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MARION MANUFACTURING CO. REORGANIZED

New Board of Directors Elected—New President and Vice President in Charge.

At a meeting of the stock-holders of the Marion Manufacturing Company, last week, Reginald W. Baldwin of Baltimore was elected president of the mills to succeed D. D. Little. Wm. E. Wall of New York was elected vice-president, and S. L. Copeland, of Marion, secretary.

Five of the new board of directors do not live in North Carolina, while D. D. Little of Spartanburg, J. W. Pless, J. L. Morgan and John Yancey of Marion, are members of the new board.

The Progress has on file a copy of statement by Mr. John G. Evans of South Carolina, one of the stock-holders, which explains in detail the friction which finally culminated in a complete re-organization of the company. Owing to lack of space, it is impossible to publish this statement this week, but the same will be carried in the news columns of this paper in next week's issue.

ALLEGED MURDERER APPREHENDED IN MARION

Lee Mathis, of Georgia, who is charged with murder in his home State, was arrested something over a week ago by Chief Marshal Jacob Smith and placed in the jail on a charge of entering a closed building and other offenses. At the time of his arrest, Mathis was carrying a concealed weapon, and in the preliminary trial, owing to his inability to give bond, was placed in jail to await Superior court. A few days ago Chief Smith received circulars and papers describing Mathis, offering a reward for his arrest. Immediately recognizing that he had the man in jail, he got in touch with the Georgia authorities by wire and notified them that he had their man. The Sheriff of the Georgia county promptly reported at the jail headquarters, claiming the prisoner.

Mathis is a young man not more than twenty-five years of age. From the information received from the sheriff from Georgia, he has a rather checkered career in the criminal records of his home State. The sheriff who carried the prisoner back, reported that feeling in his home town was running so high that it was unsafe to carry the prisoner back home, but he left for Atlanta, where Mathis will be placed in the tower to await trial.

Mathis was a soldier in the late war. He is a young man of pleasing appearance and showed evidences of having been brought up by good parents.

STANLEY-PATTON

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 3.—On Monday evening, January 3, at 8:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride, Mr. R. Dealer Patton, of Nebo, N. C., and Miss Goldie Stanley, of Detroit, were united in marriage. The wedding was a quiet affair, coming as a great surprise, and being witnessed by only a few intimate friends.

Mrs. Patton is a young lady of culture and refinement and is popular among the social set of this community. Mr. Patton is a son of Mrs. J. D. Patton, of McDowell county, N. C., and is a former student of the A. & E. College, at Raleigh. He came to Detroit last July and accepted a position with the Detroit United Railway. He is a young man of sterling qualities and has a large circle of friends in McDowell county as well as in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Patton will make their home in Detroit where they have many friends who wish them an abundance of prosperity and all the pleasure and happiness that this old universe can afford.

William H. Taft says the present crime wave is due in part to the failure of the law and its administration to punish criminals.

LOCAL DELEGATION ATTEND ROAD MEETING IN RALEIGH

The local delegation of more than twenty persons returned from Raleigh Friday and report a very successful trip from the stand-point of Good Roads. The object of those going from McDowell County was to back up the State organization for good roads in its program for a state system of highways. The delegation attended a joint meeting of the House and Senate committee in the interest of the Doughton-Connor bill which has since been recommended and is now in the hopper to be enacted into law. Speaking before the committee from McDowell, Mr. D. F. Giles spoke of McDowell county as being the gate-way to the west and of the great possibilities of this section when developed by a system of hard surface roads. Mr. Giles also emphasized the fact that school consolidation could never be realized until roads are provided, which can be used 365 days in the year.

The local interest in roads has been developing for sometime. The good roads banquet in January brought the road folks together, when representatives from the entire western part of the State met at Marion and discussed the road situation. The meeting proved to be a great climax in crystallizing sentiment for real hard surface roads and for a State bond issue with which to finance the proposition.

The Doughton-Connor bill provides for a State system of highways, connecting county seats. These roads are to be built and maintained by the State. The funds for this purpose are to be provided by a bond issue of fifty million dollars of Federal appropriation. The indebtedness is to be paid by a license on automobiles and gasoline. The owners of automobiles will, therefore, make the State a present of fifty-five hundred miles of hard surface roads. This means that no property tax will be levied, and that the entire public will have use of the roads which are to be built and maintained by the automobile tax.

But McDowell County will not be satisfied with a system of roads which connects only the county seats. The people living in the outlying districts are demanding roads. Considerable sentiment is being expressed for a county bond issue of one million or more for county roads and county schools. The time has come when people have realized that the schools cannot be of the service that they should until better facilities have been provided. Consolidation and transportation are impossible without roads. It is, therefore, thought that if a bond issue is to be provided for roads that a considerable part of the issue should go for the purpose of providing adequate school buildings and equipment. A meeting of the citizens of the county is being agitated and it is expected that the meeting will be held in Marion at a near future date when those interested will be given an opportunity to express themselves.

ITINERARY NAMED FOR INCOME TAX DEPUTY

For the information of only of persons desiring to make their income tax returns, but also of those desiring to determine their income tax liability, under the law, Hugh A. Love, chief, Asheville district, announces the following itinerary for zone deputy Young, so that the public desiring help or information concerning their income tax returns, may know where to find him on the date named:

Zone No. 4.—J. T. Young, deputy collector, headquarters Marion; counties of Avery, Mitchell, McDowell, and Yancey. February 15, Newland; February 16 and 17, Cranberry; February 19, Burnsville; February 21 and 22, Pensacola; February 23, Burnsville; February 25, Bakersville; February 26 and 28, Spruce Pine; March 1 to 15 at Marion and Old Fort.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Feb. 7.—Misses Evans and Bailey and Messrs. Tripp and Teague spent Sunday in Black Mountain.

Isaac Joyner, one of the High school pupils, is on the sick list this week.

Miss Bessie Rue Flemming was in Old Fort, Sunday.

Miss Vivian Sawyer spent Sunday in Black Mountain.

Miss Geneva Allison, who is teaching at Glenwood, spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Miss Adelene Rachel of Biltmore spent the week-end with Mrs. T. B. Ippock.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ricketts are visiting in Old Fort.

Mrs. C. C. Arrington, who has been ill, is recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Conley Walker of Rome, Ga., have decided to make their home in Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ricketts spent Sunday in Black Mountain.

Mrs. A. M. Fortune has been seriously ill, but is reported some better.

Miss Ina Blalock of Montreat is visiting here.

NEALSVILLE

Nealsville, Feb. 7.—Jesse Morgan made a business trip to Asheville Thursday.

Misses Bertha and Marie England and Nathan Reel visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morgan, Sunday.

Miss Geneva Allison spent the latter part of the week with homefolks at Old Fort.

Miss Hattie Morgan spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Morgan.

Miss Edith Lonon visited Miss Mattie Tate last week.

Edgar Morgan and little son, Paul, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morgan.

Miss Lille Morgan has been very sick but is improving.

Mrs. Burnett is recovering after a few days of serious illness.

Miss Mary Clay spent Saturday night with relatives at Chapel Hill.

School is progressing nicely since the weather has become better. We hope to make the next three months the best of the term.

PINNACLE

Pinnacle, Feb. 7.—R. F. Sisk made a business-trip to Morganton last week.

Mrs. James Link is spending several days with her sister at Lincoln-ton.

A number of young folks attended the singing at R. F. Sisk's on Sunday afternoon. After the singing, Miss Lillie Biggerstaff became the bride of Mr. Clyde Duval. Mrs. Duval is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Y. Biggerstaff.

J. A. Gettys spent last week in Raleigh.

S. W. Patton visited his grandparents at Dysartsville last Sunday.

The community was made sad by the death of Lafayette Morgan, who died Feb. 1st. He was stricken with pneumonia and only lived a short while. The deceased was the son of S. C. Morgan. Besides his father he is survived by two brothers and two sisters. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the sorrowing family in the hours of their great distress.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, Feb. 7.—W. B. Robertson was called to Old Fort Saturday night by the severe illness of his mother.

Frank Holler of York, S. C., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Holler.

J. T. Haney is on the sick list this week.

T. J. Swann is visiting J. R. Huffman.

T. L. Potet is on the sick list.

GARDEN CITY

Garden City, Feb. 7.—Mrs. J. D. Snipes returned Friday from Marion, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. L. J. Jones, who is seriously ill. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Thomas Gowan made a trip to Marion yesterday.

Our school is progressing nicely with Miss Annie Bradley as teacher.

J. E. Snipes has accepted a position with the Union Telegraph Company at Marion.

Miss Agnes Snipes and brother, Carl, made a business trip to Garden City last Saturday.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Stroud is right sick.

C. B. Snipes has joined the army and is now stationed at Tacoma, Washington.

CATAWBA VALLEY

Old Fort, Feb. 7.—Mrs. S. C. Bailey has been on the sick list for several days.

T. A. Porter killed a big hog last Monday weighing about 550 pounds.

Chas. Hensley has been seriously ill for some time.

Miss Flora Stepe is at home from Crooked Creek where she has been engaged in teaching school.

Mr. and Mrs. John Silver of Jefferson City, Tenn., visited relatives here last week.

Armond and Walker Parker visited friends on Crooked Creek Sunday.

Miss Bell Owensby of Old Fort spent the week-end with Miss Geneva Allison.

T. A. Porter made a business trip to Marion last Tuesday.

KANIPE INTRODUCES BILL FOR FREE TEXT BOOKS

Senator J. E. Kanipe has introduced a bill in the Legislature to permit county school boards to furnish text books to school children of the State from the lowest grade up to and including the seventh grade. The bill in part follows:

Section 1. That the State shall set aside each year out of the General Treasury fund, such sums of money as may be found necessary to purchase and supply text-books for all school children of the State from the lowest grade up to and including the seventh grade as provided in section two of this act.

Section 2. That the State Superintendent of Public Instruction is hereby directed to submit, in his next and each succeeding biennial report to the budget commission, an estimate of the cost to the state of supplying free text-books to the school children of the State from the lowest grade up to and including the seventh grade for the ensuing two years.

Section 3. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, is hereby authorized and directed to purchase, as soon as the necessary funds are available, school text-books in sufficient quantities to meet the requirements of this act.

Section 4. That the County School Board of Education, in each county of the State, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction an estimate of the number and quantities of books to be furnished free to his county and is hereby authorized and directed to provide depositories for school text-books and to loan free of cost all necessary books to the school children in the above mentioned grades, and to make all needful rules and regulations governing the loan of the text-books, such rules and regulations to be approved by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Section 5. All books purchased under the provision of this act shall be the property of the State of North Carolina.

Church Services.

There will be preaching at the Sevier Presbyterian church by the pastor next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended all people to attend.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Eastern men, watching political developments at Raleigh, are predicting that Josephus Daniels will be a candidate to succeed Simmons in the senate in 1924.

North Carolina republicans are formulating definite plans to take over all federal jobs in the state, now held by democrats, according to announcement from Washington.

Under revaluation, Mecklenburg county property is valued at \$140,697,636, according to Auditor Gresham, as compared with \$46,522,588, the total taxable valuation for 1919.

A mammoth wildcat was captured yesterday in Montreat by Frank Belk, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. George W. Belk. The tawny creature weighed sixty pounds, and measured 36 inches from tip of nose to bob-tail.

Asheville Times has passed from the hands of Charles J. Harris, of Dillsboro, to a group of citizens, headed by W. A. Hildebrand, who becomes president and general manager. Mr. Harris leaves shortly for a trip to Europe.

DEATH OF MRS. D. A. HUTTO.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Hutto and their children were shocked and grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Hutto, which occurred at the Shuford Hospital in Hickory on February 2, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Hutto was a member of a prominent western North Carolina family, being, before her marriage, Miss Blanche Justice, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Justice of Hendersonville. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church and a splendid woman in every respect. Of a bright, sweet, lovable disposition and noble character, a devoted mother and an ideal wife, she won the love and esteem of all those who knew her.

The body was taken to Hendersonville for interment.

Besides her husband, the deceased leaves surviving six children, the youngest of which is just two months old.

The family had lived in Marion for the past three years and had moved to Hildebran, where Mr. Hutto is Southern railroad depot agent, only the week before Mrs. Hutto's death. During their residence here Mr. and Mrs. Hutto, by their fine qualities of character, made many friends whose deepest sympathy goes out to the bereaved husband and little children in their great sorrow.

BIG DOKAY MEETING AT MARION THURSDAY

The Dokays will hold a big ceremonial in Marion Thursday night, when 40 or more candidates will receive degrees.

Fifty or more local delegates will accompany the Dokay band to Marion Thursday afternoon in anticipation of the fun and frolic planned for the evening exercises.

The ceremonial was deferred from last December, when it was scheduled to have taken place. Candidates and delegates will represent Hickory, Newton, Morganton, Spruce Pine and several towns in that section.

Colonel Galbraith in Asheville.

Colonel F. W. Galbraith, Jr., National Commander of the American Legion is to be in Asheville the 22nd of February. He is coming primarily in the interest of the sick men at Oteen and Kenilworth hospitals, but will address ex-service men at the city auditorium the night of the 22nd. He will remain in Asheville for several days, and quite a few of the members of McDowell Post expect to pay their respects during that time.