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TOWN BUYS LOT FOR A MUNICIPAL BUILDING

May Erect Building in Near Future—Traffic Signs for Main Street.

It is understood that the town officials have recently purchased a nice sized lot, well located, and contemplate erecting in the near future a building thereon to contain the offices of the mayor, secretary and treasurer, and superintendent of water works; room for the new city fire truck; and room to provide sleeping quarters for one or more firemen; also a place to keep waterworks appurtenances, and other town property. The stable will be moved to the rear end of this lot.

In taking this step, it is felt that the town has done what should have been done a long while in the past when property values were much less. The different offices have been scattered, with no place to keep permanent records; and the town has owned no place to keep or have anything.

It is estimated that the rents now paid or that would have to be paid when quarters for the new truck were provided would equal or amount to more than the interest on the lot and proposed building; so that this undertaking may be regarded as an investment and not as an expense.

In connection with the new fire department, it is expected that later the town will be divided into four sections or wards, and an electric siren provided to take the place of the present old bell. With this alarm system installed in Central office, not only quicker action in responding to alarms can be had, but also information furnished as to the location of fire.

Marion now has a fine volunteer fire department, and the citizens should take pride in it, and give it their hearty encouragement and cooperation.

If present hopes and expectations are realized, Main street will soon have three traffic signs of reinforced concrete at the intersections of Depot, Court and Church streets; and these traffic signs surmounted with ornamental metal columns or pillars, each pillar probably carrying four illumination globed lights and one small red globe.

If these additions give satisfactory results, it is probable that they will be followed by several others at street intersections; several citizens having expressed a desire to have them and pay for a good part of the installations.

When the drinking fountain was installed last spring at the corner of Main and Depot streets, it was the intention to put another at the corner of Court and Main streets; but the location was never fully decided upon, and it was left over. It will probably be placed at an early date on the corner of the court house lot; or, if disposal of the drainage there gives trouble, on one of the other corners. It has been suggested also that one be placed at the Southern Railway station.

From the commendations heard, it is felt that the town did a good thing in providing a place where a visitor or resident may obtain a cool drink of our own exclusive fine water.

GRAMMAR GRADE SPRING CARNIVAL

The Grammar grade section of the Parent-Teacher Association will on Saturday afternoon and night, April 2nd, give a Spring carnival on the court house lawn. Booths and tents will be placed on the court house green for special attractions, such as old plantation show, fortune telling, merry-go-round, sale of candy, popcorn peanuts and lemonade. The gentle mule with unshaven tail will be there for the children to ride.

Make your plans now to take an afternoon or evening off to buy confetti, a fancy paper cap, to have your fortune told and have a general good time with the young folks.

HIGHWAY OFFICIALS MEET.

A joint meeting of State and County Road Commissioners was held at the court house Monday to discuss the new plan of highway building by State and county authorities. Mr. John McBee, recently appointed State highway commissioner for the eighth district, was present to confer with H. F. Little, chairman, W. P. Artz and R. P. Morris, county highway commissioners. Heriot Clarkson of Charlotte, Dr. and Mrs. Sloop of Avery county, and a number of local citizens were also present at the meeting.

County road officials and other local road supporters pledged their hearty cooperation to Mr. McBee in his work as commissioner for this district. Mr. McBee responded with a promise of doing everything within his power to help this section in the new plan of road building. It will be his policy to leave nothing undone, looking to giving this district a system of roads that will be in keeping with the interests of this section, and that will aid in the development of these mountain counties.

McDowell county, it is said, will, by reason of its geographical location, in that it is the gate-way to the Western part of the State, get probably more miles of hard surface roads than any other county in the State. Under the new plan the State highway contemplates connecting all the county seats and larger towns. With Marion as the center of the county, and the county seat, roads will go out to Burke, Avery, Mitchell, Buncombe, Henderson and Rutherford counties.

Mr. McBee expects to get his work organized and the actual construction of the roads started just as soon as possible.

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NEW TAX LAW

Under the new law passed at the last session of the general assembly the board of county commissioners during the month of April in each year will appoint a county supervisor, who will be the county auditor, to have general supervision of listing personal property in the townships of the county. The assistants in each township will act as list-takers and assessors.

Methods for securing the information will be arranged at a meeting of the supervisors at the courthouse the first Monday in May. They will begin work on the day following and will complete their work as soon as practicable. The township assessors will advertise in various places during April, notifying all taxpayers to return to him all real and personal, which the taxpayer may own on the first of May. The assessor is authorized to administer oaths in all cases necessary to obtain correct information concerning the taxable property.

The board of county commissioners and the county board of appraisers will meet jointly in April, as a county board of review to determine if the real value of property as heretofore appraised is in excess of the fair value of such property at the time of meetings.

The county board will have the authority to hear and determine specific complaints of over-valuation or over-valuation of any particular tracts of real property and after the general equalization order has been made, any person who owns property subject to taxation and who finds the property stands assessed for taxation, after the equalization order has been made, may have the tract re-assessed and re-appraised by the board, by filing with the clerk of the county board an application during the month of May.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Sunday School at the Clinchfield Baptist church next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and preaching at 11.

Sunday School at East Marion Baptist church at 10 a. m. and preaching at 7:30 p. m.

E. J. Jones, Pastor.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, March 29.—Mrs. G. B. Strickland and daughter, Elizabeth, spent Saturday in Marion.

Misses Millie and Bula Kanipe and Mae Allison, who are attending the N. C. College for women in Greensboro, spent Easter with homefolks.

Miss Millie Kanipe was in Marion, Saturday.

Miss Thelma Grant of Asheville spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks here.

Miss Geneva Allison, who is teaching in Glenwood, was at home Saturday and Sunday.

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

Miss Grace Arney, of Davenport College, Lenoir, is visiting homefolks here.

Winslow Arney has returned from Akron, Ohio.

Miss Helen Davis of Forest City has been visiting friends here.

Miss Grace Bradley, secretary of the conference Epworth League, organized an Epworth League at the Methodist church Sunday night.

Miss Hackney, returned Missionary from China, spoke at the Methodist church Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Nichols and children and Miss Nannie Nichols spent Monday in Old Fort.

Miss Jennie Stirewalt has been attending the meeting at Elhanan.

Miss Clydia Stuart, who has been visiting relatives here, returned to her home in Tennessee Saturday.

Misses Margaret and Christine White of Asheville spent the week-end in Old Fort visiting relatives.

Mrs. Stirewalt spent Monday in Marion.

Joe Crawford, who is in college at Spartanburg, spent Easter with his parents.

Dr. and Mrs. D. M. McIntosh gave a party in honor of the tenth anniversary of their daughter, Carolyn, Saturday, March 21.

Harry Ditmore spent Easter Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Sandlin.

Miss Mary Kathryn Hester, who has been visiting Miss Frances Artz, left yesterday for Winston-Salem, where she will attend the Easter dances.

Miss Clair Artz, one of the teachers at St. Genevieve, is spending the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Artz.

Mrs. McCanless, who has been ill at the Mission hospital in Asheville, returned home Sunday.

B. L. Lunsford, Marion district secretary Epworth League, was in Old Fort Sunday, assisting Miss Bradley in the organization of the Epworth League.

William and Frank Allen were called out of town Monday on account of the illness of their uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Byrd have returned home after a visit in Marion.

Ed. White, the electrician, has returned to his work in Old Fort.

Frank Wilkinson arrived home Sunday after a visit in Atlanta, sight-seeing.

Harry Burgin, who has been attending school in Raleigh, has returned home.

LAUREL HILL

Nebo, Rt. 1, March 28.—J. E. Decker and Senator J. E. Kanipe of Marion were business visitors here last Monday.

Miss Ella and Nora McCurry have gone to Marion where they have taken up employment for the present.

T. C. McDaniel of Cliffside was a visitor here on Sunday of last week.

Zeb Foster and Ralph Morrison of Cane creek and Guy Cochran of Cliffside were visitors at the home of J. F. Foster last week.

The Laurel Hill and Dysartsville

ball teams engaged in a match game Saturday, the score resulting 11 to 13 in favor of Laurel Hill.

Charlie Dixon of Asheville stopped off with his aunt, Mrs. G. C. Ellington, one day last week on his way to visit his brother and sister at Rock Hill, S. C. He goes to Mississippi soon where he has accepted a position.

Misses Kate and Hessie Waters and Callie Dixon of Marion spent Easter with homefolks here.

Jake Price of Kings Mountain spent Easter with his parents here.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Pyatt, March 27th, a daughter.

Miss Ella Walker of Marion spent the week-end with Miss Myrtle Foster.

An egg hunt was given for the school children on last Friday which was greatly enjoyed by all present. The school will close March 31st, after a very successful term with Miss Lillie Landis as teacher.

MONTFORDS COVE

Union Mills, Rt. 1, March 28.—We are having some very fine weather and the farmers are taking advantage of it.

The young folks of the neighborhood enjoyed an egg hunt at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Harris.

Miss Grace Hemphill, who has been in school in Marion, is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hemphill.

Miss Annie Sue Harris spent Easter with her parents here.

An interesting game of ball was played between the married men and single boys at the Oak Hill school ground Saturday afternoon. The score was 14 to 9 in favor of the boys.

Charlie Banning and family are moving to Marion today.

Molo Ledbetter and Robert Harris were visitors at the home of Rev. M. M. Huntley Saturday and Sunday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Verno Harris, March 21, twin girls.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hemphill visited their daughter near High Shoals during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hall visited relatives at Sugar Hill yesterday.

Ed. Ledbetter and family spent Easter with Mrs. Ledbetter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mont Murphy.

NEALSVILLE

Nealsville, March 23.—The Glenwood High School base ball team played a game with the Glenwood town boys Saturday afternoon with a score of 64 to 19 in favor of the high school boys.

Miss Celeste Penny spent the week-end at Nebo.

Little Hazel Swann and Doris Morris accompanied Miss Edith Lonon to her home at Pitts last week-end.

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

The triangle debaters are working hard for the coming debate Friday night. Everyone is cordially invited to come.

Mrs. Adam Nanny spent Saturday and Sunday at Union Mills.

Mrs. Claude Morris visited her parents at Spindale, last week.

Miss Bessie Raburn of Erwin, Tenn., spent the week-end here.

Misses Millie and Bula Kanipe and Floyd Dell Tate spent Sunday in Glenwood.

NEBO

Nebo, March 28.—On Friday evening, April 1st, Glenwood and Nebo high schools will meet each other in the State triangular debate. The affirmative of each team will remain at home and debate the negative of the other school. Those on the affirmative team at Nebo are Misses Lena Spencer and Myra Quinn. Those on the negative going to Glenwood to debate against their affirmative are Misses Ada Henly and Zula Stone.

Nebo school and community has forwarded \$27.01 to Robert Brown, treasurer, for the Armenian and Syrian Relief fund.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The city manager form of government was adopted by the citizens of Durham in an election Tuesday.

The Champion Fibre company at Canton, it is announced, has ordered that wages of their employes be cut from 12 1/2 to 30 per cent. It is said about 1,000 men are now at work in the big paper plant and all will be affected by the new scale of wages.

Referee E. K. Mallontt, of Murphy, in the Jackson county election case, Saturday allowed the motion of non-suit as made by the respondent. This means that the noted case will go before higher courts on the question of whether the original precinct returns are prima facie evidence of election.

That North Carolina is making great headway in the enforcement of the liquor laws is the opinion of Col. John S. Cunningham, federal prosecution inspector, who is in Asheville for a few days. He says he has completed a tour of the mountain counties and finds the various officers are on the alert for blockaders and bootleggers and that the courts are dealing out drastic sentences to violators. The inspector considers the state is making headway in the enforcement of the law.

WORK ON CROOKED CREEK ROAD WILL BEGIN SOON

The McDowell County Highway Commission on Monday signed up all contracts and accepted bond of Alexander and Patton for work on the Crooked Creek project let at the last regular meeting of the commission. This project is a continuation of the Crooked Creek and Broad River project running from the central highway at Old Fort toward the Henderson county line at Bat Cave. The estimated cost of the work will be about \$15,000.

Contractors Patton and Alexander are now erecting camps and placing material and machinery on the ground for the construction of this link of highway. The road will be built according to State specifications.

PRESIDENT GILKEY IS SUES CALL TO CITIZENS

Mr. J. Q. Gilkey, president of the Western North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, in an interview says: "County units of the Western North Carolina Chamber of Commerce should be organized before April 10th. I therefore urge the business men in Marion and McDowell county and all citizens who are interested in the upbuilding and welfare of McDowell county and Western North Carolina to join this organization at once and give it your hearty support."

Personally, Mr. Gilkey believes the possibilities for western North Carolina through this organization are incalculable, and he has appointed committees to canvass Marion and McDowell county to solicit membership in the organization. He solicits the hearty support of the citizens of McDowell in this great undertaking. The annual membership dues and fee is \$10.00.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

Quarterly conference will be held this week at Pisgah, Thermal City circuit, on Thursday at 11 o'clock; at Nebo Saturday at 11 o'clock and at Carson's Chapel next Sunday at 3 o'clock.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

To the voters of the town of Marion: I am depending only on the support of the voters who know that I will give my earnest attention to promoting their best interest in town government.

Yours respectfully,
BEN PRICE.