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MARION ON BOOM; MUCH BUILDING BEING DONE

Building Program Includes Number of New Residences and Business Houses.

Marion is again on the boom. More constructive work is now under way than at any one time for the past several years. The work that is going on includes both residence and business construction. Recently completed was the beautiful residence on Main street by Mr. J. W. Pless at a cost of several thousand dollars. Mr. H. F. Little has completed a new home adjoining that of Mr. Pless, and the new residence now being erected by Mr. Eugene Cross in the same section will soon be completed. These three residences alone will amount into thousands of dollars. The residences being erected on Court street by C. W. Davis and by Thomas Finley are also going up. On Pullman Hill, C. F. James is building a number of cottages, and in the same section W. F. Grant is erecting a beautiful bungalow. On west Court street a substantial residence is being built by Charlie Cannon.

A modern garage of brick and concrete construction on East Court street is being built by W. C. Smith. On Henderson street near the depot the Marion Grocery company plans to erect a business building that will cost a neat sum. On Depot street W. H. Hawkins is building three store buildings that will call for the expenditure of several thousand dollars. The town will erect a city hall on Logan street at a cost of several thousand dollars.

Contemplated improvements are the erection of a modern high school building costing \$65,000.00, and a new Court House costing \$150,000.00 and up. The latter improvements are contingent upon the issuance of bonds sufficient to do this work. With all this constructive work going on, labor in Marion and vicinity is assured of regular employment. While other sections are suffering from depression in business this section continues to go forward.

CONTRACTS LET FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The contracts let last Thursday by the State highway commission from the local office here are interesting indeed. Project 84 B, McDowell county, piece of road leading from C. C. and O. junction to Marion, distance of two miles and a tenth was let to Bolton Construction company of Marion at a figure around \$52,000. This is a much needed piece of road and will connect the junction with Marion leading through the mill district of the Clinchfield Manufacturing company, and the Marion Manufacturing company and will be built of concrete 18 feet in width.

Project 78 C, of Rutherford county, to be built of sand clay, top dressing, from a distance of six miles east of Rutherford leading ten miles west. This contract was let to Geer and Wilson at the price of \$55,000. Vance Wilson is a member of this company and is a resident of McDowell county, and Mr. Geer is a resident of Rutherford county.

Project 96 of Yancey county is a bridge across Crab Tree creek and this project is let to Booz and Loyd company, Rome, Ga., at a figure around \$12,000. This bridge will connect project No. 94 B, Mitchell county, with project No. 96 A, Yancey county. It is located about six miles west of Spruce Pine.

Project 94 B, is in Mitchell county and was not let at this time.

Local citizens are especially interested in project 84 B, and it is said that the work will commence immediately. The Bolton Construction company is a local concern and has had a splendid record in its connection with the Southern Power company.

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

BRYSON-SNYDER COMPANY BUY TATE & WILSON

Bryson-Snyder Company consummated a deal last week in which they will take over the mercantile business now conducted by Tate & Wilson. It is understood that the deal has been pending for some time, but until a few days ago the contracting parties had not reached an agreement. The terms of the purchase provide that Bryson-Snyder Co. are to take over the business of Tate & Wilson July 1st. The business will be conducted at the present stand of Tate & Wilson.

The purchasers expect to conduct a general mercantile business of strictly first class and up-to-date quality of goods. The business will be divided into departments. The men's furnishings department, catering to men's furnishings, and the ladies' furnishings department will be leading features of the new organization.

The local branch of Bryson-Snyder company chain of stores has been under the management of Mr. Fred Bryson since the company opened up in Marion. Under Mr. Bryson's efficient management, the business has met with much success. Mr. Bryson will continue to be manager. Mr. J. M. Tate, one of the owners of Tate & Wilson, will be with Bryson-Snyder Company in the sales department. Mr. Tate is a merchant of wide experience and his many friends in Marion and McDowell county will be glad to learn that he will continue to serve them as one of the salesmen in the Bryson-Snyder company organization.

Mr. Wilson, junior member of the firm, as yet has not made any definite plans for the future.

FIRST CHAUTAUQUA PROGRAM PRESENTED YESTERDAY

The Redpath Chautauqua opened its week's engagement here yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the large tent which has been erected on the corner of Logan and Court streets. The attendance was good. The entertainment by the Hippie Concert Company and Geo. L. McNutt's lecture were highly appreciated.

The Irene Stolosky Company will present a pleasing program today at 4 p. m. and will also give a prelude at night at 8 o'clock, followed by Mr. Harry L. Fogleman's great lecture, "Success or Failure." Mr. Fogleman is a magnetic lecturer and a master orator. He appeals not only to the men but has a distinct message for every woman and child as well. The program for Friday and Saturday promise to be extremely interesting.

Alton Packard, master cartoonist and one of America's greatest humorists, will appear Monday with Grobecker's Swiss Yodlers. This attraction alone is said to be worth the price of a season ticket.

There will be a story hour at the graded school every afternoon at 3 o'clock with Miss Haynes in charge.

FOUR COUNTIES TO JOIN FOR COLORED REFORMATORY

Asheville Times.

A plan to include the counties of Haywood, McDowell and Henderson, with Buncombe, in securing establishment of a reformatory and children's home for colored juveniles, was decided upon at a meeting of colored citizens of Asheville held at the Y. M. I. Monday. Prof. W. S. Lee was elected permanent chairman; Rev. J. L. Beatty, of Hendersonville, was elected general chairman; N. M. Martin, secretary, and Robert B. Cannon, treasurer. H. L. Alston was named chairman for Buncombe county; Rev. J. T. Beatty, chairman for Henderson county.

An executive committee to formulate a program of action was appointed.

A mass meeting of interested persons from the four counties will be held at the Y. M. I. here Sunday, May 22, when the plan will be presented for public approval. Both city and county commissioners have indorsed the project.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, May 17.—Mr. Swann and son, Carl, of Nealsville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter LeFevre, Sunday.

B. Goforth of Nealsville visited his niece, Mrs. T. A. Porter, Sunday. Misses Mae Jordan and Flora Steppe left Sunday to attend the summer school at Round Hill.

A. C. Tate and two daughters, Fay and Edna, attended the baccalaureate sermon at Weaverville, Sunday.

A camping party consisting of Misses Pearl Evans, Katherine Bailey and Messrs. Clarence Mauney, Franz Strickland, Isaac Joyner, Harry Burgin and Oscar Keith, spent the week-end in the mountains. They report a splendid trip and the treat of having snowballed on Mt. Mitchell Sunday morning.

Misses Clara Comer, Grace Curtis, Stella and Nell Creasman and Messrs. Elmer Comer and Jack Fortune of Asheville, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Fortune last Sunday.

Miss Sallie Reynolds has returned from Sylvia, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Cowan, for the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. Devannie Lytle of Louisville, Ky., are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Lytle.

Mrs. Ben Burgin is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Willie Nichols, who lives at Forest City.

The Old Fort baseball team played the ball team at Montford's Cove, Saturday. The score was 17 to 3 in favor of Old Fort.

Miss Nannie Nichols, who has been in school at Forest City, has returned home.

T. L. Nichols attended the commencement exercises at Forest City last week.

Several people of this place attended the decoration at Montford's Cove last Saturday.

Mrs. M. A. Nesbitt and Miss Annie B. Noblitt left Monday to visit relatives in Johnson City, Tenn.

Rev. R. L. Foster and G. B. Strickland made a trip to Nebo Saturday in the interest of the Christian education movement.

Rev. C. M. Pickens of Morganton gave an interesting stereopticon lecture on Christian Education Tuesday night at the Methodist church.

B. L. Lunsford of Marion will lecture at the school auditorium Thursday night on North Carolina Folk Lore and Poetry.

CLINCHFIELD

Marion, May 17.—Our village is making substantial progress. Building material is being placed on the lot donated by the Marion Manufacturing Company for the erection of a Baptist church which it is hoped to have completed soon. About half of the cottages in the village have been screened and carpenters at work on the job expect to complete the work by June 10th. So it's good-by, Mr. Fly. The marine engine has also arrived which when installed will furnish electric lights for the entire village. Other improvements are contemplated in the near future.

T. M. Flack, our boss weaver, broke all records last month in the State, we believe, by producing 114 1-2 per cent production. He is "some weaver."

The baseball ground has been put in good shape and with a good team organized some interesting games may be expected soon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Baldwin arrived yesterday from Baltimore.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brown, May 15, a son.

LAUREL HILL

Nebo, Rt. 1, May 16.—A large number of people from this commu-

nity attended Memorial services at Dysartsville last Sunday.

Jesse Price and B. R. Foster visited friends at Hollis and Big Spring recently.

Clyde Dixon of Lynchburg, Va., spent a few days here last week with homefolks.

R. L. Queen and family of Mooresboro visited friends and relatives in this neighborhood during the week.

Miss Bess Cowan of Rutherfordton is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ellington.

Z. V. Whitener of New House spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Whitener.

Misses Kate and Mollie McDaniel of Rutherfordton spent a few days recently with relatives in this community.

Quite a large crowd enjoyed a social singing at the home of Mrs. M. L. McCurry on last Saturday night.

CATAWBA VALLEY

Old Fort, Rt. 1, May 16.—Miss Belle Ownsby of Old Fort spent the week-end with Miss Lola Allison.

Willie Hicks and William Tisdale attended the Memorial services at Montford's Cove last Saturday.

Miss Annie Bradley went to Marion last week on business.

Misses Eula Banning and Jennie Burgin of Crooked Creek spent Sunday at the home of J. W. Bradley.

Mrs. T. A. Porter has been on the sick list.

J. W. Bradley and two sons, Garland and Clarence, went to Marion on business last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Griffin visited their daughter on Crooked Creek Sunday.

Miss Louise Fleming spent the week-end with homefolks.

Miss Flora Steppe went to Marion yesterday.

Miss Lula Hicks was in Marion last week on business.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Rt. 2, May 17.—Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Davis, and Misses Hattie Gilbert and Rooney Daugherty spent the week-end in Montford's Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Lytle of Louisville, Ky., are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Lytle.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lavender and little son of Rock Hill, S. C., are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lavender.

Miss Ellie Jolly of Marion visited her sister, Mrs. Ed. Vess, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lavender and children and Rev. C. P. Holland visited relatives in Marion Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner spent Sunday with relatives near Bethlehem.

Mrs. Joe Davis has been very sick for sometime.

Miss Addie Lavender has entered the summer school at Union Mills.

CURFEW

Curfew, May 17.—J. F. Turner and family were visitors here Sunday.

J. T. Reel made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

Mrs. Enoc Reel has been right sick with influenza, but is some better now.

Little Fay Lail of Marion is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. John Reel.

Mrs. G. G. Morgan and daughter, Miss Reba, spent Saturday in Old Fort.

DR. DURHAM SPEAKS IN INTEREST OF EDUCATION

Dr. Plato Durham addressed a large audience at the Methodist church here last Sunday night. He spoke in the interest of the educational movement of the Methodist church and delivered a most forceful and earnest appeal to his audience and much evidence is seen of the good effect of his talk.

This is the first time that a Marion audience has had the opportunity of listening to Dr. Durham and many were present. It is thought that many donations will be received by the local committee as a result of his address.

CLINCHFIELD SCHOOL ENDS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Splendid Program Rendered at Closing Exercises Thursday and Friday Night.

The Clinchfield High School closed its most successful year last week. The closing exercises began Thursday night with a very appropriate program by the primary grades. The exercises were of a very high order and were well rendered by the little folks. The school auditorium was filled to overflowing by the patrons and friends of the school, who gave expression of their appreciation of the exercises by much applause.

Special mention is made of the cantata, "Midsummer Eve," by the primary grades. The little folks were costumed in fairy gowns and presented a very vivid and spectacular effect. The little folks performed their parts extremely well, which added much to the effectiveness of the cantata. Little Debs Henderson showed great talent in a reading selection, "The Elf Child." She recited so well that she had to respond to an encore by the audience.

On Friday night the Grammar and High School grades gave a program of songs, plays, etc. The pupils were well trained and gave the audience an evening of real entertainment.

The Clinchfield High School has had by far its best year. The enrollment has been very satisfactory and the average attendance exceeded all previous records. The spirit of cooperation on the part of teachers and patrons has been very gratifying indeed. So successful has been the year's work and so satisfied have been the patrons that the universal request is made for the return of the same teachers for next year. The faculty for the year closing was composed of Miss Mary Greenlee, principal; Miss Abie Runyan, Miss Louise Porter, Miss Mamie Goforth, Miss Delia Gibbs, Miss Rebecca Greenlee, Miss Lottie McKoy, Miss Lona Goforth and Miss Ola Wall, assistants. Owing to the fact that Miss Greenlee is soon to take up her duties as County Superintendent of Public Welfare, she will not again be at the head of the Clinchfield school. The people of the Clinchfield community feel under great obligations to Miss Greenlee for the interest that she has manifested in the children of the community. It affords them great regret that they will no longer have Miss Greenlee to direct the school, but they are pleased to know that, by reason of her energy and ability, she has been promoted to a broader field of service.

Mrs. Masters, who has been Matron at the Clinchfield teacherage, has done much to make the work pleasant and agreeable for the teachers by providing an excellent boarding place and a home-like atmosphere for the teachers. The teachers have nothing but praise and words of love for Mrs. Masters and hope to have her in charge of the teacherage for next year.

LEGION POSTS OF FOUR COUNTIES TO CELEBRATE

Morganton, May 13.—American Legions in the counties of Burke, McDowell, Caldwell and Catawba have agreed to join forces in the celebration of the Fourth each year, the county seats taking turns in staging the celebration, says the Morganton News-Herald. This year is Burke county's time, and already the local post of the American Legion is beginning to make plans for the celebration. It will doubtless be one of the biggest events in the history of the county. From time to time during the next two months details of the plans will be announced.

WEATHER REPORT.

Thos. McGuire, local government weather bureau observer, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion for the week as follows:

Maximum, 82 degrees; minimum, 52 degrees; rain, 0.53 of an inch; sunshine, per cent, 0.64.