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LEGION POSTS PLAN BIG CELEBRATION JULY 4TH

American Legion of Four Counties will Celebrate Holiday in Morganton.

Plans are getting rapidly under way for the big celebration in Morganton on July Fourth. In this celebration four counties will take part—Burke, Catawba, McDowell and Caldwell. The American Legion posts in these counties have arranged to take turns in celebrating this patriotic holiday and Burke's time comes first. The word is being passed around and publicity given to the fact that a general invitation is extended to all soldiers and sailors (this including the veterans of other wars) and all civilians are invited to join with the Burke county post of the American Legion and the people of Morganton in making July 4, 1921, a day that will long be remembered.

A tentative program has been prepared and during the next few weeks the committees that have been appointed will spare no effort in assisting the program committee to carry out their plans.

In the morning there will be a grand parade, in which military organizations, bands, floats, etc., will take part. A prize of \$15 will be given for the best float, \$10 for the second best, \$5 for most comical and \$5 for the most attractively decorated automobile.

Possibly the biggest feature of the day's program will be the novelty entertainments just before noon. These will include daylight fireworks and aerial candy bombs for the children. Few people in this section have ever witnessed daylight fireworks and doubtless this feature alone will attract thousands.

For all soldiers and sailors there will be a barbecue dinner from 12:30 to 2 o'clock on the court square, this followed by an address by Supt. R. E. Simpson of the Southern Railway, a Burke county boy who has made good in a big way.

Fire races and drills in which Lenoir, Hickory, Marion and Morganton companies will take part will come in the afternoon. Morganton and Lenoir, ancient baseball rivals, will match teams for a game at 4 o'clock. Later in the afternoon there will be a balloon ascension, with the daring triple parachute leap.

Music for the day will be furnished by the Morganton, Marion, Hickory and Valdese bands.

Troop "C," North Carolina National Guard, will be there.

At night there will be shown the most gorgeous and spectacular display of fireworks ever shown in Western North Carolina.

The New Theatre will run moving pictures all day, with a special feature for the Fourth. All members of the American Legion and men in uniform will be admitted free.

As can be seen from this general summary of plans for the celebration there will be something doing all the time. It is expected that if the weather is favorable there will be a big crowd in Morganton that day.

FORTUNE-SUTHER.

Concord, June 20.—Miss Mary Belle Suther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Suther, and Mr. W. K. Fortune were quietly married Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the parsonage of Calvary St. Andrew's Lutheran churches on Georgia avenue. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. L. Kester, pastor of the bride, in the presence of a few friends. Mr. and Mrs. Fortune left on the evening train to spend their honeymoon in the western part of the state, after which they will make their home in Concord.

Ex-Sheriff J. A. Lackey, a prominent citizen of Burke county, died Sunday morning at his home near Morganton. He had been sick for several months. A wife, three sons and five daughters survive.

WEEKLY PUBLISHERS HOLD MEETING AT SPRUCE PINE

The Western North Carolina Weekly Press Association, composed of the weekly newspapers of the western part of the State, held one of the most interesting and enjoyable meetings in its history at Spruce Pine on last Friday. The business folks and civic organizations of the town prepared a program of entertainment that could not be outclassed by a town many times the size of Spruce Pine. The visitors were met at the station by Mr. F. A. Carr, editor of The Toe River Herald, and representatives of the Board of Trade, who gave the visitors badges and escorted them to their various staying places. A pleasant feature of the meeting was a banquet prepared by the ladies of the town, and held at the Phillips Hotel. A large number of the citizens of the town were present at the banquet, who added much to the success and happiness of the occasion. The address of welcome was made by Dr. J. M. Peterson, a popular citizen of the town, and Dr. C. A. Peterson, also well known citizen, acted as toastmaster.

The business session of the meeting were held in the lodge auditorium of the town. The editors had a successful session, many phases of their work being discussed and policies outlined. Present at the meeting was Mr. D. C. Boy, land and industrial agent of the C. C. & O. Railway, who spoke to the newspaper men on the newspaper as a means of promoting progress and aiding in the development of any section. Mr. Boy made a very favorable impression on the body, who listened to him with much interest.

Following the banquet, the publishers completed their work and adjourned to meet at the Cleveland Springs Hotel, near Shelby, September 16.

Saturday morning the publishers were taken in automobiles to view the beautiful scenery and industries near Spruce Pine. The scenery was pronounced by all as being superb and unequalled in any section. The industries are chiefly mining, with some manufacturing. Spruce Pine is the headquarters for the English Mica Company, Dent and Gunter, manufacturers of mica products, Harris Clay Co., producers of clay pottery; Wiseman Mining Co., which produces mica and feldspar; J. E. Burleson Mica Co., Blue Ridge Mining Co., Belle Railroad Co., and a number of other mining and manufacturing concerns. It is apparent that the mining industry in mica and feldspar is a leading one. This industry seems capable of unlimited discovery and development. Other valuable minerals are being found in this section, and with each discovery comes additional commercial value to this community.

The good roads question is one that interests the people of this section, and much work is going on in road construction. A hard surface road is now being built through Spruce Pine as a part of the State highway systems and, when completed, will link up this section with outside markets and trade centers. There is no question but that the section around Spruce Pine is one possessing unlimited resources and it is only a question of time when these resources will be developed, and with this development Spruce Pine will become one of the leading tourist and commercial sections of Western North Carolina.

CROSS MILLS TEAM DEFEATS HICKORY

Cross Mills defeated Hickory here Saturday before a large crowd, 14 to 3. Hickory used three pitchers but failed to stop the heavy hitting of the Cross team. Hoover and Patton, of the Cross team led in securing the 18 hits. Ramsey pitched a strong game for Cross all the way.

Services at St. John's church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

MARION MILL.

Marion, June 20.—Jesse Brown and family are visiting relatives near Old Fort this week.

Mrs. W. A. Vess spent last week in Asheville with her daughter. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Green, a son.

Luke Summey and family of Forest City spent Sunday at the home of W. J. Rogers.

Mrs. Vantifor of Greenville, S. C., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. F. Hunt. Jno. M. Snoddy and family and W. S. Jones and family motored to Hickory Sunday where they visited friends. They report the roads in good condition except a short stretch between Nebo and Marion. But at the present rate the road crew is making this section will have top soil on it within three weeks.

Work on the new Baptist church is progressing nicely. We urgently request all who have made pledges to pay them now. If you haven't announced your pledge, let us hear from you.

Mr. Wilcox, foreman of the electric light crew, announces that the electric current will be turned on within three weeks, providing lights for streets and dwellings.

There will be union services at the M. E. church next Sunday night. Come and bring the family.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kanipe, June 3, a daughter.

It is natural that you should be interested in your home paper, but it is not fair to read it at your neighbor's expense. Subscribers request that you do not carry their copy of The Progress away from the store in the future. If you like to read the paper it's your duty to subscribe for it and not borrow your neighbor's copy.

OLD FORT

Old Fort, June 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dittmore of Asheville spent the week-end in Old Fort with the former's sister, Mrs. G. W. Sandlin.

Miss Frances Artz left last week for a visit to Kentucky.

Miss Martha Teague, who has been visiting her mother, will leave Wednesday for Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. R. L. Jordan and children returned home Sunday from Morganton where they visited friends.

Mrs. Marley and daughter, Miss Margaret, have returned to their home at China Grove, after a visit to Mrs. I. L. Caplin.

Miss Margaret White of Asheville spent the week-end with Mrs. George Hyams.

Marley Pitts made a business trip to Marion Tuesday.

John Fortune of Asheville spent Friday in Old Fort.

Mrs. Whitmore and daughter, Olive, have returned home after a visit to the former's mother at Norton, N. C.

Mrs. C. N. Allison spent the week-end with Mrs. P. H. Mashburn.

S. J. Fortune and little son, Albert, were visitors here Saturday.

Friends of Mrs. J. G. Burgin will be glad to learn that she is improving.

Mrs. Ben Tisdale and daughter were shopping in Old Fort Tuesday.

Edward White, who has been working in Charlotte, is home for a few days visit.

Misses Ada and Mamie Lackey, nurses at Morganton hospital, are home on a vacation.

Fred Bradley made a business trip to Marion, Tuesday.

Mrs. Ben Byrd and daughter, Jessie, of Asheville, are visiting at the home of Mrs. J. L. Nichols.

There will be an ice cream supper given at the W. O. W. hall Saturday night, June 25, for the benefit of the Woodmen circle.

The Old Fort baseball team defeated Clinchfield here Saturday by a

score of 5 to 3. B. C. Miller will move in his new house this week.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Rt. 2, June 20.—Mrs. Mattie Turner of Old Fort is visiting her son, Frank Turner.

Mrs. Jesse Davis and little daughter of Old Fort spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Nat. Davis.

A number from here attended the ice cream supper given by Elisha Gibson Saturday night at his home near Bethlehem.

Columbus Silvers and his father have their new house about completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Davis of Old Fort are visiting the former's parents.

George Lavender of Kingsport, Tenn., has been visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Halford have returned from an extended visit to Durham and other points. While away they attended the commencement at Trinity college.

Harvesting of the small grain is progressing slowly on account of the rains. The recent storms and hard winds have damaged the grain in this section to a great extent.

Lee Lavender made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Mrs. Russell Morris of Old Fort was buried at Cherry Springs Sunday.

James Lavender and little son, Earl, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Condry near Bethlehem.

LAUREL HILL

Nebo, Rt. 1, June 20.—On Sunday of last week Misses Mattie and Beatrice Walker, J. M. Walker and son, Ira, Jesse Price and John Gettys attended the Rutherford county singing convention at Sandy Plains Baptist church, near Hollis. They reported a most delightful trip and a great treat of much fine gospel singing by Prof. R. N. Grisham, W. W. McGlamry and others of note in the singing realm.

Mrs. L. M. Price of Rutherfordton is spending a few days here with her daughter, Mrs. D. H. Whitener.

J. Webb Walker made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

O. V. Price of Cliffside spent Saturday and Sunday here with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Misher Curtis of Marion visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dixon, last week.

Miss Ella Walker is spending the week with friends in this community.

Jesse Price spent the week-end in Mooresboro.

J. F. Foster was in Marion on business last Saturday.

Miss Ovia Price of Cliffside is spending a few days with homefolks here.

The farmers of this community have been very busy for the past week in their harvest fields and in the cultivation of other crops which have taken on quite a different appearance since the fine rain we had on yesterday.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, June 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Joe England and daughter of Marion spent Sunday with the former's brother, J. W. England.

Mrs. J. H. Belk of Jefferson City, Tenn., has returned after spending some time with her father, T. M. Hicks.

Mrs. T. J. Barnes is visiting relatives in Glenwood this week.

Mrs. C. D. Holland has been on the sick list but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Swann of Marion visited relatives here the latter part of the week.

Mrs. John Jarrett of near Nebo spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. T. M. Hicks.

Miss Carrie Bright of Marion spent the week-end with homefolks here.

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NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Representative Zebulon Weaver, of the Tenth district, has introduced a bill in congress, provision of which would secure an appropriation of \$50,000 for the erection of a public building at Franklin.

Sentence of six months on the roads and to pay a fine of \$1,000 dollars was passed upon Noah Williams, aged 65 and white-headed, in Polk Superior court last week. A still was said to have been found on his place.

Rutherford county will have a county fair October 11 to 14th, inclusive, and five community fairs just before the county fair. They are Union Mills, Mt. Pleasant, Watkins, Oakland, and Race Path. They will be held October 4 to 8, respectively.

Joe Berry Tipton, deputy sheriff of Mitchell county, was instantly killed last Thursday when he was thrown from the saddle of a runaway horse near Bakersville. Tipton was hurled headlong into a rock cliff, and died from broken neck. With a party of other officers, Tipton was in pursuit of liquor violators when his horse took fright and ran away.

The annual reunion of the Confederate veterans of North Carolina will be held in Durham on August 23, 24 and 25. Preparations are underway in Durham already, it is announced, to make the stay of the old soldiers during the hot days of August as pleasant as possible. Trinity college authorities have kindly consented to turn over their entire equipment to the committee which will take care of the veterans during their stay, while requests are being made to the railroads to grant special rates to veterans on the days of the state reunion.

WILL OPPOSE CASH BONUS FOR SOLDIERS

Washington, June 18.—The chamber of commerce of the United States opened today a campaign against the proposed cash bonus for former service men, sending a statement of its position to the President, the cabinet, members of congress, and 1,400 trade and commercial organizations. While insistent on the physical and mental rehabilitation of disabled men, it said, the organization seriously doubted benefits which might come from cash payments to physically capable veterans.

The world war has laid a "mortgage" of approximately \$1,135 on every family in the United States, the statement said, and the chamber could not subscribe to a program increasing this burden.

The statement calls attention to the fact that all except six states have enacted some kind of legislation providing relief or bonus payments and opposed federal duplication.

TOURIST SERVICE TO START NEXT SUNDAY

Summer tourist service via the Southern railway to the "Land of the Sky" will be inaugurated on Sunday, June 26. It is expected that many tourists will visit this section during the coming summer and the Southern is making special arrangements to handle the travel.

Sleeping car service to Charleston, S. C., was inaugurated early this month, leaving Asheville at 3:30 p. m., arriving in Charleston at 6:50 a. m. Returning leaving Charleston at 3 a. m., arriving in Asheville at 2:30 p. m. Special sleeping car service to New Orleans was inaugurated on June 13, leaving Asheville at the same hour.

The aim of the Southern railroad is to provide overnight service from Asheville to the leading cities of the south. Eleven new sleeping cars will be inaugurated next Sunday.