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ROAD COMMISSIONERS SELL HIGHWAY BONDS

Premium on County Bonds for Roads Sold Monday Will Amount to About \$8,000.

At a meeting of the County Highway Commission last Monday road bonds were sold. Sidney Spitzer & Co., of Toledo, Ohio, were the purchasers and the price paid was one of the highest ever offered for county bonds. The premium will amount to something like \$8,000.00 which means that the bonds brought more than 5 per cent. above par. The money will be used to continue the work of road building which the commission has on foot. Good roads have already been built through several sections of the county, but the present commission is in favor of a system of roads throughout the entire county that will meet the demands of every section.

The Highway Commission is composed of Mr. Hugh F. Little, chairman; Mr. R. P. Morris, secretary, and Mr. W. P. Artz. They are men of big business affairs personally, but are patriotic and believe in giving some of their valuable time and business ability to the development and upbuilding of McDowell county.

SCHOOL FOR DEAF DEFEATS MARION HIGH SCHOOL

The fastest and cleanest game of the season was played in Morganton last Friday when the North Carolina School for the Deaf defeated the Marion High School, scoring 21 to 20. At the end of the first half of the game, Marion scored 10, and the deaf boys 5. Marion clearly outclassed the deaf boys, and but for the many fouls, would have won. Out of the 15 fouls made by Marion, the deaf boys only missed 2, Marion being able to shoot only 4 out of 12. The Marion team was leading 20 to 19, and only 15 seconds to play in, when a goal from the field by the deaf center broke the hearts of the Marionites.

The whole Marion team played star basketball. McMahan's and Sprinkle's shooting, and Copeland's floor work featured, while Atkins and Hipps can't be beat at guarding. The deaf boys put up a great game and played winning ball, their ability to shoot fouls being responsible for their victory.

A return game will be played on the Marion court at 3:30 Friday, and our team promises to every one present, a sure victory. A special invitation is extended to the whole town to be present.

Marion's line up was as follows: McMahan, r. f., 9; Copeland, l. f.; Sprinkle, center, 6; Hipps, r. g., 2; Atkins, l. g., 3.

DISTRICT LEAGUE MEETING HERE NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, December 11th, there will be a district union meeting of the various chapters of the Epworth League in the Marion District held at the Methodist church here and quite a number of representatives from Rutherford College, Morganton, Glen Alpine, Old Fort and other League chapters in the district will be present. A splendid program has been arranged. Among the speakers will be Rev. L. B. Hayes of Greensboro at 11 o'clock on Sunday, W. M. Shuford and Miss Grace Bradley and Miss Gertrude Falls Sunday afternoon, and at 7:30 p. m. Mr. W. W. Edwards, of Asheville, president of the Annual League Conference, will deliver an address. The pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. J. P. Hipps, has extended an invitation to all the young people of the town to attend these meetings. The public is cordially invited.

John Elliott of Nealsville and Miss Croa Revis, of Madison county, were married Thursday night of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Roy Brown, Esq. W. B. Ratliff officiating. Mr. Elliott is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Elliott of Nealsville.

TEACHERS COMPLETE READING CIRCLE WORK

The various groups of teachers doing reading circle work held their final meeting last Saturday, completing the work as outlined by the State Department and the County Superintendent. The final examinations were given, and while the results are not ready for publication, the papers show that on the whole a very excellent piece of work was done. The groups were organized with leaders as follows: High School Group, Mr. H. M. Rowland, leader; Grammar Grade Group, Miss Celestia L. Penny, leader; Primary Group, Mrs. C. S. Briggs, leader; Elementary Group, Miss Mary M. Greenlee, leader. A second elementary group has been held at Old Fort with Supt. G. B. Strickland in charge.

More teachers took this work than at any previous year in the county. Something like one hundred teachers were enrolled and the attendance and interest were quite gratifying. It is another indication of the determination on the part of the teachers to keep abreast of modern educational tendencies and to better fit themselves for effective teaching. The reading circle work has become a part of the teachers' professional requirements, as certificates hereafter will not be renewed unless the reading circle work has in some way been completed.

W. J. ATWELL SUCCEEDS WHITENER AS FIRE CHIEF

At a meeting of the Marion Fire Department on December 5th, Mr. W. J. Atwell was elected fire chief to fill out the unexpired term of M. E. Whitener, who recently resigned and moved to Thomasville. Mr. M. J. Hoover was elected first fireman. The following resolutions to M. E. Whitener were adopted.

Resolutions for Whitener.
Mr. M. E. Whitener was elected chief of the Marion Fire Department in May 1920. Mr. Whitener went to work and reorganized the department and today we have a department to be proud of. During his term of office the town purchased a new fire truck and a great deal of other equipments, also two paid firemen were put on duty, one at day time and the other at night. By putting these paid men on the town will receive a second class fire insurance rating.

There was one large fire during his term of office and Mr. Whitener showed his ability in handling his men and getting the fire under control in a very short time after the department appeared on the scene. Messrs. Wrenn and House showed their appreciation for the splendid way that the department put out the fire by donating \$50.00.

Mr. Whitener has left us and is now living in Thomasville and we accept his resignation as chief, with regret, but we shall always remember him as our first chief of the reorganized Fire Department of Marion, N. C.

G. W. Giles,
T. J. Halliburton,
I. W. Saunders,
Committee.

COMMISSIONERS MEET; JURORS FOR JANUARY

The county commissioners were in regular session Monday. The business transacted was routine. Jurors were drawn for the next term of court, which convenes January 23rd, as follows:

First week—J. F. Turner, C. G. Biggerstaff, J. H. Garrison, G. W. Cannon, J. A. Gibson, B. F. Corpening, C. S. Poteat, John M. Hoyle, J. M. Biggerstaff, W. O. Bryson, Z. V. Daves, M. J. Harris, S. J. Melton, A. B. Finch, J. M. Kanipe, S. A. Hawkins, J. H. Gilliam, J. F. Bird.

Second week—J. B. Biddix, P. E. Cannon, R. L. Clements, C. B. Lee, J. L. Steppe, Garden Erwin, J. P. Patton, L. A. Martin, C. G. Connor, T. R. Cuthbertson, Jesse Price, H. A. Kanipe, Ernest Bird, Geo. W. Carver, W. R. Davis, T. L. Poteat, O. C. Williams, J. Roy Brown.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

NEBO.

Nebo, Dec. 5.—Misses Hattie Taylor and Tracy Sigmon spent the week with homefolks.

Tom Stacy and Ralph Tate, who are teaching near Old Fort, spent the week-end at home.

Helen Ledbetter and Fred Barnes of Marion were visitors here yesterday.

J. C. Mason was in Marion Saturday on business.

Watson Wilson, who is teaching school at Garden City, spent the week-end at home.

Robert and Fate Lentz were in Marion one day last week on business.

There will be services at the Methodist church Sunday, Dec. 18th at 7 p. m.

HARMONY GROVE

Nebo, Rt. 1, Dec. 5.—On account of a play to be given at Nebo, the box supper has been called off.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Anderson were shopping in Marion Monday.

Mrs. James Pyatt gave a quilting last Friday, which was enjoyed by all present.

Floyd Lawing was in Marion Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Lawing were shopping in Marion Monday.

Mrs. Ben Simmons and little son, Ben, have returned home after a visit to relatives on Buck Creek and in Marion.

Miss Jessie Pyatt and mother were shopping in Marion the first of the week.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, Dec. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Holland visited relatives near Nebo Sunday.

James Manor of Weaverville is visiting his sister, Mrs. A. S. Coats.

Mrs. J. H. Barnes and daughter, Frances, were shopping in Marion Saturday.

Miss Annie Kaylor of Marion spent the week-end with homefolks.

John Poteet has moved his family to the T. M. Hicks place.

The graded school at this place is progressing nicely under the leadership of Mr. Goodman and Miss Corpening.

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

Misses Evelyn and Thelma Holland spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. C. E. Poteat.

K. of P. ELECTS OFFICERS.

At the regular meeting of Mt. Ida Lodge No. 58, Knights of Pythias, last Thursday night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

C. C.—R. W. Atwell.
V. C.—W. K. Keeter.
Prelate—Glenn McCall.
M. of W.—Thos. McGuire.
K. of R. and S.—R. F. Barnes.
M. of F.—E. P. Foy.
M. of E.—J. H. Tate.
M. at A.—R. J. Burgin, Jr.
I. G.—Theo. Conkey.
O. G.—M. D. Atwell.

On next Thursday night there will be a get-together meeting with good speaking, when a donation for the Pythian Home will be made. Every member is urged to attend or send a donation to this worthy cause.

REPRESENTATIVE W. W. NEAL LEAVES FOR SPECIAL SESSION

Representative W. W. Neal left the first of the week for Raleigh to be present at a special session of the legislature. Mr. Neal is understood to favor making the special session as brief as possible, as it costs the tax-payers of the State something like a thousand dollars a day to run the legislature, not counting the cost of some of the legislature after it has been put on the statute books.

BRYSON-SNYDER & LACKEY ENLARGE OLD FORT STORE

Bryson-Snyder & Lackey of Old Fort announce that they have taken over the large store room formerly occupied by Nesbitt & Hughes adjoining their hardware store. An archway has been cut between the hardware department and these rooms and the new addition has been converted into an up-to-date furniture store. J. Logan Lackey, chairman of the board of county commissioners and a partner of the Old Fort firm, will be in charge of the hardware and furniture department. Holmes Bryson of Asheville and C. A. Snyder of Hickory are also members of the firm.

AUTOMOBILES COLLIDE.

An automobile collision happened on the new highway near the Morgan farm, in which Robert Bonner suffered rather painful injuries, and M. F. Beck, Willard Cannon and B. Hensley, other occupants of the two cars, were more or less shaken up. It is said the cars were going at a good rate of speed, and in making a sharp curve were unable to come to a standstill before running together. The car driven by Bonner and Beck was badly smashed up, and the car driven by Cannon was also damaged. Both cars were Fords.

RAILROAD MAN IS KILLED BY ANOTHER AT SPENCER

Spencer, Dec. 5.—Engineer Sam Hinton, well known citizen of Asheville, is dead, and Conductor R. E. Crawford, also of Asheville, is held without bond as the result of a fight in Spencer today.

It is said the engineer made some remarks reflecting on the wife of the conductor, who struck Mr. Hinton on the head with a bottle, causing his death several hours later. Both men are well known in railroad circles and have many friends. Mr. Hinton leaves a wife and several children.

(Both men are well known here, Mr. Hinton having been a resident of Marion several years ago while Crawford formerly resided at Old Fort.)

REVENUE DIVISION HAS 17 COUNTIES

Asheville Citizen, 7th.
The Asheville division of the internal revenue department has been re-zoned and Rutherford county added, according to announcement yesterday by J. Ed. Kanipe, chief of the division. The division now comprises 17 counties as follows: Avery, Buncombe, Henderson, McDowell, Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania, Yancey, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain counties.

In addition to Mr. Kanipe the staff is composed of Edward E. Eve, office deputy; Milas Parker, W. O. Robinson and Carl C. Pritchard, field deputies. Mr. Parker will reside in Waynesville and for present will have charge of six counties.

Mr. Kanipe has moved from Marion and has purchased a home on Chestnut street.

A Great Stereopticon Evening.

Rev. J. Elmer Lacy, of Morganton, will give an entertainment at the First Baptist church on Friday evening of next week, Dec. 16th at 7 o'clock. Mr. Lacy has an unusually fine lot of scenes from Palestine and of the life of Christ and he is gifted in making these attractive and informing. Everybody welcome, especially the young people, as this evening is given under the auspices of the B. Y. P. U. in the Sunday school rooms of the church. A free-will offering will be taken at the close.

The grammar grade section of the Parent-Teacher Association will meet next Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. An interesting program has been arranged, and all parents are invited to be present. A social half hour will follow the program.

Shop with home merchants.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SPECIAL SESSION

Session Plunges Into Routine Legislature — Governor's Message Short.

Raleigh News & Observer, 6th.

With 129 items of legislation, ranging in importance from the sealing for catfish in the Catawba river to abolition of the death penalty for crime in North Carolina, three petitions praying release from the State-wide stock law, and a brief message from Governor Morrison indicating his intention not to offer any suggestion other than that contained in his call for the session covers the work done in the House and Senate on the opening day of the special session which convened yesterday morning at 11 o'clock.

State-wide legislation included in the bills introduced in both Houses include, besides the Spence measure on capital punishment, a resolution providing for a State bond issue to take up the deficit in the State school fund; repeal of the section of the Finance Act taxing the net income of insurance companies; repeal of the section of the Finance Act which taxes Liberty Bonds held by banks as part of their surplus, the revised Municipal Finance act, and the Burghyn bill reducing the property tax exemption from \$300 to \$50.

Though getting away to a flying start in the matter of new legislation offered, most of it in the nature of local bond issue measures, the hopes of early adjournment received a perceptible jolt in the number of bills offered. The Senate passed up a resolution setting Friday, December 16 as the day for the expiration of the session and Friday of this week as the final day in which roll call bills may be introduced. Brevity of session is clearly emphasized in the message sent to the House and the Senate by the Governor.

MARION GRADE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOR NOVEMBER

Primary Department—John Lee Bird, Ralph Bennett, Charles Harvey Greenlee, Hubert Steppe, Cecil Willis, Elizabeth Elliott, Elizabeth Finley, Jimmie Johnson, Lucy Pearson, Prentis Bowden, Kenneth Evans James Goldsmith, Ralph Haney, Benjamin Hawkins, William Wilkerson, Eloise Davis, Virginia Gilkey, Strobbe Hogan, Mary Anna Miller, Jessie Nichols, Lucile Parker, Frances Ramsey, Ted Hensley, Jack James, Robert Jarrett, Carroll Little, Guy Lewis, Lehdis Laughridge, W. C. Morrow, John Sullivan, Edwin Crawford, Mary Willie Barnes, Nell Cowan, Nan Cowan, Ray Cooper, Faye Cooper, Willie McConnell, Irene Poteat, Miriam Story, James Banner, Jack Banks, Dula Hawkins, Mike Cowan, Alfred McCall, Albert Neal, Robert Smith, Albert Grayson, Rose Adkins, Grace Cannon, Catherine Cannon, Gladys Ellis, Mary Epley, Katherine Giles, Cody Hipps, Florine Laughridge, Robert Neal, Charlotte Winborne, Annie Ray Jones, Reba Parker, Inez Jarrett, Cullen Bollinger, Charles Hensley, Helen Grayson, Mamie Spencer, Eleanor Young, Mattie Lou Hollifield, Edith Bowden, Dorothy Hawkins, Carrie Joe Lewis, Mary Rabb, Wilma Holen, Hubert Bolch, George Gardin.

Grammar Grades—Charles McCall, Eric Bradshaw, Eugene Laidlaw, Robert Willis, Mary B. Blackburn, Ellen Eakridge, Opal Epley, Jeanette Gilkey, Virginia Hunt, Ruth Henderson, Mildred Hipps, Estelle Hawkins, Edith Laughridge, Ermine Neal, Benson Davis, Carlton Gilkey, Mary Nelson Bettie, Margaret Craig, Mary Willie McCall.

High School—Dorothy Gilkey, Frank Adams, Charlie Mae Epley, Iva Hipps, Pearl Lewis, Pearl Wilkerson, Josephine Bush, Irene Franklin, Luna Wall.

Distinction Honor Roll—Lettie Jones, James Steppe, Mary Buckley, Helen Franklin, Mildred Holton, Annie Faye Hunt, Kathryn McCall, Ethel Spratt, William Story, Daphne Spratt.