house.

Mrs. Chas. Steppe made a business trip to Asheville, Saturday.

Jack Fortune of Asheville spent the week-end in Old Fort.

Ed. London, who has been working in South Carolina, is spending a few days here.

T. J. Fleming, who has been ill for some time, died Wednesday January 26, at his home. He was 87 years old.

Mr. Savage was called out of town for the week-end on account of the illness of his brother.

Wayman Trippe left Monday on an extended business trip to Hickory.

The Old Fort basket ball team played a game Saturday with the Farm School team on the latter's court. The heavy weight quintet of Farm school defeated the Old Fort team.

NEBO

Nebo, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Hobbs, a well known citizen of this community, died two weeks ago. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church. Interment was made in the Nebo cemetery, the funeral service being conducted by Rev. Brittain. Mrs. Hobbs was about 70 years old, and leaves to mourn her loss a number of relatives and a host of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tolbert Scott and two children have returned home after an extended visit to relatives near Morganton.

The largest snow that we have had for some time fell here Tuesday and Wednesday.

We are glad to welcome in our community Mr. Finch and family.

Watson Wilson, who is teaching school at Harmony Grove, spent the week-end here.

A number of the school boys and girls attended the burial of Wilmer Padgett at Marion last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Sallie Dobson and Ed. Austin were united in marriage during the week, Rev. Brittain performing the ceremony. Their many friends wish them a long and happy wedded life.

Misses Maggie and Hattie Taylor, who are teaching school in Marion, spent the week-end here with home-folks.

Everett Padgett, of Chapel Hill, attended the burial of his brother, Wilmer, in Marion last week.

W. L. Bradley of Old Fort spent Sunday here with friends.

LAUREL HILL

Nebo, Rt. 1, Jan. 31.—Troy Walker of Spindale visited friends here recently.

Mrs. J. F. Foster has been right sick but is reported much improved. Mrs. L. H. Whitener has received

word of the death of her mother, Mrs. R. E. Biggerstaff, which occurred on January 20th at Clifton, S. C., where she had lived for several years. Mrs. Biggerstaff was in her 92nd year and is credited with having several great-great-grandchildren.

J. B. Walker made a trip to Rutherfordton last week.

Miss Ella McCurry has gone to Marion where she has accepted a position.

John D. Walker made a business trip to Marion last Tuesday.

J. F. Foster attended the funeral of S. A. Bowman at Harmony Grove last Sunday.

W. E. Cooper is reported very sick with measles.

NEALSVILLE

Nealsville, Jan. 31.—Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson of Stroudtown spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Westmoreland.

Miss Lillie Morgan and Jesse Morgan spent Sunday with friends at Rocky Pass.

Elliott Westmoreland is at home after a two weeks visit at Canton.

Misses Vina and Verla Rayburn visited relatives at Thermal City the latter part of last week.

Herman Smathers of Canton was a visitor here last week.

Hicks Morris is spending a few days with homefolks at Alexander.

Bill Logan of Rutherfordton spent a few "happy hours" around Glenwood Sunday afternoon.

Friends of Miss Mattie Tate, a member of the Glenwood school faculty, will be glad to learn that she is improving after having undergone an operation for appendicitis at Long's Sanitarium. We will all be glad to welcome her return to Glenwood.

Miss Mabel Greene of Asheville visited friends here last week.

Miss Geneva Allison has accepted a position in the high school. We all welcome Miss Allison to our little town.

PINNACLE

Pinnacle, Jan. 26.—Wood and Frank Morrison spent the week with their sister, Mrs. L. W. Gettys.

Miss Zennie Sisk is visiting her sister, Mrs. Elbert Sisk, at Forest City.

Miss Evelyn Gettys has returned to her school at Dysartville after spending a week with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Foster visited Mrs. R. F. Sisk last week.

J. A. and W. M. Gettys made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Misses Indiana Sisk and Bertha Gettys spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Patton.

The school at Pinnacle is progressing nicely with Mr. L. W. Gettys and Miss Rebecca Patton as teachers.

CLINCHFIELD

A collection which amounted to \$23.25 was recently taken for the Chinese sufferers. It has been forwarded and the children are saving their pennies and nickles for another collection to be taken soon.

The honor roll for the month is as follows: First grade: Billie Lusk, Levi Vess, Paul Duncan, Fred Hall, Lee Roy Anderson, Dora Shehan, Pansy Davis, Geneva Greene, Georgia Greene. Third grade: Horace Norton, Mabel Thomas, Lawson Smith. Sixth grade: Bettie Lusk and Vergie Suttle.

On last Saturday night a feast was held at the school building, the proceeds of which went to the band for more equipment and to the Sunday school classes for buying seats for Sunday school rooms. The children especially enjoyed the features arranged for them. Everybody enjoyed the splendid band concert.

The Oasis Theatre will present tonight one of the best of the Paramount-Artcraft Co.'s all-star special productions, a screen adaptation of Robert W. Chambers' most famous novel, The Fighting Chance.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Senator Overman has re-introduced in the Senate his bill appropriating \$45,000 for a forest experiment station at Asheville.

The seventh biennial convention of the state head camp of the Woodmen of the World will convene at Greensboro with Camp No. 384 on Tuesday, March 22. The headquarters of the convention will be at the O. Henry Hotel.

Governor Morrison will make the address of welcome, Governor Brough, of Arkansas will preside, and nine legislatures now in session will be invited to attend the United States Good Roads association meeting in Greensboro, April 18-23.

Thirty-three horses and mules, property of the United States government, were removed from box cars at Raleigh Sunday, having smothered to death between Norlina and Raleigh, while they were en route from Camp Lee to Camp Jackson, at Columbia, S. C.

Sara Wyckoff, 76 years old, reached the end of a life sentence in the state prison Monday when she died after 42 years imprisonment, having declined a pardon at the hands of five governors and having lived to learn that death bed confession had completely exonerated her of the charge of murdering her husband.

Dr. J. M. Pickell, chemist in the State department of agriculture and aged about 65, was found dead on Hillsboro street in Raleigh Friday night with a hole in his head. The chemist evidently had been dead an hour or so when found. It is believed he was struck by an automobile and knocked against the curb. He leaves a family.

STUDENTS PRESENT PLAY; NEBO HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Nebo, Feb. 1.—On Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 19, at one o'clock the Community League of Nebo met with the school. The eighth grade of the high school department presented "The Courtship of Miles Standish" as arranged and dramatized by themselves. Lennie Brown in the role of the Puritan maiden, Priscilla; Lester Rannion as the lover; John Alden and Rufus Somers as the blunt captain, Miles Standish, deserve honorable mention. The wien and voice of "Miles" forcibly reminded all of the original character. Eighteen visitors, friends and mothers were present and thoroughly enjoyed the exercises.

At the business session following it was announced that Miss A. M. Rowland of Asheville had presented the school with ten new illustrated books suitable for the children's library.

The school is now comfortably settled in the new brick building and all are enjoying the luxuries of warmth and light that only a modern building can afford. Regular work has been resumed and all are endeavoring to make the last half of the school year the best in its history. There is now a faculty of eight members, Miss Emma McCall of Henderson County having been added to the primary department.

The honor roll for the fourth month is as follows: First grade: Harry Hemphill, Elvin Teague and Burley Snipes. Second grade: Clara Brown, Ferry Parks, Annie Laura Lentz, William Swingle and Erwin McGimsey. Fourth grade: Sara Brown and Eunice Stacy. Fifth grade: Billy Bowman and Mary Ellen Parks. Sixth grade: Myrtle Morrow. Seventh grade: Hazel Brown, William Somers, Lucile Hemhill and Gertrude Parks.

Even fertilizers can't overcome the handicaps of poor seed bed and poor seed.