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## SUPERIOR COURT NOW IN SESSION

### Judge W. J. Adams Presiding —Several Minor Criminal Cases Disposed Of.

The Spring term of McDowell Superior Court convened Monday morning with Judge W. J. Adams, of Carthage, presiding and Solicitor Garrett D. Bailey prosecuting the docket as solicitor. This is Mr. Bailey's first term as solicitor here, he having been elected last November to succeed J. E. Shipman. Mr. I. E. Marlow was made foreman of the grand jury and Mr. Geo. L. Poet officer in charge.

Quite a number of cases on the criminal docket have been disposed of, but it is probable that the State docket will not be concluded until tomorrow. Most of the cases are for minor offenses and most of the defendants have been let off with the payment of small fines and the costs.

John Smith plead guilty to manufacturing whiskey and judgment was suspended on payment of cost.

Atlee Witherow, manufacturing whiskey, prayer for judgment continued on payment of cost.

Arthus Jones plead guilty to the charge of assault with deadly weapon and was sentenced, to four months on the Henderson county roads.

Kenneth and A. Sawyer, Abe Pitts, William Epley, J. C. Souther and Gordon Ricketts plead guilty to charge of gambling and each was fined \$25 and cost.

Ben Davis, T. C. Robinson and Tom Brown plead guilty to charge of gambling. Judgment was suspended on payment of cost.

Arthur Brown, George Smith and Charles McFalls were found guilty of manufacturing whiskey. Sentenced to two years on roads.

Arthur Jones plead guilty to charge of carrying concealed weapon and was sentenced to 60 days on the Henderson county roads.

B. H. Jones, carrying concealed weapon, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Grayson Norton, abandonment, not guilty.

Lee Short, larceny, not guilty.

Dock Largent was given twelve months on the roads for manufacturing whiskey.

Charles Brown drew a sentence of sixty days on the roads for carrying concealed weapon.

The grand jury has returned a true bill for murder against Grayson Gardner, the negro who killed Fred Forney, another negro, last fall.

### ORDER OF SERVICES MARION MILL VILLAGES

The order of services for the Clinchfield and East Marion Baptist churches is as follows:

Sunday School every Sunday at 10:00.

Preaching Sunday morning East Marion 11:00.

Preaching Sunday evening Clinchfield 7:00.

Services short, interesting and helpful. A cordial invitation extended to all to worship with us. The churches with a welcome.

E. J. Jones, Pastor.

### Bill to Curb Reckless Auto Driving.

Raleigh, Feb. 18.—Under the terms of a bill reported favorably by the Senate committee on judiciary No. 1 yesterday, any person convicted of driving an automobile while intoxicated, or in a reckless manner, shall be prevented from operating a machine for from six months to two years after conviction.

### Chapel Hill Services.

There will be preaching at Chapel Hill Baptist church next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, also Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by the pastor Rev. E. J. Jones. Sunday school at 10 a. m. A hearty welcome is extended to all to join in the services.

## GARDEN CITY SCHOOL CLOSES SPLENDID YEAR

Garden City school came to a successful close on Tuesday, the 22nd inst. No formal program was given by the school, but several song selections were rendered by the school children. A basket ball game was given early in the afternoon, participated in by students and teachers. It was in the nature of a final game and all had a very enjoyable play together.

A number of the people of the community came out for the last day of school. After the songs by the school children, Superintendent N. F. Stepe talked on the importance of education. The people of the community have recently petitioned for an election on the bond issue proposition, and they are very much interested in the outcome. Mr. Stepe urged the folks to go forward and to see to it that the children of Garden City community were given as good educational advantages as are given in other progressive communities in North Carolina.

The Garden City school has had one of its best years. The attendance had been very satisfactory and the interest on the part of both pupils and patrons has been at high tide throughout the term. The teachers for the past year have been Mr. T. A. Woody, principal, and Misses Mae Jordan and Bertha Morris, assistants. By their strict devotion to the school work they have won the friendship and respect of the people of Garden City. They have at all times had the sympathy and cooperation of the parents, which has meant no little in making the school year at Garden City one of the best in its history.

## GEORGE WASHINGTON CELEBRATION GREAT SUCCESS

The entertainment given by the children of the primary department of the graded school and Mrs. Giles kindergarten class, under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher Association, at the graded school Tuesday night, was a most attractive one. The children all showed the faithful training of their teachers, their quaint costumes adding much to their appearance, always more charming in their separate numbers. The program was a miscellaneous one interspersed with music under the direction of Miss Julia Burton, whose classical numbers, and the Jazz band, were especially appreciated.

The midway attractions were well patronized and much credit is due those in charge for the great success of this part of the entertainment. The proceeds for the evening amounted to \$88.10, this being very gratifying considering the small admission charged.

The primary department of the Parent-Teacher Association wishes to express thanks to the patrons and friends who helped by their presence to make the evening a success.

## STATE REVENUE ACT CARRIES AN AD VALOREM TAX

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—Carrying an ad valorem tax of five cents on the hundred dollars for schools and a graduated income tax ranging from one to three per cent, the revenue act for 1921 was introduced in the lower branch of the General Assembly tonight and placed on its first reading.

It anticipates a little more than ten million dollars for the maintenance of the state government during the coming year and for the support of the educational and charitable institutions. The ad valorem tax is contrary to the hope of the "best minds," in the legislature, but with its announcement is the statement that North Carolina cannot hold a progressive stride without it.

The introduction of this bill in the house tonight by Governor Doughton and defeat before a committee this afternoon of the 1921 prohibition bill were the outstanding legislative developments of the day.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

#### OLD FORT

Old Fort, Feb. 21.—R. F. Goodson of Morganton spent Sunday in Old Fort, the guest of Mrs. Mary Allison.

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

Misses Lilly and Clara Smith spent Saturday and Sunday in Marion with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Robinson spent Saturday in Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Caplan entertained a few of their friends at dinner on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bradley have returned from a month's stay in Boca Grand, Florida. Mr. Bradley says fish are plentiful down there and that he caught more than he could carry every day; nice long ones, too.

Mrs. James Burgin's grandfather, Mr. Mackey, died Friday night. Interment was made in the family burying ground.

P. H. and J. M. Mashburn together with their families spent Sunday in Marion on account of the illness of their mother.

Josh McCurry of Asheville spent a few days last week in Old Fort, the guest of his mother.

Miss Margaret White of Asheville is spending a few days in town as the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Geo. Hyams.

Robert Davis, son of John Davis, of Old Fort, aged 17 years, died Saturday morning at 7 o'clock of meningitis.

Rev. R. L. Foster preached two interesting sermons at the Methodist church Sunday and Sunday night.

Miss Maude Crawford, after spending several days in Asheville, returned home a few days ago.

T. C. Bradley has returned home after spending some time in Asheville.

The junior basket ball teams of Marion and Old Fort played a very interesting game on the Old Fort court last Thursday evening. The game resulted in a victory for the Old Fort "Quint." Some nice plays were made on both sides.

#### MONTFORDS COVE

Nealsville, Feb. 21.—Miss Irene Harris and Mr. Jones Harris visited relatives at Maple creek the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Wick Bradley, who made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Julia Burgess, on Greasy creek, died last Wednesday and was buried at Bill's creek church Thursday.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Harris was buried at Montford's Cove church Sunday.

C. Y. Banning of Marion visited homefolks here Saturday and Sunday.

Oak Hill and Oak Grove schools played a match game of ball last week, the score resulting 2 to 1 in favor of Oak Hill.

The young folks of the community will give a play at Oak Hill school house Saturday night, Feb. 26. The play will be followed by a pie supper.

Miss Annie Sue Harris, who is attending school at Marion, spent the week-end here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Harris gave a delightful social affair Saturday night in honor of their daughter, Miss Annie Sue, who celebrated her 13th birthday.

Miss Mary Lee Wilkerson has returned to Spindale where she has a position.

Mrs. Vinnie Harris and daughter, Mrs. Ina Parker, spent Tuesday at the home of W. G. Harris.

Richard Harris of Old Fort is visiting his parents here.

John Hall is right sick.

E. W. Flack is erecting a new kitchen and dining room to his dwelling at the Koon place.

#### NEBO

Nebo, Feb. 22.—On Friday evening, Feb. 18, the members of the N. H. N. and B. L. S. Literary Societies of Nebo High school gave a play, "The Little Clodhopper." The characters portrayed their originals so well that one felt himself really seeing the actions of a lot of witty, rough, original, and sensible country-folk. Tenny Brown as Mrs. Chiggerson-Boggs, Glenn Snipes as George Chiggerson, Reid Bird as Septimus Green, Rufus Somers as Ocie Gump, Myra Quinn as Miss Beam, and Lena Spencer as "The Little Clod-hopper" deserve special mention as amateur actors. Miss Spencer, the heroine of the play, never has to stop to plan a mischievous prank or think of a witty remark. In fact she is the little girl imp, ready for any occasion. Something over \$19.00 was received at the door. The boys and girls expect to give other places the opportunity of seeing this attractive play.

On Friday evening, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p. m., the children of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades will have their annual exercises. They will present the operetta, "The Enchanted Wood." Six children wandering in the woods begin to quarrel and are lured into the Enchanted Wood where the faeries throw them into a deep sleep. Mother Goose transforms them into such characters as Jack Horner, Bopeep, etc. Thus they remain until their teacher sends a Boy Police to their rescue. These in turn are lured by the faeries until they meet the Queen who changes them to rigid statues. At length they are released and after wandering all night find their way back to their disconsolate teacher.

#### GARDEN CITY

Garden City, Feb. 14.—Dorothy Sue, the two-months-old daughter of Mrs. Bessie Sealy, died Friday, Feb. 11. Interment was made at Carson's Chapel Saturday. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved mother, sisters and brother.

Mrs. J. D. and Mrs. D. A. Snipes visited in Marion last week.

J. E. Snipes of Marion spent the week-end with homefolks here.

J. S. Collis was in Marion one day last week.

T. Queen of Cleveland county spent the week-end on Clear Creek, the guest of C. W. Wilson.

Misses Agnes and Annie Snipes and Annie Bradley and Messrs. J. S. Collis and J. E. Snipes visited at the home of C. W. Wilson on Clear Creek, Sunday.

#### CATAWBA VALLEY

Old Fort, Rt. 1, Feb. 21.—Bulow Kelly went to Mooresville last Saturday on business.

Leon Silver returned last Saturday from Jefferson City where he has been spending several months with his parents.

Miss Annie Bradley spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Misses Annie and Hattie Bradley went to Marion last Saturday.

Master Alfred Porter was badly injured last Thursday when a horse kicked him.

We are glad to know that Mrs. C. S. Bailey is improving slowly after an extended illness.

H. A. Hensley went to Ridgecrest today on business.

#### DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, Feb. 21.—R. H. Cowan made a business trip to Marion last Monday.

Van Mangum is home from Charlotte, where he has been attending a barber school for the past six weeks.

Obe Biggerstaff has moved in our little village, occupying the house vacated by W. A. Carswell some time ago.

W. B. Daves is attending court in Marion this week.

Miss Belle McGimpsey spent the week-end with Miss Evelyn Gettys at her home at Patton.

Bertie Laughridge is visiting in Marion.

## HARDING FINISHES HIS CABINET SLATE

### Hughes Designated as Secretary of State—Denby Given Navy Portfolio.

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 22.—President-elect Harding has reached a tentative decision on every place in his cabinet, and unless there are last minute changes the official circle of the next administration will be composed of these men:

Secretary of state—Charles Evans Hughes, of New York, former governor, justice of the Supreme court and republican nominee for the presidency.

Secretary of the treasury—Andrew W. Mellon of Pennsylvania, a banker and financier, member of a family reputed to be among the wealthiest in the country.

Secretary of war—John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, former United States senator and in 1916 a candidate for the presidential nomination.

Attorney general—Harry M. Dougherty of Ohio, who managed the pre-convention campaign which resulted in Mr. Harding's nomination.

Postmaster-general—Will H. Hays of Indiana, chairman of the republican national committee.

Secretary of the navy—Edwin Denby of Michigan, a former member of congress who has served as an enlisted man in both the navy and marine corps.

Secretary of the interior—Albert B. Fall of New Mexico, now a United States senator.

Secretary of agriculture—Henry Wallace of Iowa, editor of farm publications.

Secretary of commerce—Herbert Hoover of California, former food administrator and conspicuous leader in various movements for European relief.

Secretary of labor—James J. Davis of Pennsylvania and Illinois, a former union steel worker who has become highest official of the Moose fraternity.

#### Possible Changes.

If changes are made they are most likely to affect the appointments for navy, commerce and labor, all of which are understood to have come to the point of decision within the last 24 hours.

We are glad to learn that Ernest Satterwhite, who is in the State Sanatorium, is improving slowly in health. His many friends hope he will be able to return home in a few months.

The public school is progressing nicely under the management of Mr. Davis.

Obe Biggerstaff made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

Frank Biggerstaff is the mail man at present on the Dysartsville Star route.

W. G. Bates is attending court in Marion this week.

#### PINNACLE

Pinnacle, Feb. 21.—James Gallion of Kentucky and Mrs. Maggie Keplinger of Erwin, Tenn., are spending a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gallion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gettys were in Marion last Saturday.

Mrs. J. P. Walker is spending a few days with her aunt in Marion.

Russell and Evelyn Gettys were in Marion one day last week.

Misses Vannie Rito and Florence Gettys visited their aunt in Burke county during the week.

Miss Belle McGimpsey spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Evelyn Gettys.

Mrs. W. B. Sisk was in Glen Alpine Monday.

Eugene Gallion spent Sunday with his uncle, Bert Haney, near Greenwood.

John Gettys was in Morganton last Sunday.

The Belgian Congo is about 88 times the size of Belgium.