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COMMISSION TO HEAR PETITION AUGUST 12

Trade Organizations Have Requested Time of Departure of Train From Marion to Blacksburg.

Asheville Citizen.

Officials of the state corporation commission have announced that a hearing of the petition of the Rutherfordton Chamber of Commerce for a change in the schedule of a southbound train from Marion to Blacksburg, will be heard at the Battery Park hotel August 12 at 2:30 p. m.

This petition was filed with the corporation commission by the Rutherfordton Chamber of Commerce, Marion Board of Trade and the Asheville Board of Trade. Resolutions were passed requesting the commission and officials of the Southern railway to arrange for the southbound morning train to connect with train No. 36 leaving Asheville.

It is the contention of the parties interested that this change would be of great benefit not only to the people of Rutherfordton, but to all people residing west of Marion, who are compelled to travel back and forth between the two points. An improvement in the handling of mails would also be derived, it was stated.

It has also been stated that a change in the time of departure of train No. 36 from Asheville may improve the situation and this will also probably be threshed out at the commission hearing.

MISS BERRY PROMOTING STATE CHAMBER COMMERCE

Miss Hattie M. Berry, who took a prominent part in the good roads movement, was in Marion Tuesday talking to the citizens and business men of this section about a State organization for the purpose of "advancing the interests of North Carolina." It is Miss Berry's idea that, in order to advertise the many resources of North Carolina, a strong Chamber of Commerce could be very effective. She thinks it will be necessary to raise a fund of \$100,000.00 for the successful promotion and prosecution of the scheme.

A number of leading citizens of Marion met in the office of the County Superintendent of Schools and listened to an interesting talk by Miss Berry on the possibilities of such an organization. Those present at the meeting are enthusiastic for the movement as they think it will mean not only much for Western North Carolina but for the entire State. Miss Berry left for Avery county where she expects to meet with the leading citizens of that section, hoping to arouse sufficient enthusiasm and interest for the new organization.

COMMISSIONERS MEET; JURORS FOR NEXT COURT

The county commissioners held their regular monthly meeting at the court house Monday. Only routine business was transacted. Jurors were drawn for the September term of Superior court as follows:

First week—G. C. Fisher, J. R. Gray, A. M. Hensley, J. L. Laughlin, G. W. Earley, H. J. Burgin, G. Miller, M. L. Grant, W. A. Silver, D. S. Laughter, V. C. Lytle, M. W. Elliott, W. R. Garrison, S. C. McNeely, W. P. Mangum, C. C. Moss, J. D. Laughridge, Dewey G. Brown. Second week—J. A. Lemond, S. C. Bird, Z. A. Owensby, G. L. Marlow, T. E. Cuthbertson, T. E. Hefner, J. W. Graham, Murray Tate, Garland Oates, H. A. Burgin, Jim Ledbetter, W. F. Stroud, D. N. Davis, W. M. Ledbetter, D. R. King, E. P. Mergan, W. F. Morgan, N. K. Walker.

WEATHER REPORT.

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

Maximum 96 degrees; minimum 62 degrees; rain 0.03 of an inch; sunshine, per cent., 90.

CONTRACT LET FOR NEGRO SCHOOL BUILDING

The County Board of Education was in session last Monday for the purpose of considering bids for the erection of a school house for the colored race of Marion and vicinity. Several bids were submitted, the building being let on a competitive basis. The successful bidder was John F. Pead, who has been engaged in building and construction work for a number of years. Pead is a colored contractor and met the requirements laid down by the Board of Education in order to secure the contract. Pead was required to put up sufficient bond before actual work is started.

The building is to be a modern structure and will include six class rooms, auditorium and other rooms. It will be furnished with substantial furniture and is to have water and electric lights. The building is designed to take care of the educational needs of the colored race of this entire section. It is hoped to give the colored children high school advantages and looking to this end the authorities planned the building that is to be erected within the next two months.

A site for the new structure is about one-fourth of a mile from the Southern Depot, opposite the colored church known as Addie's Chapel, on a handsome tract of land purchased from W. H. Hawkins, Callicott, Swepson and Swepson. The site composes two acres and is an ideal one for school purposes. The location is considered as being in the center of the school population of the surrounding section. The school known as the Corner School is to be included in the new district and the Corner school will no longer be operated as the children will attend at the new school.

The colored people are very enthusiastic and much interest has been manifested for the past several months for better school advantages. A successful drive was put on several months ago to secure funds to aid in the new building. Something like \$1100.00 was raised by the colored people and they are taking much pride in the building and equipment of the new structure.

LOCAL MAN GETS GOVERNMENT JOB

Of interest to the friends of Mr. J. E. Kanipe of Marion will be the announcement of his appointment as Division Chief of Internal Revenue under the new republican administration. The appointment is made by David H. Blair, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, upon the usual endorsements of the local and State organizations. For some time it has been understood that Mr. Kanipe was in a race for this position, which was held by Mr. Hugh Love of Haywood county, now resigned.

Mr. Kanipe will have headquarters in Asheville. The division embraces fifteen counties. Under the division chief are several deputy collectors and an office force.

In order to qualify for the appointment, Mr. Kanipe had to resign as State Senator from this district. It is not known what action will be taken looking toward filling the senatorial vacancy created by Mr. Kanipe's resignation.

12,000 ENLISTED MEN IN NAVY TO BE DISCHARGED

Washington, July 29.—Twelve thousand enlisted men will be discharged from the navy upon application to reduce the personnel to legislative requirements of the 100,000 men for whom pay is provided.

Special orders were issued today to discharge upon request all men whose enlistments would ordinarily expire between now and the first of July, 1922, except radio, torpedo and enginemen, machinists, mates, coppersmiths, bandsmen, hospital and signalmen.

Gentry Brothers Show will exhibit here today.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

EAST MARION

Marion, Aug. 3.—The construction work on the East Marion Baptist church is progressing nicely, finishing work on the interior will be begun soon. It is hoped to have the building completed by the first of September.

A fine baby girl made its appearance Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Proctor.

Several East Marion folks attended the Sunday school convention at Clear Creek Sunday.

A good old-time revival is in progress at the Baptist church. Rev. E. J. Jones is doing the preaching. Everybody invited to attend.

John Buff is recovering from a serious automobile accident. Rev. J. T. Bowden preached a wonderful sermon at the East Marion school hall Tuesday night.

We will no longer be in the dark. The switch board has arrived and is being installed at the Marion Manufacturing Co. The progressive steps taken by the company to administer to the comfort and welfare of their employees are much appreciated.

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Aug. 1.—Miss Addie Thompson of Morganton is visiting Mrs. Lee Jordan.

Miss Elizabeth Biddix was shopping in Marion last Saturday.

Miss Hellen Davis of Forest City is visiting friends here.

Clyde Byrd of Asheville is visiting his aunt, Mrs. J. L. Nichols.

Joe Hoffman has returned home from the navy.

Miss Ethel Strange of Salisbury visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greene during the week.

Misses Lizzie White and Bertha Greene spent the week-end with Miss Huth Holder at Greenlee.

Miss Pauline Hawkins spent the week-end with Miss Gertrude Dula.

Mrs. Annie Johnson of Hickory is visiting her mother, Mrs. George Sandlin.

Mrs. Nora Elliott of Winston-Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. Horace Burgin.

Miss Ruth Holder of Greenlee spent Monday in Old Fort.

Sidney Mauney left Sunday to teach school at Chapel Hill.

LAUREL HILL

Nebo, Rt. 1, Aug. 1.—Mrs. L. M. Price, who has been spending some time in this community visiting friends and relatives, returned to her home in Rutherfordton last Saturday. She was accompanied by her nephew, Alton Whitener.

C. F. James of Marion was a visitor here Sunday.

Miss Annie Morris, who is teaching here, spent the week-end with friends and homefolks at Nealsville.

Mrs. M. L. McCurry spent several days in Marion last week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Arrowood.

Henry Whitener of Rutherfordton spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Whitener.

Miss Biddie Price has gone to Marion where she has accepted a position.

J. M. Walker, C. Y. Pyatt and Jesse Price were in Marion last Saturday on business.

Mrs. York and daughter, Myrtle, of Old Fort, are spending a few days in this community, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ricketts.

Ralph Goodman of Nealsville was a visitor here recently.

Miss Ula Dixon has been spending a few days in Marion with her sister, Mrs. Curtis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walker made a business trip to Marion last Friday.

MONTFORDS COVE

Nealsville, Rt. 1, Aug. 1.—Crooked Creek and Montford's Cove boys played a match game of ball at the

Oak Hill school house Saturday resulting in 11 to 1 in favor of the Cove boys.

Several folks from the Cove attended the funeral services Sunday of Parks Morris whose body arrived from overseas Saturday. He was killed in the world war Nov. 11, 1918. Rev. D. J. Hunt conducted the funeral services. The floral tributes were beautiful and the services very impressive.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Nanney of Union Mills are visiting in the Cove.

William Gilliam spent Monday at the home of W. G. Harris.

Mrs. W. G. Harris, Mrs. Cora Nichols and Verno Harris and family visited relatives in Rutherfordton last Thursday.

Tiko Nichols and family, Mrs. Rebecca Nichols, Mrs. Jane Padgett and daughter, Mrs. Lula Wilkerson spent Friday at W. G. Harris'.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Taylor of Forest City are visiting Mrs. Taylor's mother, Mrs. Nancy Mitchell.

G. M. Harris spent Monday in Marion.

Mrs. E. W. Flack visited her mother at Thermal City last week.

Miss Mary Lee Wilkerson is spending this week with friends at Old Fort.

Miss Ethel and Molo Ledbetter are visiting their sister, Mrs. J. J. Carswell at Nebo.

M. R. Nanney has gone on a fishing trip to Bridgewater.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, Aug. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Swann of Marion spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Swann.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fisher, July 25th, a son.

Mrs. McKee of Lincolnton and Mrs. Kate Finley and Mrs. Ella McNeely of Marion were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barnes last week.

Miss Lena Swann of Marion spent the week-end here with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. England spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Huffman.

Chapel Hill graded school will open today.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hicks of Raleigh are here on a visit.

W. B. Robertson is removing his family to his farm in this vicinity.

Mrs. Willard Curtis of Rock Hill, S. C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Smith.

CURFEW

Curfew, Aug. 2.—C. N. Hogan has gone to Asheville to purchase a baseball outfit for Bethlehem school.

Mrs. N. C. Jones of Marion spent the latter part of the week here, the guest of Mrs. Carolina Hawkins.

We are glad to know that Mrs. Carolina Hawkins, who has been on the sick list for some time, is improving.

Curfew school is progressing nicely with Miss Lela Melton as teacher.

A number of young people from here attended the supper at Bethlehem Saturday night.

NEGRO KILLS FELLOW-WORKER

Greenville Slim was shot to death by Will Grant at the road construction camp near Nebo Sunday morning. From the reports, it is thought that the two negroes were out together during Saturday night and that a number of pistols were secured by them from the Carolina Hardware Company. Six pistols were missed from the stock of the hardware concern and on the dead body of the slain negro were found six pistols corresponding to the ones taken from the store. The evidence at the magistrate's trial on Monday was rather incomplete, but it looked as if the negroes had fallen out over the stolen property and that a row had ensued, in which Slim was the loser. The man doing the shooting was liberated at the trial.

Both of the negroes were strangers and nothing is known of their past record.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The board of trustees of the Morganton graded school has let the contract for the new high school building to be constructed at the junction of Avery avenue and Water street, the News-Herald says. The building will be of most up-to-date construction and will cost \$42,000.

Guilty of murder in the second degree was the verdict rendered Sunday against Babe Burnett for the killing of Prohibition officer Hal Rose by a jury of Swain county men at Bryson City. Rose was killed by Burnett at his place on Tabor's Creek on the 25th day of last October, when, in company with Charles Beck, he attempted to arrest Burnett.

Senator F. M. Simmons is the chief speaker on the program arranged for the annual meeting of the State association of county commissioners which will be held in Washington, Beaufort county, August 16 and 17. Other speakers besides the senior senator are Frank Page, State highway commissioner, W. A. McGirt, highway commissioner, Bruce Craven of Old Trinity, and Colonel J. P. Cook of Concord.

John B. Sherrill, of Concord, was elected president of the North Carolina Press association; Miss Beatrice Cobb, of the Morganton News-Herald secretary, and R. E. Price, of the Rutherfordton Sun, treasurer, at the session of the convention of the association at Morehead City last week. Other officers include R. T. Wade, Morehead City Coaster, first vice-president, S. F. Farabee, Hickory Record, second vice-president; Mrs. W. C. Hammer, Ashboro Courier, Courier, third vice-president; M. L. Shipman, historian; Josephus Daniels, Raleigh News and Observer, orator, and J. D. Boone, Waynesville Courier, poet. Winston-Salem was chosen for the mid-winter meeting in January.

CHARLES WEBB ASKED TO RESIGN; GRANTS REQUEST

Asheville, July 29.—Charles A. Webb, United States marshal for the western district of North Carolina, was today notified by H. M. Daugherty, attorney general, that a change in the office at Asheville is desired. Marshal Webb immediately tendered his resignation to take effect upon the appointment and qualification of his successor, whom it is generally believed will be Brownlow Jackson, of Hendersonville. In official circles it is believed Mr. Jackson will be appointed to the office immediately.

SOUTHERN WILL SPEED UP TRAINS

Asheville Times.

James H. Wood, district passenger agent, and S. J. Mulvaney, superintendent of the Asheville division of the Southern Railway system, have returned from a conference with officials in Charlotte on new accelerated schedules of the railway, including a reduction in time, as well as several changes in trains leaving from Asheville.

The principal trains to be affected by the new schedule, effective August 14, are as follows:

Train No. 16, leaving at 4:10 p. m., instead of 4:50 p. m., and arriving in New York city at 1:30 p. m. the following day, one hour and ten minutes earlier. The train will reach Washington at 7:40 a. m., one hour earlier. This will be the shortest time ever attempted by the railway officials for this trip. The New York-Washington sleeping cars will be attached at Salisbury, continuing over the Pennsylvania lines into New York.

The southbound schedule will be the same, except arriving in Asheville at 11:15 a. m., instead of 11:20 a. m.