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FARM LANDS IN COUNTY INCREASED 22 PER CENT

Number of Farms Shown to Be on Decrease—Land in Farms 137,022 Acres.

The total value of farm lands and buildings in McDowell county, as shown by the preliminary announcement of the Bureau of the Census, for January 1, 1920, was \$2,927,747. On April 10, 1910, the value was placed at \$2,381,761, an increase of \$545,986, or 22.9 per cent in slightly less than ten years.

The report, just received, gives the total number of farms in the county as 1,435, as against 1,624 on April 15, 1910, a decrease of 11.6 per cent. Of these farms, 1,337 are operated by white farmers, and 98 by colored farmers. The whites decreased 9.8 per cent and the colored showed a decrease of 15.8 per cent. Of the farms 1,013 were operated by owners and 422 by tenants. Total acreage in McDowell county farms was reported to be 137,022, of which 32,981 is improved.

Domestic animals reported on the county's farms, compared with ten years ago, are as follows:

	1920	1910
Horses	544	472
Mules	1,172	1,096
Cattle	4,584	5,262
Sheep	235	877
Swine	3,366	3,904

Principal crops harvested in acres and quantity:

	1919	1920
Corn	15,829	220,083 bu.
1909	16,477	232,739 bu.
Wheat	4,945	22,114 bu.
1909	3,777	25,842 bu.
Rye	1,083	4,273 bu.
1909	923	4,078 bu.
Hay	1,055	1,358 tons
1909	922	992 tons

PLANS WELL UNDER WAY FOR LEGION CELEBRATION

Plans for the American Legion celebration here next Monday are moving along nicely, and the prospects are fine for a successful day. All of the twenty posts of this Congressional district have been urged to attend, and the ex-servicemen throughout the county have been sent personal invitations to be the guest of McDowell Post on that day. It has been two years since addresses of the men have been corrected, so that if any one fails to receive an invitation it is due to this fact. The Legionnaires want every one of them here.

Dan S. Hollenga, representing National headquarters of the Legion, will address the soldiers at 1:30 p. m. Mr. Hollenga comes here with a brilliant reputation and all who can hear him should do so. He will be accompanied by Cale K. Burgess, State Adjutant, and possibly other high officers of the State and National departments. While here they will be the guests of J. Will Pless, Jr., Commander of McDowell Post.

This will be a day when everybody, whether or not they were in the service, will have a good time, as many attractions have been arranged to make it a great occasion.

GLEN ALPINE BOY IS INJURED BY TRAIN

Chapel Hill, June 4.—W. E. Conley, of Glen Alpine, Burke county, a pharmacy student of the University of North Carolina, trying to board a moving train at Carboro, the Chapel Hill station this morning, slipped and fell with his foot across the track. The train smashed his right foot badly.

WEATHER REPORT.

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

Maximum, 84 degrees; minimum 54 degrees; rain 0.02 of an inch; sunshine, per cent, 0.39.

The registration books for the school bond election close Saturday evening. Be sure to register this week.

PINNACLE FOLKS HAVE COMMUNITY DAY

One of the most highly enjoyable occasions ever held in the Pinnacle section was participated in by a large crowd at the Pinnacle church on last Sunday. The day's exercises was composed of community singing, picnic dinner and speaking. The singing was of a very high order and added no little amount to the success of the occasion. Hon. B. L. Lunsford of Marion spoke in the forenoon to a large crowd gathered for the occasion. His speech was appropriate to the occasion and considerable favorable and complimentary comment was heard.

In the afternoon Hon. D. F. Giles delivered a very strong address. He was listened to with much interest and enthusiasm. Mr. Giles is no stranger in the Pinnacle section where he has visited on former occasions. Mr. Giles spoke in an optimistic vein of thought and aroused the people of the community to broader visions of usefulness. He was the recipient of many compliments on the very fine address of the afternoon.

One of the best parts of the program was the picnic dinner, in picnic style. All sorts of good eats were spread out and the big crowd found that, after it had satisfied its appetite, there were still several baskets full left over. The people left Sunday feeling better, bigger and broader by reason of the day. It was a great occasion in which friends and neighbors touched elbows, and one that will mean much to the Pinnacle community.

MISS MAYME SNYDER AND MR. WM. ALLEN MARRIED

A pretty home wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Y. Jarrett, at Dillsboro on Wednesday when Mrs. Jarrett's sister, Miss Mayme Snyder, and Mr. William M. Allen, of Old Fort, were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. F. Mock, pastor of the Methodist church at Bryson City, on the porch of the house beneath an arch of roses, daisies and ferns. The nuptial music was rendered by Miss Margaret Buchanan. Miss Annie Valentine, of Dillsboro, was the maid of honor and Mr. Frank Allen, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. The bride wore a traveling suit of blue tricotine with hat and accessories to match and carried a bouquet of white sweet peas and lilies of the valley. Mrs. Allen is the youngest daughter of Mr. H. R. Snyder, of Jackson county, and Mr. Allen is an enterprising young business man of Old Fort. Mr. and Mrs. Allen will be at home after June 10 at Old Fort.

RECEPTION TO THE SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENTS

From 8:00 until 9:30 Thursday evening, June 2, the instructors of the Summer school at Round Hill received in honor of the Summer school students, in the lobby of the girls' new dormitory. The guests were received at the door by Miss Pearle Harrelson and Miss Mamie Moore, who had a cheery word of welcome for each one. The hour was spent in conversation, contests, music and laughter, after which delicious ice cream was served.

A number of cheers were given for each instructor to show how each one present honored them and how each one appreciated all kindness shown, not only during the evening but during the three weeks of school.

OFFICERS MAKE RAID; CAPTURE BIG STILL

Prohibition Agent John Lail and Deputy Sheriff C. B. Mitchell made a successful raid Monday when they captured an 80-gallon capacity copper still on the Simmons place on Grant's Pinnacle, south of Marion. The plant was in operation when the officers appeared on the scene but the operators spied the officers in time to make their escape. About 600 gallons of beer was poured out and the outfit destroyed.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

NEBO

Nebo, June 6.—Rev. and Mrs. Fitzgerald and child visited Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Sigmon last week.

Miss McClean is visiting her cousin, Miss Tracy Sigmon. Vernon and W. L. Bradley of Old Fort spent Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade and children of Raeford are visiting relatives here.

Hollen Ledbetter, of Greenlee, was a visitor here Sunday.

Miss Tracy Sigmon, who has been teaching school in Erwin, Tenn., is at home for the summer.

Mrs. R. A. Hemphill and little child, who have been spending a month here with relatives, will return to their home in South Carolina Tuesday. They will be accompanied home by the former's sister, Miss Georgia Sigmon.

Miss Blanche Penny, of Raleigh, was a visitor here the latter part of last week.

Miss Sudie Alexander spent the week-end here with homefolks.

Mrs. Britain has been on the sick list for several days. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The Misses Parke's and Miss Hattie Taylor left Monday evening for Morganton, where they will attend the teachers institute.

LAUREL HILL

Nebo, Rt. 1, June 6.—Quite a large crowd of folks from this neighborhood attended the all day community singing at Pinnacle church last Sunday, and all reported a most enjoyable time. We hope for many more occasions of this kind and would suggest that other communities follow the splendid example set by these progressive and hospitable people of the Pinnacle section.

Paul Ricketts of Great Falls, S. C., is spending a few days with homefolks here.

Miss Kate Waters, who has been spending some time in Marion, has returned home for the summer.

Miss M. O. Price has returned to her home at Forest City after spending some time with relatives in this community.

Rev. W. E. Womack of Forest City was a visitor here recently.

J. G. Price and C. Y. Pyatt were in Marion last Wednesday.

J. Q. Blackburn of Bridgewater was in this community last week on business.

Misses Zennie and Indiana Sisk were the guests of Miss Price last Sunday.

Ruth, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Ellington, has been very sick for the past few days, but is reported some better now.

Miss Hattie Waters of Marion spent a few days here last week with homefolks.

Burgin Cooper of Spindale visited friends here last week.

C. F. James of Marion was here on business last Wednesday.

A large number of young people enjoyed a singing at the home of Mrs. M. L. McCurry last Sunday night.

GARDIN

Gardin, June 7.—Miss Edna Reel has been visiting homefolks here.

J. B. Higgins has returned from Haw River, N. C.

Grayson Craig made a business trip to Marion last week.

Miss Mamie Bowman spent the week-end with homefolks.

Misses Edna Whetstle and Carra McNeely spent the week-end with the former's sister, Mrs. Grayson Craig.

A party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Holland Saturday night. Those present included Misses Ida and Agatha Poteet, Vera, Mary and Bula Wacaser, Edna Reel and Carra McNeely; Messrs. Otho

and Lawrence Marlow, Ivey and Reid Holland, Fred Reel, Sam and Dexter Marlow and Alvin Poteet. Ice cream was served on the lawn and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by one and all.

Misses Mary and Vera Lee Wacaser left Monday for Morganton where they will attend the summer school.

Thomas Marlow made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Miss Blanche Smith spent Friday afternoon with Miss Bula Wacaser.

Mrs. J. C. Carswell and mother, Mrs. Julia Padgett, were shopping in Glenwood last Friday.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Rt. 2, June 7.—Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Halford have gone on an extended visit to Durham and other points.

Mrs. William Davis and children of Hickory are visiting relatives here.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Plato Thomas, a daughter.

Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Holland and children of Old Fort visited friends on the creek, Monday.

O. A. Davis spent the week-end visiting relatives at Black Mountain.

Lee and Leonard Lavender made a business trip to Asheville one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Davis and children visited relatives at Garden City recently.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lavender gave a birthday dinner Sunday, May 29, in honor of their son, Herbert. It was an enjoyable occasion. A number of relatives and friends were present and had a delightful time.

The eighteenth months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Burgin died recently. Interment was made at Cherry Springs. The parents have our deepest sympathy.

Thomas Burgin and two children, who have been on the sick list, are improving.

There is a great deal of sickness among the children of the community.

Farm work is going forward rapidly this warm weather.

Crops are looking fine on the creek but need rain.

CATAWBA VALLEY

Old Fort, Rt. 1, June 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hicks attended the decoration at Bethel church Sunday.

Mrs. J. F. Moody and children of Marion are spending a few days with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Steppe.

Miss Annie Bradley left yesterday for an extended visit to Cliffside and other places.

Bratcher Hemphill, little son of Joe Hemphill is seriously ill with typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Lytle attended the baptizing at Old Fort yesterday. Vernon Bradley spent the week-end with Logan Bradley.

Mrs. Wm. Nichols visited relatives at Glenwood during the week.

Misses Louise and Zeldia Fleming of Greenlee spent yesterday at the home of John Steppe.

CURFEW

Curfew, June 6.—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burgin of Marion were visitors here Saturday night and Sunday.

Misses Edna and Maude Lail of Marion attended an ice cream supper Saturday night at the home of their sister, Mrs. John Reel.

Charles, Hogan and family were visitors at A. C. Morgan's Saturday night.

Robert Lee McCann of Marion is spending the week with relatives at Curfew.

Miss Irene Hogan was the guest of Miss Reba Noblitt Saturday night.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, June 6.—Messrs. Coats and Fisher of Campbells, S. C., spent the week-end with the former's son, A. S. Coats.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beck, a daughter.

Mrs. J. R. Huffman is on the sick

PUEBLO FLOOD DEATH LIST MAY REACH 500

Lightning Sets Fire to Half Dozen Houses; Flood Upsets Train; Thousands Homeless.

Pueblo, Colo., June 4.—Flood waters of the Arkansas river swept through Pueblo last night and today and caused deaths that may total 500, and property damage in excess of \$10,000,000, according to the fragmentary reports that can be gathered as the flood recedes.

Morgues were opened in different parts of the city and by mid-afternoon 132 bodies had been recovered. The entire eastern and southern sections were cut off from the business section.

The Red Cross organized to aid sufferers and C. W. Lee was named official food administrator to have charge of rationing food.

To add to the horror of last night, lightning set fire to half a dozen buildings in the center of the city. Firemen could not reach the scene, and they would have been helpless if they could, for the flood had already cut off water service as well as the electric lights.

At the same time the rising flood overturned two trains filled with passengers.

OLD FORT SCHOOL CLOSURES MOST PROSPEROUS YEAR

The annual address by Dr. McLarty at the commencement exercises here last week was indeed inspiring and uplifting. It resulted in much good to the whole community. It was pronounced by several to be the best address they had ever heard. Dr. McLarty is a lecturer of rare ability. He made quite a hit with the audience and the latch string certainly hangs on the outside for him at Old Fort.

The session just closed was in many respects the best the school has ever had. The moral tone of the school was fine. The cooperation of teachers and the people was good. The class room work done by the teachers and pupils was the best. More advancement was made in scholarship than in any previous year. A greater per cent of the pupils were promoted than ever before. A better average attendance was made. Putting the enrollment at 100 per cent in the high school the average attendance was 98.6 per cent.

PRELIMINARY RULES ON TEXT BOOKS MADE

Raleigh, June 3.—Preliminary rules and regulations for the guidance of members of the State Text Book commission were announced from the state superintendent's office as a result of the first confab held here yesterday. They are:

1. Each member of the Text Book commission shall study the needs of the elementary grades and the text books suitable for each grade.

2. It will be the policy of the members of the commission to receive registered representatives of publishing houses for the purpose of discussing text books offered for adoption.

3. Publishing houses wishing to offer for adoption text books suitable for use in the elementary grades are requested to send copies of the same to the home address of each member of the commission.

4. At the next meeting of the commission, to be held at the call of the chairman, the commission will complete its outline course of study and submit the same for approval of the state superintendent of public instruction for final adoption and publication.

A. Mainor of Weaverville is visiting his sister, Mrs. A. S. Coats.

Farmers have taken advantage of this beautiful weather and have their crops in good shape.

Don't fail to register for the school bond election.