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## WESTERN N. C. CHAMBER COMMERCE ORGANIZES

### D. F. Giles Elected Managing Director—Constitution and By-Laws Adopted.

The Western North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, of which Mr. D. F. Giles is president, met at the Langren Hotel on last Friday and completed the organization by electing Mr. D. F. Giles managing director. Other officers are: T. L. Gwin, of Springville, vice-president; J. S. Trotter, of Franklin, vice-president, and N. Buckner of Asheville, secretary. Mr. Giles was elected with opposition at a meeting of the executive board immediately following the meeting of the directors on Friday afternoon. A number of applicants were on file for the consideration of the executive committee. The committee, after proper consideration, decided that Mr. Giles was the proper man for the place. His qualifications as an executive and organizer as well as a good speaker and writer, it was thought, would enable him to go to the various thirty-one counties of Western North Carolina and so organize them as to make the organization a powerful factor in the development of the many great resources found in Western North Carolina. At first he will devote his entire time to this field work, and to getting the citizens of the counties in the western part of the State ready for advancing the purpose of the organization.

President Gilkey in a brief, pointed speech, summed the idea of organization in the following manner: To collect data on Western North Carolina and to give information to the world upon subjects about which there are no conflicts of interest; to make surveys of counties and communities that will aid local commercial bodies and individuals in giving specific information on local assets and needs; to create a pull-together spirit for the substantial development of every section of the West; to encourage and promote community and building rivalry; to educate all of our people to the possibilities of our great section, and to make every man and woman believers of the truth that we can and will ultimately be the commercial tourists' playground of America.

Any county organization having a purpose like the Chamber will be eligible to membership. Any citizen living, or corporation operating or having interest in said area is eligible to membership. All applications for membership must be acted upon by the board of directors of the executive committee, and two-thirds majority of those present when voting shall be necessary to elect the applications for membership. Membership will be \$10.00, and will entitle the member to one ballot for directors. There were two hundred and twenty-one paid members in the Friday meeting, of whom sixty-seven were from McDowell County. The organization should soon have at least two thousand members, an average of one hundred to every county. McDowell, starting off with sixty-seven members, should find it easy to reach the one hundred goal mark.

At the Asheville meeting constitution and by-laws were adopted governing the management and control of the organization. The offices of the organization will be located in Asheville. The annual meetings of the officers will be held at such time and place as shall be decided by the directors.

### SCHOOL CLOSING.

The Dysartville school will close Friday, April 29. An interesting program, consisting of recitations, drills, songs and plays, has been arranged for the closing exercises on Friday night.

Services at St. John's church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.

## McCALL-DANIEL WEDDING.

Lynchburg, Va., April 16—Palms, ferns and Spring flowers formed a pretty background for the wedding at noon on April 16, of Miss Elizabeth May Daniel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Daniel of this city, to Mr. Geo. S. McCall of Marion, N. C. The marriage was celebrated at the Rivermont Avenue Baptist Church, Dr. R. A. McFarland officiating.

Just before the bridal party entered Mrs. P. S. Adkerson sang "I Know a Lovely Garden" with Mrs. Geo. Flippin presiding at the organ. Lohengrin's bridal chorus was rendered as processional and Mendelssohn's wedding march as recessional. "To a Wild Rose," by MacDowell, was played softly during the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She was becomingly attired in a tricotine suit of midnight blue with hat of blue and silver and carried a shower of brides roses and swansonia.

Miss Ellie Frances White, maid of honor, wore a gown of orchid satin, hand embroidered with purple georgette picture hat and carried a shower of pansies. Little Misses Dorothy Agee and Virginia Royster, flower girls wore quaint frocks of white organdie with pink bonnets and carried baskets of Spring flowers.

Dr. A. C. McCall of Asheville, N. C., brother of the groom, was best man. The ushers were Messrs. C. H. Spencer, Floyd Ferguson, H. O. Bradley and S. H. Daniel.

Mr. McCall for a number of years has been connected with the Lynchburg Shoe Co., being one of their leading salesmen.

Mr. and Mrs. McCall left immediately after the ceremony for an extensive trip south and will be at home after May 1, at Marion, N. C.

## GLENWOOD BOND ELECTION CARRIES BY GOOD MAJORITY

The election in Glenwood township on last Saturday was carried by a good majority. Notwithstanding the continuous down-pour of rain, the voters, both men and women, gave testimony of their interest in schools by their presence at the polls, and favored with their ballot the bond issue.

The Glenwood high school was established something over two years ago. An election was held to vote a tax for school maintenance and immediately following this election, another election was called to vote bonds for a building. Both elections were carried and recently the progressive, public-spirited citizens decided that a dormitory and other equipment were necessary. They decided on a bond issue and the success at the polls on last Saturday is very gratifying to the people of the Glenwood community.

The bonds will be advertised and sold as soon as satisfactory sale can be effected. These bonds are sold by the County Board of Education, and the building and new equipment will be under the supervision of the Board.

## FAIRVIEW SCHOOL ELECTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A special school election in Fairview district, Nebo township, was held on last Tuesday to ascertain the will of the voters as to whether a special tax should be levied for school purposes. Practically all the voters in the district registered for the election. The returns showed that every qualified voter voted in favor of the tax, the election being carried unanimously in favor of the same.

The Fairview district adjoins the Nebo High School district and for some time the people have been anxious to improve their school advantages. It is their intention to have the school building repaired, and better equipment provided. The special tax money will be available for this purpose.

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

[Correspondents will please bear in mind that all communications for publication must be signed by writer.—Editor.]

### OLD FORT

Old Fort, April 19.—The revival being held at the Baptist church by Dr. Bowers of Morganton is attended by large congregations. Much interest is being taken.

Mrs. Kaufman and son of Philadelphia are visiting Mr. Terrel.

Mrs. Alfred Dula of Lenoir visited Mrs. Henry Westermann a few days ago.

Mrs. Ed. Winslow, Mrs. Fry and Mrs. Ballinger of Asheville were in Old Fort a few days ago attending the funeral of Joe Hemphill.

Mrs. Tillet of Charlotte visited Miss Lillie Lytle last week.

Miss Madeline Mashburn has returned home from Goldsboro where she attended the wedding of one of her friends.

L. J. Stirewalt, who works at Mooresville, is spending a few days with his family here.

Michael Carter of Waynesville visited friends in Old Fort last week.

Miss Camilla Welsh of South Carolina is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. K. Allison.

The heavy frost Monday night killed most all of the vegetables.

Mrs. Lizzie Beam spent several days last week in Atlanta.

Ike Caplin and Reid Grant have opened a new grocery store in one of G. W. Sandlin's new buildings.

Black Mountain and Old Fort played a very interesting game of baseball one day last week. The score was 4 and 3 in favor of Old Fort. The tie was not broken until the 11th inning.

Rev. R. L. Foster recently closed a revival meeting on Mill creek which resulted in several additions to the church.

C. C. Arrington has installed a corn mill at his home and will do grinding for the public.

### NEBO

Nebo, April 18.—The revival meeting which was held here last week by Rev. Mr. Brown and Rev. Grady Nanne, of Tennessee, closed last week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wilson, April 10th, a daughter.

Misses Hattie and Maggie Taylor spent the week-end with homefolks here.

A number of folks attended the entertainment given by the Bonerian Literary Society at Nebo High school Friday night.

The heaviest rain that we have had for a long time fell Saturday evening, followed by a hail storm, doing some damage.

Mrs. Frank Wilson, and Mrs. Tolbert Scott visited relatives in Rutherfordton last week.

Watson Wilson of Harmony Grove spent the week-end here with homefolks.

Dock England is visiting relatives here for a few days.

C. M. Hemphill and family have moved into their new house which has just been completed.

Mrs. John Sigmon is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Hemphill, near Salisbury.

### LAUREL HILL

Nebo, Rt. 1, April 18.—Rev. L. J. Jones of Marion was here on business one day last week.

Mrs. M. O. Price of Forest City is spending some time here with her brother, L. G. Price.

Lafayette Arrowood and children of Thermal City spent last Friday and Saturday with his mother-in-law, Mrs. M. L. McCurry.

L. A. Haney of Nealsville was here on business last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Link of Pinnacle were visitors at the home of L. G.

Price last Sunday.

Paul Ricketts left recently for Great Falls, S. C., where he has accepted a position.

Mrs. J. S. Condrey of Alexander recently visited her mother, Mrs. J. Webb Walker, who has been right sick. Mrs. Walker is reported much better now.

A singing was enjoyed by a large crowd at the home of L. G. Price on last Sunday afternoon.

C. Y. Pyatt was in Marion on business last Saturday.

The farmers of this community are very busy now planting and preparing to plant. All indications at the present time point to a good wheat harvest this year as winter wheat is looking fine throughout this section of country.

The recent cold snap seems to have practically relieved the fruit growers of all trouble of fruit marketing for the present year. The prospects were very promising through this section and "Jack Frost" was a very unwelcome visitor.

### GARDIN

Gardin, April 18.—The recent rain Saturday washed away the bridge on the Glenwood road here.

Mrs. Grayson Craig was shopping in Marion one day last week.

Miss Mamie Bowman spent the week-end with homefolks.

J. B. Higgins left Saturday for Lowell, N. C.

Mrs. Ed. Bowman has been on the sick list but is improving.

Miss Blanche Spith spent Sunday with Miss Beulah Wacaser.

Mrs. Fred Webb and children of Lexington have been visiting relatives near Gardin.

Miss Emma Higgins leaves Wednesday for Shelby.

Mills Craig of Marion spent one evening last week with his mother, Mrs. J. W. Craig.

Mrs. "Doc" Wood and children of Marion visited relatives here during the week.

Miss Lela Marlow was shopping in Marion one day last week.

Grayson Craig made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

The entire fruit crop of this section was destroyed by the cold snap.

### CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, April 18.—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Huffman and daughter, Miss Bertha, are visiting relatives in Hickory this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Parker of Marion spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barnes.

J. H. Rayburn of Nealsville has returned home after a visit to his sister, Mrs. J. T. Barnes.

G. Poteet made a business trip to Marion, Saturday.

This section was visited by a severe electric storm Saturday afternoon accompanied by wind, rain and hail. Considerable damage was done.

Marion, April 18.—We had a heavy hail storm Saturday.

John England and Frank Swann conducted prayer-meeting at Andrew Yount's Sunday afternoon.

A. Yount visited his daughter, Mrs. M. A. Bright, Sunday.

Mrs. Etta Poteet is on the sick list.

### WALNUT GROVE

Old Fort, April 18.—Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Grant and Mrs. J. P. Jordan and daughter, Miss Mae, of Old Fort visited relatives near Greenlee one day last week.

Mrs. J. A. Moody was right sick last week but is better.

Mr. and Mrs. Mm. Ed. McCall and children and Miss Livingston, all of Asheville, spent Thursday night with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Harris spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moody.

J. G. McCall was in Old Fort Monday.

Bargains that will save you many dollars will escape you if you fail to read carefully and regularly the advertising of local merchants in The Progress.

## HEAVY TOLL BY STORMS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

### Over One Hundred Killed— Property Damage Will Run Into the Millions.

Memphis, Tenn., April 16.—Tornadoes which swept eastward from Texas to South Carolina last night and today claimed a total of approximately 100 lives, injured several hundred and damaged property and crops to the extent of millions of dollars, according to reports filtering into points of communication tonight from sections of the storm-swept area of half a dozen states.

The storm toll in lives, indicated in dispatches received up to midnight was as follows:

Texas—Six dead at the town of Avinger; one dead at Atlanta and several others reported killed near O'Farrell.

Arkansas—Twenty dead near the town of Hope; 18 in the vicinity of Texarkana; 15 prescott; one at Gravelly, Yell county; one at Deleight, Pike county; three near Russellville, Hope county. Several other deaths were reported in isolated sections of Hempstead county but the reports had not been verified tonight.

Mississippi—Five persons killed at Steen, near Columbus; one at Sontag; one at Rural Hill, near Aberdeen; one killed in an accident near Laurel, Ala.; five dead at Cave Springs, near Tusculumbia; four at Ralph, Tuscaloosa county; three at Sulligent, Lamar county; one in Dallas county.

In Tennessee property damage was reported at Newport, Lynnville and Connersville. In Memphis a torrential rainstorm damaged roads and bridges to the extent of approximately \$10,000.

In Alabama 10 persons were injured at Birmingham. Property damage at that city was estimated at \$200,000. Other towns in Alabama where property damage was reported, included Waverly and Opelika.

In Mississippi considerable damage was reported in Jackson due to a record breaking rainfall and the town of Sumrall was flooded by the breaking of a mill dam.

At Rome, Ga., property damage was estimated at \$225,000.

The storm damage in South Carolina, so far reported, was confined to the wrecking of several buildings near Anderson.

No accurate estimate of the number injured in Arkansas, where the storm apparently wrought the greatest havoc was available tonight but indications were that the total would be a hundred or more.

## MARION RESERVE MILITIA TO BE DEMOBILIZED

Capt. D. A. Kanipe, commanding officer of the 19th company North Carolina reserve militia, has received communication from Adjutant General Metts, Raleigh, ordering him to demobilize the company and ship the rifles to adjutant general at Raleigh. Captain Kanipe is now making out the discharges for the enlisted personnel. The company will be ordered together the last of the week for the last time for the purpose of turning in the rifles and receiving their discharges.

The 19th company war organized early in the war after the regular North Carolina National home guards had been called into overseas service.

## THE AVERAGE MAN.

"The Average Man," a splendid play in five acts, will be presented by the high school pupils at the Clinchfield school auditorium Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The play will also be given at Glenwood school building Friday night, April 22, and at Greenlee school building Saturday night, April 23. Twenty-five per cent of the door receipts will go to the Greenlee and Glenwood schools. The Clinchfield Band will furnish music at each place.