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## MARION DOCTOR HEADS SOCIETY

### Dr. Guy S. Kirby Named President of Tenth District Medical Society.

Asheville Times, 7th. Dr. Guy S. Kirby, of Marion, was elected president of the Tenth District Medical Society at the annual business meeting at Murphy last Wednesday, to succeed Dr. F. L. Siler, of Franklin. Marion was selected as the meeting place for the April session.

Dr. A. F. Toole, of this city, was chosen vice-president and Dr. J. W. Hunnicutt, Asheville, re-elected secretary of the association. Other officers are: Dr. J. R. McCracken, Waynesville, vice-president; Dr. W. R. Kirk, Hendersonville, vice-president; Dr. Dan Bryson, Bryson City, vice-president; and Dr. N. B. Adams, Murphy, vice-president.

Addresses were delivered by Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the state board of health; Dr. Hubert A. Royster, president of the state medical society; and Dr. F. L. Siler, of Franklin, retiring president.

Dr. Eugene B. Glenn, of Asheville, presided at the banquet held Wednesday night.

## ANNUAL MEETING HOME BUILDING ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the Home Building Association held in the court house Tuesday night, Oct. 11, the following officers were elected: J. D. Blanton, president; W. W. Guy, vice-president; R. W. Giles, secretary and treasurer; G. W. Giles, assistant secretary and treasurer; J. W. Winborne, attorney. The following directors were elected: H. H. Tate, M. J. Justice, W. W. Guy, R. I. Bush, J. W. Winborne, J. D. Blanton, W. C. Smith, D. W. Crawford, O. F. Adkins and S. L. Copeland.

The report of the auditor and treasurer was read, discussed and approved. The report showed the association to be in a flourishing and substantial condition.

Approximately 900 shares were reported subscribed to the new October series. This series will remain open during the month of October and the directors believe the series will be doubled before the close of the month.

The secretary and treasurer reported that sixteen homes in McDowell county had been built or remodeled during the year. The officers believe they will more than double this number for the coming year and that the Home Building Association will stand in the front line of building organizations for McDowell county.

## W. N. C. CONFERENCE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

The Western North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church will hold its sixth annual session with the East Marion Pentecostal Holiness church, midway between the Marion and Clinchfield cotton mills, beginning on Friday night, Oct. 14th, and continuing for about four days.

There will be devotional services each evening at 7:45 p. m., and each day at 11 a. m. Business sessions will be held both morning and afternoon. Between seventy-five and one hundred preachers and delegates will attend.

The conference will be presided over by the General Superintendent, Rev. J. H. King, of Rayston, Ga. All are invited to attend.

## TRANSPORTATION FOR CONFEDERATE VETERANS

The McDowell county commissioners have agreed to pay the railroad fare of Confederate Veterans to the annual reunion at Chattanooga, Tenn., on October 20. This will doubtless be good news to the old soldiers. It is expected that a large number will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend the meeting at Chattanooga.

## FORMER MARION WOMAN ACHIEVES SUCCESS IN LITERARY CIRCLES

Of interest to the Marion people will be the following clipping from The Birmingham Age-Herald with reference to the literary work of Mrs. J. N. Cornelius, nee Mary C. Chase. Mrs. Cornelius was born and reared in this section, where she has many friends who will be delighted to know that she has distinguished herself in the literary field. She took first prize in the Walt Mason contest, which within itself bespeaks Mrs. Cornelius' ability as a writer. The poem which Mrs. Cornelius offered in the Walt Mason contest won the first prize from among hundreds submitted in competition.

With reference to Mrs. Cornelius the Birmingham Age-Herald carried the following, written by one of the paper's regular staff reporters:

"Among Birmingham's brilliant women is one so modest and retiring in her disposition that she might aptly be compared to the violet which hides its charms except from those who lovingly seek for them.

"Such a woman is Mrs. J. N. Cornelius, the talented president of the Birmingham Writer's club, who is doing so much fine literary and artistic work, that she is becoming known through the magazines and literary publications of the country, while her own friends here in the city are very little aware of her success.

"Besides her writings, Mrs. Cornelius is very skillful with her kodak, and with her artist's perception of what is charming or attractive when portrayed, makes many charming photographs. She has sold to magazines many scenes which she has chosen and photographed, and which have been used for illustrations in magazine stories.

"At the Alabama State Fair last fall it was Mrs. Cornelius' beautiful booth, with its display of fancy work, which by its charming arrangement, won the prize in the woman's exhibit. "So beautiful was this booth that the editor of the Modern Priscilla, the leading magazine devoted to fancy work and women's dainty needlework designs, wrote for a picture of the booth and a description of its contents.

"With her talents Mrs. Cornelius combines lovely graces of womanly characteristics. Her home shows the hand of efficiency and her children think of her as a boon companion and shower her with gifts on Mother's Day and other such occasions."

Mrs. Cornelius' beautiful poem "A Prayer" published in 1920 has been widely copied, especially by religious journals. The poem in the Walt Mason contest and the poem, "A Prayer" are printed in the columns of this paper.

## OFFICERS CAPTURE FOUR STILLS AND TWO MEN

Raids by local officers during the past week resulted in the capture of four stills and two men. On October 2nd Deputy Sheriff R. C. Nanney reports having destroyed a still on Jackson's creek and arresting a man by the name of Halton.

On October 4th Deputy Sheriff Mitchell and Prohibition Officer John Banks destroyed a big copper outfit near Greenlee, and on the same date Deputy Sheriff J. A. Good destroyed a still on Linville mountain in North Cove township.

On last Friday Deputy Sheriff Mitchell and Prohibition Officer Banks made another raid in North Cove township where they destroyed a still and arrested Flem Autrey on a charge of violating the prohibition laws. Autrey was held under \$500 bond for alleged distilling.

## WEATHER REPORT.

Thos. McGuire, local government weather bureau observer, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion for the week as follows: Maximum, 85 degrees; minimum, 30 degrees; rain, 0.92 of an inch; sunshine, per cent. .85.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

**OLD FORT**  
Old Fort, Oct. 11.—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dalton, Saturday, Oct. 9, a daughter.

Miss Alva Goswick spent Sunday in Winston-Salem with homefolks. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Huntley of Ridgecrest, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Fortune. Mrs. Ben Byrd of Asheville visited relatives here Sunday.

Misses Katherine Bailey and Florence Murray spent Sunday in Weaverville the guest of Miss Pearl Evans.

P. H. Mashburn and family motored to Asheville, Saturday.

Ted Hyams spent the week-end in Asheville.

Wallace, the magician, gave an interesting entertainment at the auditorium last Monday night. A large crowd enjoyed the performance.

J. C. Greene of Asheville spent Monday in Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nichols spent Sunday in Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Burgin and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Nichols motored to Black Mountain Sunday.

The honor roll for the Old Fort school is as follows: First "A" grade: James Atkins, Isaac Davis, J. R. Harris, Roy Holland, Franklin Hoyle and Nellie Pritchard. First "B" grade: Donald Dover, Woodard Davis, Marvin Davis, Charles Hall, Melvin Jordan, Garland Oates, Donald Steppe, Francis Grant, Margaret Jordan, Jennie Mae Noblitt, Ruth Plemmons, Winnie Simmons, Jessie Davis. Second grade: Mary Virginia Adams, Jessie Davis, Beatrice Freeman, Evelyn Gilliam, Julia Padgett, Stella Sherrill, Francis Walker, Hezakah Autrey, Lester Plemmons, Lytle Steppe, B. T. Nichols. Third grade: Ethel Allison, Harvey Connor, Mary Sue Grant, Geneva Steppe, Christina McDaniel, Carl Rock, Rhoda Padgett, Florine Harris, Clyde Nesbitt, Irene Jordan, Vera Oates. Fourth grade: Margaret Rock, Francis Sherrill. Fifth grade: Elizabeth Strickland, Thomas Holland. Sixth grade: Alley Steppe. Seventh grade: Ward Treverton. Eighth grade: Dennis Haynes, Rosa Turner, Walter Graham. Ninth grade: Jannie Parker, Pearl Turner. Tenth grade: Estelle Lavender, Bernard Tate, William Treverton, Sallie Epley. Eleventh grade: James Miller.

**MONTFORDS COVE**  
Union Mills, Rt. 1, Oct. 10.—Falls are too busy these days to visit and news is scarce. Cane strippings seem to be greatly in vogue. The young folks have enjoyed them at the following homes: G. M. Harris on Friday night and Mrs. Delia Ledbetter's on Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Elijah West of Montana are visiting friends in the cove. Miss Pearl Simmons is spending this week in Rutherfordton. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson were visitors at Sugar Hill Sunday. After a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Miss Louise Brown has gone to Glenwood to spend the remainder of her vacation with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. James Burgess and children, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Nanney and children, W. G. Harris and wife, Mrs. Cora Nichols and Verno Harris and family spent Sunday at the home of Frank Nanney. Miles Stott, young son of M. L. Stott, had the misfortune of falling from his bicycle Sunday, breaking his shoulder bone. He was taken to Marion where he was given the attention of a physician and is getting along nicely. Mrs. Lillie Wilkerson and children and Uncle Andy Wilkerson were visitors at E. C. Harris' Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Grover Harding of

Caroleen spent Sunday at E. C. Harris'.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hemphill spent Sunday at G. H. Hemphill's.

Miss Gertrude Hemphill was the guest of Miss Floy Williams Saturday night.

The White Pine school is progressing nicely with Miss Haney as teacher. The patrons and friends of the school met Friday and discussed plans for improving conditions and Saturday they put their words into action by cleaning off a playground.

Mr. Panter of Crooked creek and Miss Evelee Murphy were quietly married at the home of Will Haynes last Friday night. May joy and happiness be their lot all through this life.

A. R. Hemphill is repairing his newly purchased home at Gilkey, where he expects to move soon.

## CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Rt. 2, Oct. 10.—Cold frosty mornings, potato digging, wheat sowing and some corn being gathered, are the order of the day on the creek.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Nesbitt of Old Fort visited Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Halford, Sunday.

Miss Lela Milton is right sick with tonsillitis.

Miss Bessie Cuthbertson and Miss Annie Lavender spent the week-end at the former's home at Nebo.

Mr. and Mrs. Judd Noblitt and children and Miss Lucy Halford were visitors at the home of C. P. Lytle, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lavender and children visited relatives near Greenlee Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Story, who is teaching at Bethlehem, was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Parker, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lytle of Greenlee visited relatives on the creek Sunday.

Mrs. Winslow Kitchin and little daughter of Spartanburg, S. C., who have been spending the summer at Asheville visited relatives here during the week.

## HAW BRANCH

Old Fort, Oct. 11.—Misses Nora and Ethel Morgan, Reba Noblitt, Edna Hawkins, and Laura Reel of Marion spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Eva Hawkins has returned to Marion after spending some time with homefolks here.

Mrs. R. C. Saunders has been visiting relatives and friends here for the past week.

John Reel made a business trip to Marion today. Jack Frost has made several visits in the community.

C. N. Hogan has been on the sick list with rheumatism for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Reel and children visited James Hogan last Sunday.

The box supper at Curfew was a success and a neat sum was realized.

## CATAWBA VALLEY

Old Fort, Rt. 10.—Mr. and Mrs. William Melton of Ridgecrest were pleasant visitors here Sunday.

Leon and Maude Silver visited relatives on Curtis creek the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bradley of Greenlee were callers at the home of J. W. Bradley, Sunday.

Bulow Kelley spent Sunday on Crooked creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Lot Wilson have moved into the community from Burnsville.

A singing was enjoyed at the home of J. H. Pimeer Sunday afternoon.

A. L. Hicks moved from here to Old Fort last Wednesday. We are very sorry to have him leave us.

Miss Sara Bradley has gone to Old Fort to spend a while with her sister.

Willard Kelley and Tate Parker attended the box supper at Curfew Saturday night.

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## NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

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

The annual session of the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will be held in High Point October 19-24.

W. R. Patton, formerly town manager of Morganton and located in that capacity for several months at New Smyrna, Fla., has been elected superintendent of roads in Burke county.

Statistics for North Carolina of the 1920 census of manufactures announced by the census bureau show Winston-Salem leading in the value of manufactures with \$200,485,000 for the year 1919, an increase of 437.7 per cent over 1914. Durham ranks second with \$70,659,000, while Charlotte stands second in percentage of increase over 1914.

Officials of the forest service announce that a steel lookout tower will be constructed on the summit of Brown mountain in Boone forest. The tower will be 75 feet in height and will cost about \$250. It is stated that work will start immediately and when completed the tower will command a view of all government lands in Caldwell county. It is expected that it will prove invaluable in watching for fires.

## WILL CHECK REPORTS OF VITAL STATISTICS

Raleigh, Oct. 4.—In several counties of the state the State Board of Health is instituting an intensive check on the reports of vital statistics. It is necessary that a high percentage of births and deaths be reported in order for the State to remain in the official registration area, under the rules of the Bureau of the Census. Periodic checkings are required to show conclusively that such percentage is maintained.

Special attention will be given to the reports of births. The reports of deaths in the state are now practically one hundred per cent complete, but there is reason to believe that quite a number of births are not reported, as required by law. North Carolina according to the reports made leads all the states of the Union with the highest birth rate, nearly eighty-five thousand births having been recorded during the past year. At the same time it is known that quite frequently a birth is not reported to the local registrars. It is to find these, and to stimulate more complete reports, that the intensive checking is being instituted.

The method of checking returns is one recommended by the Bureau of the Census. In the selected territory a careful canvass is made through government agents to ascertain the names of all children, with the names of parents, who have been born within the past year. These reports are then checked against the birth certificates filed with the bureau of vital statistics in the State Board of Health from the same territory.

Under the laws of North Carolina it is a misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment for an attending physician or midwife to fail to promptly report to the local registrar any birth. The birth certificate contains such necessary information as the name of the child, the name of the parents, place of residence, and other important information. A birth certificate is a document that may prove of the highest value, and is now recognized as the inherent right of every child born in the State. It is the intention of the State Board of Health to protect that right, and insure it for every child insofar as is possible.

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