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## DISTRICT MEETING AMERICAN LEGION

### Large Number Delegates Attend Meeting — Addresses by Burgess and Hollenga.

A district meeting of the American Legion, composing the entire North Carolina Tenth Congressional District, was held at Marion on Monday, 13th inst. More than one hundred delegates representing the various posts in the Tenth district were present to participate in the exercises of the day, as well as three or four hundred ex-service men in McDowell county.

The day was brim full of enthusiasm and the occasion was of the spirit of '17 and '18. The local post had made every arrangement looking to the comfort and pleasure of the visitors. A very enjoyable part of the occasion was a bountiful spread prepared and served by the ladies of the town. Mr. E. M. Crawford, ex-service man from McDowell, had general management of the dinner and is deserving of much credit for the appropriate manner in which the details were arranged and carried out.

As the delegates poured in they proceeded to the various booths for registration, where they were given badges which entitled them to free drinks, paid for by the local post, and free tickets to the baseball game and tickets to the local theatre.

Promptly at one-thirty o'clock the Clinchfield band headed the procession to the auditorium of the court house where the formal exercises of the day were carried out. The court house was filled to its maximum capacity by many friends and ex-service men. Post Commander J. Will Pless, Jr., was in charge of the program, which was opened by prayer by Rev. J. P. Hipps. Mr. Pless offered resolutions of respect to the national commander, Fred W. Galbraith, of Cincinnati, who met an untimely death in Indianapolis on last Friday night. Mr. Pless, after stating something of the object of the American Legion, called upon Mr. D. F. Giles, who in his usual happy style, made the address of welcome. Mr. Giles told the visitors that if there was anything that they could think of that had not been prepared for them, to make their wants known. "The keys of the city," he said, "are not given to you, because the town was unlocked twenty-four hours ago for your reception." Mr. Giles' address was appropriate and brought forth much applause.

Post Commander Pless then introduced Mr. Cale K. Burgess, State Adjutant, of Raleigh, who spoke of the purposes and ideals of the organization, and laid great stress upon the importance of living up to the ideals of '17 and '18. "The soldiers," he said, "went away as heroes and returned as heroes;" but he urged upon them the importance of continuing as heroes. To do this they must respond to every call for service—civic, moral, local, State, and National. Service was the key-note of his address.

Dan S. Hollenga, Nation Field representative, was then presented and made the address of the occasion. It was indeed an address fitting and worthy and full of inspiration. Hollenga spoke of the great struggle and of the ideals and the purposes for which America went to war. He thrilled the large crowd by his climaxes of Americanism and patriotism as never witnessed in Marion before. He spoke of the Pro-German activities and sympathy in the various sections of the United States; and urged upon his auditors that every American citizen must see to it that Americanism must be kept 100 per cent pure, that citizens of this country must be taught to love and respect the American flag and to uphold the honor and dignity of the American Government. He denounced in feeling language the sentiments as expressed by George Harvey, American Ambassador to the Court of St. James, with reference

to America's part in the war. The speech was an able one and one which brought forth continued and prolonged applause throughout.

After the speaking free cars were provided to carry the soldiers to the ball game where they witnessed a very spirited contest between Cross Mill and Old Fort. The result of the game was in favor of Old Fort by a score of five to four.

The soldiers were then provided with entertainment during the remainder of the afternoon and evening. Many complimentary expressions were heard on the part of the visitors for the royal manner in which they had been taken care of and hopes were expressed that other meetings might be subsequently held in Marion.

State Adjutant Burgess, who has been in charge of the nine meetings held in the State, made the remark that the meeting at Marion was by far the best and most successful that has been held in the State. This success is attributable to the interest taken by the local post.

From the legionary standpoint the day meant much and the boys were filled with a spirit that made the success at Chateau Thierry and the breaking of the Hindenburg line possible. It was a great reunion and one which made every ex-service man proud that he had had the privilege of serving in the great war.

## JUSTICES OF THE PEACE FOR McDOWELL COUNTY

The following named persons were appointed Justices of the Peace for McDowell county at the recent session of the legislature:

Marion township—W. B. Ratliffe, B. F. Corpening, J. C. Burnett, D. A. Fox.

North Cove township—J. A. Good, T. T. Wright, E. E. English, R. H. Hennessee.

Nebo township—J. F. Wilson, L. C. Parks, J. W. Ballew.

Brackets township—G. F. Rhom, W. C. Raburn.

Montford Cove township—L. H. Miller, M. J. Harris.

Glenwood Cove township—E. G. Go-forth, J. T. Davis, J. M. Haney.

Crooked Creek township—Julius Bird, Clarence Gilliam.

Broad River township—Will Nanney, Hicks Morris, W. F. Stroud.

Old Fort township—E. M. Tate, Willard Silver.

## NEW AUTO LICENSES MUST BE HAD BEFORE JULY 1

A gentle reminder that the state automobile licenses expire June 30 and must be renewed before that date is contained in circular letters received in Marion today from J. Bryan Grimes, secretary of state.

Attention is called to the new rates for automobile licenses, which are higher than last year. The minimum license fee for the next fiscal year will be \$12.50 and the maximum \$40 for pleasure cars. Passenger-carrying buses must pay 50 per cent more for their licenses than pleasure cars of the same power.

Cars of 24 horsepower and less will be charged \$12.50; over 24 and under 30 horsepower, \$20; over 30 and less than 35 horsepower, \$30; 35 horsepower or more, \$40.

## DAUGHTRIDGE DIES AT ROCKY MOUNT

Rocky Mount, June 12.—E. L. Daughtridge, former lieutenant-governor of North Carolina and widely known in business circles of the state died to his home early today, after an illness of 18 months. He was 59 years old.

In addition to his services as lieutenant-governor, Mr. Daughtridge served as a member of the federal commission appointed by President Wilson to study conditions in Europe, was a former vice-president of the Southern Commercial congress and chairman of the North Carolina commission representing the state at the Jamestown exposition.

Mr. Daughtridge also was a candidate for the governorship, being defeated by Governor Bickett.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

**CATAWBA VALLEY**  
Old Fort, Rt. 1, June 13.—Mrs. T. A. Porter and daughter, Margaret, are spending a few days in Glenwood with relatives.

Logan Bradley attended the soldiers reception in Marion Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bradley of Greenlee spent Sunday at the home of J. W. Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Steppe and children spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Allison.

J. W. Bradley and daughter made a business trip to South Carolina last week.

Miss Louise Porter went to Burnsville on a visit last Thursday.

Young Jordan was in Marion last Monday.

We had a very hard rain and some hail here Saturday, but not much damage was done.

Mrs. G. Y. Bradley and children of Tennessee are visitors at the home of Chas. Bradley.

Miss Katherine Bradley is very ill. William Nichols was in Marion Monday on business.

A number of young people enjoyed a party at the home of William Tisdale, Saturday night.

We are glad to know that little Bratcher Hemphill is improving from typhoid fever.

## CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Rt. 2, June 13.—Mr. and Mrs. William Burgin and daughter, Miss Cassie, of Old Fort, visited relatives here Sunday.

Nat Davis has been right sick for several days.

A. H. Lavender and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Robertson and Jeff Padgett spent Sunday at Catawba Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Lytle of Catawba Valley spent the week-end with relatives here.

Misses Annie and Tressie Lytle of Greenlee visited friends and relatives here Sunday.

Miss Estelle Lavender of Old Fort spent the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lavender.

Edgar Parker visited homefolks one day last week.

Walker Parker of Catawba Valley visited friends on the creek Sunday.

## MONTFORDS COVE

Union Mills, Rt. 1, June 8.—Mrs. Maude Carswell and little daughter, Louise, are visiting Mrs. Carswell's mother, Mrs. W. P. Ledbetter.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Nanney visited at W. G. Harris' Sunday.

Mrs. Delia Ledbetter and Mrs. M. R. Nanney spent the week-end with relatives at Nebo.

Mr. Elijah Harris and family visited relatives in the cove Sunday.

Mrs. E. W. Flack and son, Addie, spent Friday in Union Mills.

Mrs. J. P. Wilkerson is right sick. Mrs. Wm. M. Wilson spent last week with her mother at Glenwood.

Mrs. James Frady and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bailey went to Whitesides' Valley church Sunday to attend the funeral of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Mira Parker, who has been making her home with her daughter in Spartanburg, S. C.

Master Miles Stott fell Saturday and hurt his arm very badly.

L. V. Harris and family spent Sunday at the home of George Harris.

Elijah Stott and F. M. Nanney are improving the appearance of their homes by a coat of paint.

Thermon Phillips of Rutherfordton spent Friday at W. G. Harris'.

W. G. Harris has been on the sick list but is improving.

The road is now in fine shape from Shingle Hollow to the McDowell highway.

## CURFEW

Curfew, June 14.—Everybody invited to attend the big rally services

to be given by the P. O. S. of A. order at Bethlehem July 2. There will be dinner on the ground. Everybody come and bring well filled baskets.

James Mackey, of Mackey's creek, was a visitor at M. A. Parker's, Sunday.

The farmers of this section are getting ready to cut grain.

## SCHOOL BOND ELECTION TAKES PLACE FRIDAY

Tomorrow is the date for the school bond election and there is no doubt of the result if the voters do not forget. Every person who has registered must vote or his failure to vote is just the same as a vote cast against the bonds.

The polls will be open all day and the amount of the issue asked for is \$65,000 for the purpose of building a high school building.

## SPECIAL SERMON BY DR. DEW.

Dr. J. H. Dew who is now supplying at the First Baptist church in the absence of the pastor who is away on his vacation, will preach on next Sunday at the eleven o'clock service on the unique subject, "What Made You Do It? Do What? The Thing You Did." It is expected that a large congregation will be on hand to hear Dr. Dew as he has many admirers in Marion.

## McDOWELL PENSIONERS RECEIVE \$3,840.00

Clerk of Court W. H. Hawkins will distribute checks this week to the 61 Confederate veterans and 48 widows of veterans on the pension roll from McDowell county. These pensioners receive \$3,340 twice each year, 106 of them being fourth class pensioners and receiving \$70 each year, while two received \$80 per year and one \$100 a year.

## MRS. E. M. TATE DEAD.

Mrs. E. M. Tate died at her home at Greenlee yesterday morning after a brief illness. Mrs. Tate is survived by her husband and three children. She was a daughter of J. L. Steppe and was before her marriage Miss Margie Steppe. She was well known in this section and her death will bring sorrow to many friends.

The funeral service will be conducted from the residence today at 11 o'clock and interment made at Siloam.

## HOUSE VOTES TO TERMINATE STATE OF WAR

Washington, June 13.—By a vote of exactly five to one the house tonight passed the Porter resolution to terminate the state of war between the United States and the central powers.

As a substitute for the Knox resolution, already passed by the senate, repealing the declaration of war, it was put through, 305 to 61, as a republican measure with the loss of only one republican vote, Kelley, of Michigan. Forty-nine democrats joined in the landslide.

## CHRISTIAN WORKERS INSTITUTE JUNE 20-22

The Pastors' Conference will meet June 20 to 22 at Union Mills, N. C., and will form a Christian Workers Institute, with a full program and an efficient force of teachers. Every pastor and young people's worker should avail themselves of this splendid opportunity for special training. Entertainment will be furnished by the good people of Union Mills. The following program will be carried out for the third day session:

Bible Study—Evangelism, Rev. M. A. Adams.

Sunday School Work, Rev. D. J. Hunt.

Church Efficiency, Dr. J. M. Kester.

Woman's Work, Miss Alda Grayson.

Young Peoples' Work, Miss Gaynelle Yates.

Evening Sermon, Dr. J. M. Kester.

Everybody is invited to attend.

Dr. J. T. Bowden, Sec'y.

Rev. E. J. Jones, Sec'y.

## NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

### Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Contract for the erection of a new boys' dormitory at Weaver college, Weaverville, to cost \$45,000 was awarded Saturday. Work will begin at an early date. The board of directors also decided to enlarge the athletic field.

According to the ruling by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Brooks, concerning the distribution of a five million dollar building fund authorized by the last general assembly, the counties may go ahead with construction work at once and be assured of liberal loans.

A verdict of not guilty was returned at Lexington Saturday night in the case of Dr. J. W. Peacock, of Thomasville, charged with the murder of Chief of Police J. E. Taylor, also of Thomasville. The jury accepted the evidence of experts, who testified that Peacock was not mentally responsible at the time of the tragedy.

Edward M. Bell, prominent republican, of Charlotte, has been appointed one of the appraisers of the federal land bank at Columbia, S. C., and will qualify soon for the place. The jurisdiction of the federal land bank at Columbia extends over the states of North Carolina and South Carolina, Florida and Georgia. The duty of the appraisers is to go all over the territory making appraisals of the value of farm lands on which loans are sought from the land bank.

## FIVE MILLIONS FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Raleigh, June 13.—The council of state today authorized Treasurer Lacy to advertise for sale \$8,372,500 of five per cent, North Carolina bonds and to borrow, as needed by the institutions, \$659,075 for improvements and to pay a judgment against the state held by the Mangum-Carpenter company of Durham.

Five millions of the bonds the treasurer will offer for sale, upon which bids will be opened on July 15, will be for road work and the remaining three millions will be for buildings. One half million of the big issue will be in denominations of \$100 each and the counties which have been clamoring for a chance to buy them will be given a try out.

Five hundred thousand dollars of the loan to be floated soon will be for the University of North Carolina, \$85,000 will be for the North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro, \$50,000 for the negro A. and T. school in Greensboro, and \$24,075 is to pay the judgment held by the Durham concern against the state, the same covering the price of tractors sold to the state highway commission.

## BARACCA AND PHILEATHEA CLASSES GIVE PLAY

A play entitled "A Kentucky Belle," was presented by the Baracca and Phileathea classes of the First Baptist church at the graded school auditorium, Monday evening, June 13. The auditorium was practically filled to the limit of its capacity. The manner by which the play was received was indicated by frequent and spontaneous applause. All of the characters interpreted and played their parts well. Although all of those having parts were amateurs, at least some of the characters might have been taken as real artists.

The proceeds from the entertainment will be used to purchase carpets for the aisles of the church. A neat sum was realized.

By request the play will be given again at the Clinchfield graded school auditorium Friday evening, June 17. It is probable that it will be given at Old Fort also.

Mrs. J. M. Coldwell is largely responsible for the great hit which the play made as she had direction of its production.