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PROSPECTS GOOD FOR NEW HIGHWAY PROJECT

North Carolinians Promised Support in Construction of Micaville-Marion Road.

Washington, Dec. 13.—J. Ernest Erwin, of Morganton, Quince Gilkey, of Marion, and John C. McBee, a member of the North Carolina highway commission, are here to confer with officials of the department of agriculture on funds for building or improving the road from Marion, McDowell county, to Micaville in Yancey. The stretch of road under consideration is 27 miles long, runs through Buck creek Gap, and joins the highway from Asheville to Burnsville, on to Linville, etc.

Representative Bulwinkle and Weaver and Senators Overman and Simmons were interviewed on this road project.

Mr. Erwin said that the contemplated construction work would open up a fine section of country for automobile and other traffic. He thinks that a creditable system of road through the forest reservations, and connecting up with the outer world would be of great benefit to North Carolina. The prospects for getting funds are very good. Col. W. B. Greely of the forest service has the final say so on this proposition and he is enthusiastic for developing the forest reservations wherever it is possible. He has indicated that he will cooperate with state authorities when the funds allowed him permit, if the project looks good.

Col. Greely told the North Carolinians that the forest service would construct part of road that runs through forest reservations. The roads office will help with the rest.

HONOR ROLL GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL 3RD MONTH

First grade—Robert Morris, Joseph Pyatt, Lee Byrd, Floyd Mode, Mary McCall, Thelma Bruner.

Second grade—Doris Morris, Ruth Eplee, Vera Goforth, Vena Goforth, Ila Reel, Lucy Reel, William Goforth, Clarence Pyatt, Max Potat, Gibburn Swann, Arthur Holland, Ruth Goforth.

Third grade—Hennie Sue England Lynn Byrd, Ray Westmoreland, Trueman Westmoreland.

Fourth grade—Bonnie Eplee, Desie May Marlowe, Mildred Nichols, Grover Marlowe, Anna Clark Marlowe.

Fifth grade—Jesse Mashburn, Malcolm Mashburn, Alma Reel, Ernest Morris, George Hunter, James Goforth, Anna Westmoreland, Cordia Morris, Sue Emma Hawkins, Pauline Goforth, Lillian Eplee.

Sixth grade—Sadie Hunter, Mae Goforth, Elizabeth Pofeat, Ruth Pyatt, Eleanor Eplee, Minnie Greer, Lingle Swann, Boyce Hensley.

Seventh grade—Ethel Goforth, Fletcher Lawing, Laura Hensley, Happer Wood, Cecil Rayburn.

Eighth grade—Edna Mashburn, Ila Ward, Mayme Eplee, Lona Gallion.

Ninth grade—Guy Greer, Nora Hunter, Marie England, Pansy Mashburn.

Tenth grade—Ralph Hensley, Claude Mashburn, Eula Pyatt, Verla Rayburn.

Eleventh grade—Lawton Haney, Ora Bright.

DISTRICT MEETING OF MASONS HERE TONIGHT

There will be a meeting of the lodges of the 44th district A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina in the hall of Mystic Tie Lodge in Marion on Thursday night, Dec. 15, at 7:15 o'clock. An instructive program has been arranged for the meeting with able speakers on various subjects. Refreshments will be served and a splendid "get-together" meeting is promised. Delegates are expected from Old Fort, Rutherfordton, Forest City, Henrietta, Cliffside, Hollis, Caroleen and Elenboro. All Master Masons are cordially invited to attend.

MARION DISTRICT OF EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETS

Sunday night closed one of the most successful Epworth League institutes ever held for the Marion district. Sunday was Epworth League day in Marion and the audience of the Methodist church was especially delighted to hear Rev. L. B. Hayes, of Park Place, Greensboro, in a splendid and inspiring sermon, using the text: "Let No Man Despise Thy Youth." Mr. Hayes is a gifted speaker and handled his subject in a most earnest style, directing his remarks mainly to the young people present, who were representatives of the various league chapters of the district. He stated that our youth is still sound at heart and our girls are sweet and pure. His discussion of the various social problems was up to the minute.

At three o'clock in the afternoon the institute proper was held with delegates in attendance from Rutherford College, Morganton, Spruce Pine, Old Fort, Gilkey, Glen Alpine, and Rutherfordton. Miss Gertrude Falls, of Charlotte, junior superintendent, and Miss Grace Bradley, of Asheville, field secretary of the league conference, made splendid addresses on the work of the league. Splendid reports were had from the various chapters.

At 7 o'clock Sunday evening Rev. W. W. Edwards, of Asheville, president of the Annual League Conference, delivered an able address. In his masterful style and pleasing manner he captivated the large audience and his message had a telling effect. Miss Bradley also gave a short address on "Our Children."

The institute was conducted under the management of Mr. B. L. Lunsford, vice-president of the Epworth League Conference and district secretary.

Upon motion of Prof. A. R. Reep, of Rutherford college, the institute voted unanimously an appreciation of the splendid entertainment they had received at the hands of the Marion people.

MARION DEFEATS N. C. SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

In a very fast and snappy basketball contest staged on the Marion court last Friday afternoon, the Marion High School defeated the N. C. School for the Deaf by a count of 28 to 14. The game was clean and well played by both teams, although Marion had an edge in passing and shooting.

The whole Marion team played snappy ball and showed much pep. For the deaf boys Bunn starred in ringing 10 fouls and 1 field goal for 12 of their 14 points. Ketner also played well for the deaf boys.

The Marion team is to meet the undefeated Crosemore team from Avery county on the new indoor court over the Merchants & Farmers Bank Friday night, December 16th, and an interesting game is expected. Everyone is cordially invited to be present.

The line-up and score for the game last Friday was as follows:

N. C. S. for Deaf (14)	M. H. S. (28)
Bunn-12	R. F. McMahan-10
Gadner	L. F. Copeland-7
Ketner-2	Center Sprinkle-5
Morrison	R. G. Hipps
Brown	L. G. Adkins-6

MARION HUNTERS KILL BIG BEAR ON TOE RIVER

On last Monday evening E. D. Buchanan, W. H. Mosteller, Wood Gregg and Sam Loftis returned from a highly successful bear hunt in the upper edge of McDowell county and on the head of the South Toe river. They killed a bear weighing 250 pounds, they claimed, and they exhibited the skin of a black bear to corroborate their statement amply to the satisfaction of the big crowd of curious.

Numerous bears live in the mountains of McDowell county and the South Toe river in Yancey, Curtis creek, Lackey's creek, on their headwaters, afford a splendid place for the black bear in winter.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Dec. 13.—Misses Jessie Byrd and Helen Frady and Messrs. Alfred Gibson and Forest Frady, of Asheville, spent Saturday and Sunday in Old Fort.

Byrd Burgin, of Asheville, was in Old Fort, Sunday.

Little Kenneth Dobbeck is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Harris Payne, of Knoxville, Tenn., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hyams.

Rev. W. A. Dawson, pastor of the Methodist church at Old Fort, was married in Greensboro to Miss Ruth Clegg. On Friday night they received a very generous pounding.

The small child of Mr. and Mrs. Fritch who has been seriously ill is recovering slowly.

W. P. Terrill, who has been on the sick list for several days, is able to be out again.

Joseph Burgin, who has been seriously ill with a slight stroke of paralysis, is slowly improving.

Mr. Nichols, one of the road engineers, returned to Old Fort last week with his bride and are living in the I. H. Green house.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, who were recently married, are boarding at the Sandlin house. Mr. Taylor is connected with the road concrete force.

Mrs. Rogers, of Raleigh, State manager, and Mrs. Justice, district manager, made addresses in Old Fort last Wednesday night in the school building, in the interest of the Woodmen Circle.

Mr. Deitz of Sylva has moved to Old Fort. He holds a position with Bryson-Snyder Co.

The Old Fort school will close Friday, Dec. 16, for the Christmas holidays. Work will be resumed again Jan. 2.

An entertainment will be given in the school building Thursday evening for the benefit of the school library.

LAUREL HILL

Nebo, Rt. 1, Dec. 12.—Something over \$22.00 was realized from the pie sale at the school house on last Saturday night. The required amount has now been raised to furnish the school with patent desks and it is expected that they will be installed in a few days.

News has been received here of the death of Mrs. J. Webb Walker, which occurred on Dec. 3rd, at Alexander, N. C., where she had been making her home for the past short while. She formerly lived here for a number of years where she was well known and highly respected by a large circle of friends who will be very sorry indeed to learn of her death.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Morgan of Erwin, Tenn., are spending a few days here with their daughter, Mrs. G. H. Ellington.

Miss Biddie Price of Marion spent a few days here last week with homefolks.

J. D. Walker visited relatives in Forest City and Alexander last week. J. M. Walker made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

Misses Kate and Hessie Waters of Marion spent the week-end with homefolks here.

HAW BRANCH

Old Fort, Star Rt., Dec. 13.—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Morgan have returned from a visit in Spartanburg.

Ab. Reel spent Saturday night with friends on Crooked creek.

John Reel made a business trip to Clinchfield last Wednesday.

Misses Bell Morgan and Reba Noblitt spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Reel and children visited C. N. Hogan on Crooked creek Sunday.

Mrs. M. A. Parker spent last Wednesday in Old Fort.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, Dec. 12.—Our public school is progressing nicely under the leadership of Mr. Story, assisted by Misses Wilson and Gettys.

Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Hutchins of Cliffside were visitors here last week-end.

Joseph Story and Key Landis visited relatives in Marion Saturday and Sunday.

R. E. Roper made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

Will Landis of Marion was a visitor here Sunday.

Several families have moved south recently to engage in the lumber business.

Daphne and Ethel Spratt of Marion were visitors here Sunday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Fate Wilson, Dec. 1, a daughter.

The public roads are being worked out to advantage under the new road system. We would have had better roads long ago if the present road law had been passed sooner.

James Laughridge of Marion was here Sunday.

FOUR POWERS FORMALLY ACCEPT NEW AGREEMENT

Washington, Dec. 10.—A new quadruple agreement to preserve peace in the waters of the Pacific was announced to the world today by the United States, Great Britain, Japan and France.

As a consideration of the international realignment Great Britain and Japan agreed to consign to the scrapheap the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, long viewed with apprehension in both America and Asia.

The provisions of the agreement, which is in the form of a ten-year treaty, are confined to "the region of the Pacific Ocean." Under them the four powers are to respect each others' island possessions and to meet in consultation if a dispute arises or if the rights of any of the four are threatened by any other power.

Announcement of the treaty terms was made at a plenary session of the arms conference by Senator Lodge, of the American delegation, and was followed by expressions of approval by the plenipotentiaries of Great Britain, France, Japan, Italy, China, Belgium, the Netherlands and Portugal.

Senate Must Ratify.

To be binding on the United States the treaty must be ratified by the Senate, several of whose members withheld comment tonight pending a further study of the text. Open war was declared on it by some of the "irreconcilable" group of the Versailles treaty fight, but Republican leaders and some Democrats declared ratification was certain.

PRESIDING ELDER NAMES MANAGERS

The following district managers have been appointed by the presiding elder of the Marion district to assist him in the general work of the district:

Christian Advocate and North Carolina Christian Advocate, Parker Holmes of Forest City.

Centenary, C. F. Cline, Gilkey. Educational, C. M. Pickens, Morganton.

Sunday school, Joe Kjellander, Morganton.

Epworth league, B. L. Lunsford, Marion.

Woman's Missionary society, Mrs. M. B. Goodwin, Morganton.

Orphanage, J. P. Hipps, Marion. Conference Brotherhood, Ellis Gardner, Burnsville.

Salaries, J. A. Owens, Rutherfordton.

Collections, D. E. Hudgins, Marion.

Revival campaign, W. F. Elliott, Rutherford College.

American Bible society, J. C. Postelle, Burnsville.

Fire insurance, D. B. Johnson, Rutherfordton.

G. B. Finley announces the opening of the Rexall Drug Store next Saturday.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The North Carolina Conference for Social Service will hold its state meeting in Greensboro March 28, 29 and 30. More than 100 persons are expected for the meeting. Former Governor Thomas W. Bickett is president of the conference.

Establishment of a meat packing plant in Asheville, to take care of cattle, hog and sheep market of western North Carolina, will be discussed at a meeting of citizens to be held at the Chamber of Commerce in Asheville Saturday morning, December 17.

Armed posses are scouring the mountain fastnesses of the Tennessee-North Carolina line in search of three of the convicts who escaped at an early hour Sunday night from the chaingang camp at Murphy. Bloodhounds from Chattanooga have been placed on the trail.

A total of 412 men and women were placed in various jobs by the state and federal employment service during the week ending December 10, according to announcement. A total of 623 registered and 458 were referred to various places, with requests for help received from 400.

MORGANTON FIREMAN IS PROBABLY FATALY HURT

Morganton, Dec. 13.—Herman Wall, Morganton fireman, was perhaps fatally injured when he was knocked from the truck by a ladder and hit the cement street. The company was responding to an alarm for fire in Lanes Tire and Vulcanizing plant. As the truck rounded a corner the accident occurred. At first it was thought that his neck was broken but later examination showed skull injuries from which after a time he began to revive. At this hour he is alive and though very seriously injured has a few chances to recover. The fire was conquered before it had gained any headway.

SWEET POTATO CROP REPORTED VERY SHORT

Hickory, Dec. 11.—Catawba county's sweet potato crop is about one-third of an average, John L. Ingold, noted authority on this product, said today in commenting on the situation in this county and the state. As far east as Raleigh, Mr. Ingold said, the crop is very short, owing to the drouth, and reports received here are not encouraging. The potato houses have been closed hereabouts during the recent cold spell, but potatoes are retailing at \$1 a bushel. Considering the shortage, this is a reasonable price. In the fall they sell for as little as 60 cents here, and many of them are used by canners.

KOHLOSS SAYS WHISKEY PLENTIFUL IN THE EAST

Wilmington, Dec. 9.—R. A. Kohless of Salisbury, Federal Prohibition enforcement officer for North Carolina, while in the city this week declared that whiskey is more plentiful in the eastern part of the State than it is in the western portion. He declared that if the reports he received of the number of stills captured and monkey rum destroyed in Eastern North Carolina could be taken as an indication this part of the State would soon be dry, but as a matter of fact, he declared stills are springing up like mush rooms.

MEXICAN WOMAN GIVES BIRTH TO EIGHT CHILDREN

Mexico City, Dec. 13.—From Tampico comes a report published by El Universal that Senora Enriqueta Ruibo at that place gave birth yesterday to eight children but none of them survive.

The graded school will give two weeks for the holidays and will close on Friday, December 16, and open on Monday, January 2.