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## MR. R. F. BURTON PASSED AWAY TUESDAY MORNING

Was Cashier M. and F. Bank and Active in Business Affairs—Funeral Yesterday.

The people of Marion and vicinity were made sad last Tuesday morning when they learned that Mr. R. F. Burton, one of the town's most beloved citizens, had passed away, at 7 o'clock, a. m. Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Burton's health had been poor for more than a year his death came as a shock. He had been at his post as cashier of the Merchants & Farmers Bank Saturday, and was on the streets during the same day. He was taken seriously ill Monday and grew worse until his suffering was relieved in death.

The body was prepared for burial and taken to Goldsboro Wednesday afternoon, accompanied by the immediate family, relatives and friends. A short funeral service was held at the home, and the concluding services were held at Goldsboro.

Mr. Burton was a native of Virginia, but spent most of his life in North Carolina. He was connected with the Southern Railway Company for many years and came from Newton to Marion as Agent something like 20 years ago. He was elected cashier of the Merchants & Farmers Bank about 14 years ago, which position brought to him many responsibilities of trust and honor. As a banker he held the confidence of his associates and the entire public.

Mr. Burton was an elder in the Presbyterian church, a Mason and a Pythian, and was faithful to duty. No man ever lived in this section who enjoyed more universal respect and esteem than Mr. Burton.

Mr. Burton is survived by his immediate family, Mrs. Burton and one daughter; also four sisters, Mrs. R. G. Gladstone, of Reidsville; Mrs. Chas. Williams, of Kittrell, N. C.; Mrs. Charles Burton, Henderson, N. C. and Mrs. J. M. Waddell, Greenville, S. C.; also one brother, Mr. A. M. Burton, of Baltimore, Md.

Universal regret has been heard on every hand at the passing of so good a man. The entire community's sympathy goes out to the family and relatives in their great distress.

## OLD TIME BEER ENJOYING LEGAL STATUS

Washington, Oct. 25.—Beer, as a medicine, enjoys a full legal status today through the unexpected action of the treasury departments in promulgating regulations permitting its use for that purpose. Issued in accordance with an opinion submitted by former Attorney General Palmer last March 3, holding the medicinal use of beer to be legal under the prohibition laws and after being withheld since then in anticipation of early action by congress on the pending anti-beer measure, announcement of the beer regulations yesterday came as a complete surprise to prohibition leaders.

## NORTH CAROLINA DAY PROGRAM OUT

North Carolina Day will fall on Armistice Day this year and Dr. E. C. Brooks, Superintendent of Education, has issued a program pamphlet for the use of schools in the observance of the day. In it is set forth the record of the State in the war patriotic selections, and a list of North Carolinians awarded medals of honor by the government for distinguished services during the war. Likewise, it contains a suggested program for use by the schools.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

There will be services at St. John's Episcopal church Tuesday, Nov. 1, All Saints' Day, at 9:30 a. m.

Regular services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Rev. J. M. Clark, of Statesville, Superintendent of Home Missions, will preach at the Clinchfield Presbyterian church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

## MRS. B. P. DAVIS DIES AT HOME OF HER DAUGHTER

The many friends of Mrs. B. P. Davis were greatly shocked Saturday to learn that she had passed away at 3:30 p. m. Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Britton, in Johnson City, Tenn.

Mrs. Davis underwent an operation about three weeks ago, but notwithstanding the fact that her condition was rather critical her death was unexpected.

The body was brought to Marion Sunday afternoon and was carried to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Kirby, where the funeral services were held Monday at 10 o'clock a. m., conducted by Rev. J. T. Bowden, in the absence of the pastor of the deceased, Rev. J. P. Higgs, who was in High Point in attendance upon the annual conference of the Methodist Church. At the funeral was a large number of relatives and friends of the deceased. The floral tributes were beautiful and gave testimony to the high esteem in which Mrs. Davis was held in her home town. The body was laid to rest at Oak Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Davis was married twice; first, to the late Dan F. Kirby, who died several years ago. She was married about three years ago to Mr. B. P. Davis, of Marion.

Mrs. Davis is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. John Britton; a sister, Mrs. Tucker; three brothers, H. H. Mitchell, Ed. Mitchell, all of Winston-Salem, and Neal Mitchell, of Caroleen.

Before her marriage Mrs. Davis was Miss Maude Mitchell, daughter of the late William B. Mitchell. She had spent practically all her life in Marion. She was known to a large circle of friends and was popular and greatly beloved in her home community. She was active in both church and civic affairs and in anything that meant for the upbuilding of the community.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the husband and daughter and other relatives in their hour of grief.

Relatives in attendance upon the funeral from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. John Britton, of Johnson City, Tenn.; Mrs. Maggie Mitchell, of Shelby; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Arey, of Shelby; Mrs. M. P. Morgan, of Gaffney, S. C.; S. N. Davis, Mrs. C. S. Davis and Mrs. Frank Wallar, of Asheville.

## COMMISSIONERS TAKE ACTION IN THE MATTER OF A NEW COURT HOUSE

At a called meeting of the County Commissioners on October 20th action was taken on the question of erecting a county court house.

The question of building a court house has been considered for some time. The grand juries have made repeated recommendation that a new court house be built, practically condemning the old one. In order to give the county commissioners authority to sell the present court house site and purchase a new site and erect a new court house, an act was passed in the 1921 session of the General Assembly; also giving the county commissioners authority to issue bonds for this purpose. Owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the money market the county commissioners were not able to sell the bonds and start the new court house. Conditions recently appearing to be more favorable to the disposition of the bonds, the county commissioners are now offering the bonds for sale and expect to begin the actual construction of the new court house just as soon as the money has been realized from the sale of the bonds.

No plans have been adopted for the new building, but it is understood that the commissioners expect to build a modern building, equipped with the latest equipment.

The proposed minstrel to be given by the American Legion Armistice night has been postponed to a later date owing to unforeseen difficulties in its preparations.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

### OLD FORT

Old Fort, Oct. 24.—A box supper was given Friday night by the girls and teachers of the Old Fort High school, for the benefit of the girls basket-ball team.

Rev. R. L. Foster left last Tuesday for the annual conference which met at High Point. He was called home Thursday evening on account of the serious illness of his small child.

Misses Bailey, Burgin, Miller, Burton and Biddix and Messrs. Duncan, Shelton and Keeter were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Atkins on a party to Curtis Creek Lumber Camp where they spent Saturday and Sunday, returning Sunday afternoon.

Dennis Haynes spent the week-end in Asheville visiting relatives.

G. H. Allison, C. L. Gilbert, George Miller and George Allison left a few days ago for an extensive bear hunt.

Miss Margaret White of Asheville spent the week-end here with relatives.

Joe Byrd suffered a stroke of paralysis Friday night and is in a very critical condition.

The Junior quintet of the Old Fort High School played their first game of the season Friday with Glenwood High school, winning the game by a big score.

One of the prettiest sites in the mountains of Western North Carolina for a summer camp is at Catawba Falls. Dr. Kephart of Greensboro has recently investigated the property for this purpose. This move should receive the encouragement and support of the Old Fort people, because it would bring a number of people and much business to the town.

Col. D. W. Adams is constructing at considerable expense a conduit from a dam constructed sometime ago across the creek to a water-wheel which he is constructing near the old knitting mill. With the power thus derived he will operate a roller mill, a grist mill and later on other machinery. Col. Adams is also spending quite a bit of money at Catawba Falls putting in a water line from there to Old Fort and otherwise improving his property. These are very commendable improvements and should receive hearty support.

### MONTFORDS COVE

Nealsville, Rt. 1, Oct. 24.—Everybody is very busy, seeding and corn shuckings carrying the day.

R. A. Marlow is erecting a new residence.

Miss Emma Lou and Preston Hensley of Marion spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hensley.

Miss Cora Lee and Lawrence Wilkerson of Marion visited their mother Sunday.

Mrs. G. M. Harris and Miss Goodloe Haney spent Saturday in Marion. Mrs. C. M. Hall visited relatives at Sugar Hill Saturday.

Jones Harris and C. M. Hall made a business trip to Marion Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Banning visited their daughter, Mrs. Homer Ledbetter, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Harris spent Saturday in Marion.

Mrs. W. A. Houck of Marion and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Houck of Baltimore, Md., visited the former's daughter, Mrs. J. L. Ledbetter, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Briscoe Harris spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. R. A. Marlow.

W. G. Whitesides of Lattimore is spending the week in the cove.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wellman, Miss Velma Wellman, Miss Deadman, and Ray Deadman, of Shelby, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J.

### L. Ledbetter.

Mrs. Lou Hensley spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Vennie Harris.

J. C. Crawford is spending this week with his sister, Mrs. C. M. Hall. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Williams spent Saturday in Glenwood.

J. G. Haynes spent Monday in Marion.

Mrs. Gilbert Rodney is on the sick list.

M. R. Nanney made a business trip to Nebo last week.

Rev. M. M. Huntley delivered a fine sermon at the Cove church Sunday.

### Union Mills, Route 1, Oct. 24.—

Mrs. E. M. Stott, who was carried to Rutherford hospital last week, underwent an operation and is doing nicely.

Mr. McCurry of Henderson county has moved his family to the Albertus Ledbetter place on Grassy creek.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Nichols and Mrs. Lackey of Old Fort motored to the Cove Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Williams visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Brown, at Glenwood, Saturday.

R. P. Morris gave a corn shucking Saturday which was well attended.

Verno Harris and family, Mrs. Cora Nichols, Miss Floy Williams and Jonas Harris attended the Rutherford county fair last week.

Mrs. G. M. Harris, Misses Annie Sue Harris, Goodloe Haney, Robert Harris and Molo Ledbetter motored to Rutherfordton, Sunday.

Misses Mattie and Clara Harris, Flora Morris and Mr. Michael, teachers at Bostic, and Mr. Harrill visited friends in the Cove Sunday.

A large force of hands with two caterpillar tractors are doing some good work on the road from Union Mills to the Cove.

Mrs. Grant Harris is visiting in Forest City.

Mrs. Louise Hensley and children visited Mrs. Hensley's mother Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Jane Padgett spent Monday with Mrs. Delia Ledbetter.

Mrs. Maydell Adams spent Monday in Marion.

Morris Nanney has accepted a position at Bridgewater.

The folks around here are beginning to talk school consolidation.

### LAUREL HILL

Nebo, Route 1, Oct. 24.—Our school at this place seems to be progressing nicely with Miss Annie Morris as teacher. A box supper given at the school building on last Saturday night was attended by an unusually large crowd of people from both far and near and quite a neat sum was realized. The proceeds, which amounted to \$55.00, will be used for the benefit of the school.

Mrs. E. L. Walker and daughter, Miss Ella, of Marion spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends in this community.

R. L. Queen and family of Mooresboro were pleasant visitors here Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Morris of Nealsville visited her sister, Miss Annie, last Saturday night.

Misses Kate and Hessie Waters, Biddie Price and Ula Dixon of Marion, visited friends and homefolks in this neighborhood Saturday and Sunday.

Burgin Cooper of Spindale spent the week-end with friends here.

Mrs. A. C. Price has gone to Cliffside where she will spend two weeks visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mangum of Dysartsville visited in this community last Sunday.

Miss Annie Morris spent Sunday with homefolks near Nealsville.

Miss Ella McCurry, who has been spending some time in Marion, is home for a few days.

A singing given by Miss Beatrice Walker on last Sunday night was enjoyed by a large number of young people.

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## CONFERENCE ADJOURNS; APPOINTMENTS MADE

Rev. J. P. Higgs Returns to Marion; Rev. Z. Paris Presiding Elder This District.

The Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which has been in session in High Point for the past week, adjourned Monday after transacting the usual business and making the appointments of ministers for the next conference year. Rev. J. P. Higgs, who has been pastor of the Marion church for the past year, is returned, and Rev. D. M. Litaker, who held the appointment as presiding elder of this district, goes to the Statesville district, and Rev. Z. Paris succeeds him on the Marion district.

Rev. Z. Paris, the new presiding elder, is well known here, having served the First Methodist church here as pastor several years ago. He comes to Marion from Concord where he has been stationed for the past four years.

The appointments for the Marion district are as follows:

### Marion District.

Marion district—Z. Paris, presiding elder; Bald Creek, J. M. Price; Broad River, Elmer Simpson; Burnsville, L. C. Postell; Bostic Circuit, L. L. Smith; Cliffside and Allendale, J. C. Keever; Connelly Springs, W. F. Elliott; Gilkey, J. P. Hornbuckle; Forest City and Pleasant Grove, Parker Holmes; Glen Alpine, B. G. Goforth; Henrietta and Caroleen, J. B. Tabor; Marion, J. P. Higgs; Marion circuit, P. L. Terrell; Marion Mills, D. A. Lewis; McDowell circuit, P. H. Brittain; Micaville, H. E. Simpson; Mill Springs, W. J. Hackney; Morganton, C. M. Pickens; Morganton circuit, J. A. Fry, W. L. Dawson, Jr., J. E. Preacher; Old Fort, R. L. Foster; Rutherfordton Station, E. N. Crowder; Spruce Pine and Bakersville, A. A. Angel, Spindale and Alexander, M. W. Heckard; Table Rock, J. C. Gentry; Professor in Rutherford college, J. W. Bennett; Professor, junior preacher; Old Fort, R. Hauss; student Yale Divinity school, T. F. Higgins; divinity school, Boston university, A. P. Simpson; divinity school Boston university, O. L. Simpson.

Momoe was selected by the Methodists as the place for its session next year.

## MR. PHILLIP K. LAIL DIED FROM ACCIDENT

Mr. Phillip K. Lail, brother of John T. Lail, of this community, was killed in a run-away accident near Spokane, Washington, one day last week. News of the tragedy reached the relatives of the deceased who immediately undertook to get the details of the accident. It seems that Mr. Lail was engaged in managing a farm in Washington and that a team which he was driving became frightened and ran away, killing the driver.

Mr. Lail was a young man, unmarried, and was about 28 years of age. He was a member of the American Legion, and saw service during the World War. His untimely passing brought sorrow to the hearts of his relatives and friends in McDowell and other sections.

The remains are being brought to North Carolina and will be buried near Glen Alpine.

## WILL START TROOPS FROM RHINE WITHIN TWO WEEKS

Washington, Oct. 22.—The gradual withdrawal of American troops from Germany, expected to start within two weeks, will involve a reduction of the American forces there to about one-half of the present strength of 13,500 officers and men. The reduction will be accomplished by the middle of next March.

## PLAY AT GLENWOOD.

The girls of the high school department of Glenwood will present a play, "The Farmette," at 7:30 on Friday night, October 28. The public is cordially invited.