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COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS

Summer Schools Will Open on July 18—New School Building for Tom's Creek.

The County Board of Education was in regular session on Monday, July 4th. All of the members of the board were present and transacted an unusually busy day's program.

The summer schools, according to an order made by the Board of Education, will open on Monday, July 18th. The board recommends that the term be continuous where possible, as to divide the school year always hurts the school.

The board passed upon the matter of selecting a site for a school for the colored race of Marion and vicinity. After a thorough discussion and a full investigation of conditions and requirements, the board decided that it would be better to build a large central school where the children of this entire section can be taught by good teachers, in a building adequate to meet the needs of the colored population. There was some sentiment for two schools, but the Board of Education did not approve a division of the district, and decided to consolidate the various communities into one strong district where all the children can attend. A site was selected near Addie's Chapel Church. Two acres of ground were secured and a first-class building will be erected at the earliest possible moment.

The board ordered that a building be built in Tom's Creek school district, on the same site where the old building was burned about one year ago.

The committee list was revised, and committeemen were appointed for the next two years. (A full list of committeemen will appear in next week's issue.)

The board has adopted the same salary schedule for the coming year as was paid to teachers during last year. This means that the board will be in a position to pay good teachers living salaries, and to expect a standard quality of work from the teachers.

B. & L. ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the McDowell Building and Loan Association was held at the court house Tuesday night. The report of the secretary showed that the association had had a very successful year, showing a substantial increase in business. There are now 4,517 shares in force.

The board of directors elected for the year are as follows: Thos. Morris, R. F. Burton, J. L. Morgan, J. Q. Gilkey, D. E. Hudgins, William Sweeney, F. M. Bradley, A. D. Hunt, J. H. Tate, J. E. Neal and E. H. Dyars. The old officers were re-elected as follows: Thomas Morris, president; R. F. Burton, vice-president; J. E. Neal, secretary and treasurer; D. E. Hudgins, attorney.

TEACHERS CALLED TO MEET JULY 15TH

Superintendent N. F. Stegge is sending out a letter to all teachers notifying them of a meeting to be held in the auditorium of the graded school on Friday, July 15th. Every teacher who expects to begin her school in July is required to be present. At this meeting the new school law will be discussed and instruction given to teacher and the work mapped out for the coming year. It will be the most important meeting during the year and no teacher will be excused from attending, except for providential hindrance. The meeting is called at ten o'clock.

The Fourth was quietly observed in Marion. Practically all the business houses were closed for the day and a large crowd of Marion folks attended the American Legion celebration in Morganton. Others spent the day fishing, picnicing or loafing.

WAR WITH GERMANY AND AUSTRIA DECLARED ENDED

Raritan, N. Y., July 2.—The resolution of Congress declaring war with Germany and Austria-Hungary at an end was signed here late today by President Harding.

President to Issue Peace Proclamation.

Washington, July 2.—Signing of the resolution declaring a state of peace with Germany and Austria, it was held here, ended today the technical state of war with those powers.

The next step, it was pointed out, would be the issuing of the formal peace proclamation which could be expected within a few days. This, it was said, would be a mere formality and its effect would date from today. The proclamation, it was explained, would be President Harding and signed in addition by Secretary Hughes.

A treaty of peace will then be negotiated, it was said, but the administration is understood not to have developed as yet the steps by which it will undertake such negotiations. The signing of the resolution, it was added, opens the way for resumption of diplomatic relations between the United States and the former enemy powers, although it has been indicated that the manner in which this will be approached has not been determined.

The issuing of the peace proclamation, as of today, it was also pointed out, would operate to terminate war time laws which have not previously been repealed by congressional action. Among the more important are the trading with the enemy act and the liberty bond acts.

OXFORD SINGING CLASS GIVE SPLENDID CONCERT

The Oxford Orphanage singing class from the Oxford Orphan asylum gave an excellent concert at the graded school building auditorium Tuesday night to a large and appreciative audience. The receipts from the entertainment amounted to about \$210.00, which will go to the support of this splendid institution.

The class is composed of 10 girls and four boys, and Mr. L. W. Alderman and Miss Myrtle Mews, of Oxford, in charge of the class. Mr. Alderman stated that at the present time there are 385 children in the Oxford Orphan asylum, and that, while the institution is supported mainly by the Masons of North Carolina, about one out of five, or only about 20 per cent of the children in the home, are the children of Masons, and thus showing the unselfishness in the management of the institution.

During the intermission Mr. J. Will Pless, Jr., in a few well chosen words presented Mr. J. W. Winborne a past-master's jewel from Mystic Tie Lodge as a token of the splendid work he did while master of the lodge.

COURT WILL CONVENE HERE NEXT MONDAY

The July term of McDowell Superior Court will convene here next Monday with Judge T. J. Shaw, of Greensboro, presiding and Solicitor G. D. Bailey of Burnsville prosecuting the docket on behalf of the State. The first part of the week will be devoted to criminal cases, which includes one capital case, that of John Bailey, who is charged with the killing of Jake Baxter in North Cove township on May 15, 1920. There are a number of minor cases to come during the week.

The calendar for the civil docket contains a large number of cases, including several divorce cases, and is scheduled to be taken up Thursday, the 14th.

WEATHER REPORT.

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

Maximum, 93 degrees; minimum, 64 degrees; rain 0.73 of an inch; sunshine, per cent, 0.75.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

NEBO.

Nebo, July 5.—A number of people from here attended the celebration of the 4th at Morganton Monday.

Miss Louise Alexander has returned home from Greensboro.

The revival meeting started at the Methodist church Sunday. Rev. Brittain will be assisted by Rev. Bowman of High Point and his brother. Mr. Brittain will lead the singing. Everybody is invited to come out and help in the meeting.

Ed. Tate spent the week-end here with homefolks.

Messrs. Smith and Vaughn of Morganton were visitors here this week.

Miss Maggie Taylor is attending the summer school at Chapel Hill.

A crowd from here went to Linville on a picnic today.

The farmers around here are through harvesting their grain and making ready to lay by corn.

Misses Hattie Taylor and Bessie Cuthbertson, who are attending the teachers institute in Morganton, spent the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Plant and two children, of Knoxville, Tenn., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson.

MONTFORDS COVE

Union Mills, Rt. 1, July 4.—Mrs. J. J. Carswell and little daughter, Lillian, have returned to their home at Nebo.

E. M. Stott and family and M. F. Nanney were visitors at M. R. Nanney's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Harris, Mrs. Cora Nichols and Verno Harris and family spent Sunday at M. J. Harris'. Lawrence Wilkerson and Preston Hensley of Marion visited homefolks Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Banning visited their daughter, Mrs. Homer Ledbetter, Sunday.

Arthur Nichols of Marion motored to the Cove Sunday.

Misses Delia, Dovie and Chester Wilkerson stopped over with relatives Sunday on their way home from a trip to the lake at Bridgewater.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harris and Mrs. Harris' sister, Miss Maude Owens, of Knoxville, Tenn., were guests at the home of L. D. Hemphill, yesterday.

Mrs. J. F. Jonas and little sons are visiting Mrs. Jonas' father, J. C. Crawford.

The Fourth passed off quietly here.

John Williams of Rutherfordton spent the week-end with homefolks here. He says they are having dry weather in Rutherfordton.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, July 4.—Mrs. Will Huffman, who underwent an operation at the Rutherford hospital, is reported improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Halliburton of Nebo spent the week-end with the latter's brother, C. D. Holland.

Mrs. Hart and children of Atlanta, Ga., are visiting at the home of the former's father, T. M. Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mask of Rock Hill are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Huffman and daughter, Miss Bertha, and Mrs. Mark Parker visited Mrs. Will Huffman at the Rutherford hospital Sunday. Mrs. Huffman is reported to be getting along nicely.

The Farmers Union at Chapel Hill had a social gathering Saturday afternoon. Refreshments consisting of cake and ice cream was served which was enjoyed by all present.

CURFEW

Curfew, July 5.—Mrs. C. C. Walker, of Glendale, S. C., is visiting relatives at Curfew.

Mrs. W. C. Burgin of Marion is spending a few days with relatives

and friends here. Miss Nelle Earley of Old Fort visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Chas. Hogan, James Gibson, John Reel and Bud Brown made a business trip to Marion yesterday.

Bethlehem Sunday School is progressing nicely with 106 pupils enrolled.

The P. O. S. of A. held a successful meeting here Saturday. W. A. Daniel, State secretary, delivered an excellent address. Interesting talks were also made by Messrs. Sparks and Kirby of Salisbury. Eight new members were added to the organization.

LAUREL HILL

Nebo, Rt. 1, July 5.—Rev. E. M. Phelps of Glen Alpine, who recently returned from a tour of the Central and Middle Western States, has been spending a few days in this community.

Quite a number of people from this neighborhood attended a singing convention at Bethel church, near Bridgewater, last Sunday.

J. M. Walker made a business trip to Marion last Thursday.

Jesse Price was in Forest City and Chffside the first of last week.

Rev. Robert Strickland, a traveling evangelist, is spending a few days in this community. While here he has been holding services at Laurel Hill school house and is being greeted each night by large crowds, as he is a speaker of much ability.

B. R. Foster was in Marion on business last Friday.

DOME

Dome, July 4.—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Nanney spent Sunday evening with R. G. Owenby and family.

The Stone Mountain Sunday school is preparing for an Educational Day July 24.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Gilliam visited friends on Middle Fork Sunday.

Mrs. Sallie Gilliam spent Sunday with Miss Harriet Ledbetter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Stroud visited Mrs. Helen Garrison during the week.

Mrs. Bell Dillingham is visiting her sister-in-law in the country.

COST FIVE BILLIONS TO RUN GOVERNMENT

Washington, July 2.—The cost of running the United States government during the fiscal year which ended Friday was \$5,115,927,689, according to the treasury department's statement for the close of business June 30. The figures, however are subject to final adjustments. Revenues from all sources, although showing a drop of a billion under the previous year amounted to \$5,624,932,960, and there was a balance of cash in the general fund amounting to \$549,678,105, enough to meet expenses for several days. Expenditures averaged around \$40,000,000 a day for the week before the fiscal year ended.

For the year ending June 30, 1920, the government's income was \$6,694,565,388, and its expenditures \$6,403,343,841. All types of taxes collected during the 1921 year showed losses compared with 1920 returns but the big decrease was in the income and profits levy which produced \$3,206,046,157 in 1921, and \$3,944,949,287 the previous year.

PENSION BOARD MEETS; APPROVES 15 CLAIMS

The County Pension Board was in session Monday. Fifteen applications of old soldiers and widows of soldiers for pensions were approved as follows: James Morris, J. C. Brown, W. C. Bateman, M. M. Mathis, W. H. Gilliam and W. C. Elliott; Mrs. S. J. Hollifield, Mrs. Mary Bledsoe, Mrs. M. L. Rowe, Mrs. Rachel Gallion, Mrs. N. E. Hollifield, Mrs. Sue Bobbitt, Abigail Burnett, Mrs. Mary Rhom and Mrs. R. C. Saunders.

The members of the pension board are S. P. Tate, chairman; T. Y. Lytle and J. L. Burgin.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

From 150 to 175 workmen from all crafts have been called back to duty at the Spencer shops of the Southern railway, the call coming as a sort of Fourth of July surprise.

In the past six weeks 361 children have been treated for diseased tonsils and adenoids in clinics operated by the State Board of Health in five counties of the State. This week a clinic of four days is being conducted at Whiteville, Columbus county, with 46 operations on the first two days.

Cleveland Springs new \$250,000 hotel at the famous mineral springs, two miles east of Shelby, will be completed and ready for the opening, July 9, according to the announcement of O. M. Mull, chairman of the board of directors. The building has been completed and the \$20,000 worth of furniture is being placed.

The report of the state Adjutant-General announced last Saturday places the strength of the North Carolina national guard at 1,645 officers and enlisted men, the highest peace-time strength ever recorded for the organization since it was formed. This number will go to Camp Glenn during the summer months.

WEEKLY FARM NOTES.

Raleigh, July 1.—According to this week's crop notes from county farm agents over North Carolina, the weather has been very hot and dry. The Weather Bureau reports a dry month with irregularly distributed showers during the last week. Excepting the 30th, Raleigh had "desert" June weather.

The wheat crop is being threshed and harvested in the Piedmont district. The reports show a very light yield; harvesting is practically over. Corn averages a fair crop with improvement being noted recently. Rust has been bad generally. "Fair to poor" sums up the present condition of cotton with several Piedmont counties reporting improved stands, averaging 57 per cent of a normal crop. Tobacco is poor and small everywhere, but improving. Truck and pastures are fair, but drying up for lack of rain. Hay and grasses also need rain; the present condition averaging fair to good. Except in Moore, where there is a very good crop, fruit is scarce and poor over the state.

The live-stock supply is normal or above, and condition good. A surplus of pure-bred cattle is reported in Catawba and hogs are mentioned for sale in Richmond, Pasquotank, and Catawba.

Reports indicate that the fields are in good condition as far as cultivation goes, and that the crops are generally in good shape.

CHANCES OF EXTRA SESSION GROWING REMOTE

Raleigh, July 4.—Although several cities had furnished the council of state certain data on which they predicted their request for an extraordinary session to remedy the nullified municipal finance act, the council in session with Governor Morrison at the mansion today adjourned without taking any action on the request.

After today's meeting which named July 14 for further hearing, it became more doubtful that there will be any early sessions at all. Growing willingness of individual cities to take financial help from their banks was evident in the statements filed and in unofficial data that was brought here, it would be an even bet that there will be no extra session called for the cities alone. They appear to have an abundance of unused law for financing themselves and nobody connected with the state wishes the session as yet.