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MARION HIGH SCHOOL ON ACCREDITED LIST

Enrollment Now 550—Mid-term Examinations On—Officers Literary Societies.

At a recent meeting of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States in Birmingham forty-four Secondary Schools in North Carolina were accredited. Marion High School is included in this list. This makes the second year that we have had this distinct honor, and we are proud to be enrolled among the honor schools of the State.

The Grammar and High School pupils are in the midst of their mid-term examinations. And, judging from the excellent papers passed in, the pupils have made much progress as well as showing the excellent training given by the teachers.

Our literary societies did fine work during the fall term; the spring term they promise to do better. At their meetings Friday afternoon the Joan D' Arc Society elected the following officers: Alda Norton, president; Irene Franklin, vice-president; Frances Gilkey, secretary; Mildred Hudgins, treasurer; Margaret Justice, marshal.

The officers of the Pershing Literary Society elected are: President, Frank Wood; vice-president, Frank Patton; secretary, Harry McCall; treasurer, David Blanton; marshal, Ben Wilson.

Our school continues to grow numerically as well as in standard. To date we have enrolled 550; of this number 121 are enrolled in the high school. At the close of the fourth month the average attendance was 490.

Our Parent-Teacher Association is a real live one. It has and is doing much in every way to make our school the best in all the opportunities it offers for developing all the faculties of the boys and girls. Not only is it beneficial to this end, but judging from the most excellent programs rendered—it is of great aid to both parents and teachers. If you have not been attending these meetings, I urge you to do so both friends and patrons; we meet the second Monday of each month promptly at 3:30 o'clock.

Below is the honor roll for the fourth school month:

Primary department—Ralph Bennett, Meredith Greene, Charles Harvey Greenlee, Clyde Hensley, Hubert Steppe, Cecil Willis, Phyllis Bolch, Elizabeth Elliott, Elizabeth Finley, Jimmie Johnston, Lucy Pearson, Kathryn Wall, Prentiss Bowden, James Goldsmith, Joe Noyes, William Wilkerson, Rose Abernethy, Eloise Davis, Margaret Gilkey, Willie Margaret Halliburton, Mary Lee Hollifield, Estelle Hollifield, Mary Anna Miller, Jessie Nichols, Frances Ramsey, Dessie Shehan, Sarah Sheaf, Lucy Turner, Ernest Burnett, Edwin Cranford, Laughton Fortune, Ted Hensley, Robert Jarrett, Guy Lewis, John Sullivan, Mary Willie Barnes, Nelle Cowan, Nan Cowan, Ray Cooper, Carrie Grindstaff, Debs Henderson, Lockie Johnston, Willie McConnell, Irene Poteat, Jack Banks, Mike Cowan, Dula Hawkins, Alfred McCall, Rose Adkins, Catherine Cannon, Anna Kate Craig, Gladys Ellis, Mary Epley, Katherine Giles, Cody Hipps, Inez Jarrett, Annie Ray Jones Florine Laughridge, Roberta Neal, Roba Parker, Charlotte Winborne, Frank Bolton, Cullen Bollinger, Luther Church, Helen Grayson, Pearl Lail, Georgia Lail, Sarah Michael, Mamie Spencer, Eleanor Young, Mattie Lou Hollifield, Fred Conley, Steele Mitchell, Dorothy Hawkins, Carrie Joe Lewis, Wilma Rolan.

Grammar grades—Thurley Franklin, Elizabeth Eskridge, Eric Bradshaw, Louise Tate, Mary Belle Blackburn, Ellen Eskridge, Jeannette Gilkey, Mildred Hipps, Estelle Hawkins, Edith Laughridge, Ermine Neal, Dorothy Saunders, Benson Davis, Robert McCall, Owen Morrow, Guyon Whitten, Margaret Craig.

High school—Virginia Anderson, Mary Buckley, Dorothy Gilkey, Sudie Houck, Sara Conley, Mildred Hudgins, Alma Link, Conrad Copeland, K. Lucile Conley, Charley Mae Epley, Madge Finley, Essie Mae Gettys, Frances Gilkey, Iva Hipps, Pearl Lewis, Elizabeth Reid, Pearl Wilkerson, Josephine Bush, Alice Roane Cross, Irene Franklin, Luna Wall.

Distinction Honor Roll—Hubert Bolch, Edith Bowden, Lettie Jones, Carlton Gilkey, Helen Franklin, Mildred Holton, Annie Faye Hunt, Kathryn McCall, Mary Kellah Ouzts, Frank Adams, Ethel Spratt, Daphne Spratt.

FUNERAL FOR OVERSEAS SOLDIER HELD SUNDAY

The funeral for Neal Duval, who died from wounds in France on Armistice Day, was conducted at the Methodist church at Dysartsville, the home section of the deceased soldier, Sunday afternoon. The body reached Marion Thursday and was taken charge of by McCall Bros., undertakers, who had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Young Duval attended the local school at Dysartsville, and graduated from Nebo High School several years ago. He stood the civil service examination before leaving school, making a very high mark. He was immediately notified of the result of the examination and offered a position as postal clerk in the railway mail service, which position was held open for him for a few months in order that he might complete his high school studies. As soon as he had finished his school work he went into the mail service and his promotion was quite rapid. At the time of his going into the service as a soldier he was holding a very important clerkship on one of the best runs in the mail service. Upon being called to the colors he was sent to camp where his training was very brief. He was soon on the other side where he had an opportunity to display the fine qualities of manhood and courage that were his. A young man of brilliant intellect, he soon became a leader and favorite among the soldier boys. Knowing not the meaning of fear, he was always found at the front in every situation calling for courage and valor. Seriously wounded in battle in the last hours of the great struggle Sergeant Duval treated his wounds lightly and made no complaint. It is said that immediately after having an arm and shoulder shot off that he lighted a cigarette and began to smoke and chat lightly with his comrades, who were badly frightened because of the serious wound that Duval had suffered. He was carried to the rear for treatment but infection and complications had set in and the brave spirit of this noble son of McDowell soon took its departure.

Neal Duval was a favorite in his own community. He possessed a charming personality and was popular among all who knew him in any position of life. The news that Neal Duval had gone West in the great conflict brought sorrow and gloom, not only to the immediate relatives, but to a wide circle of friends who knew and loved the gallant hero that he was. His funeral was widely attended and many were heard to say that it was hard to realize that such a brave spirit had gone.

Those of the immediate family who survive are Mrs. James Upton, Mrs. Robert Upton, and Mrs. Clyde Melton, sisters; two brothers, Clyde, of Dysartsville and a brother who lives in South Carolina; the parents of the deceased having passed away some years ago. Many expressions of sympathy have been heard on every hand for the distressed brothers and sisters in their hour of sorrow.

MORGAN-REEL

Mr. Mosie Reel and Miss Jessie Morgan, both of Montfords Cove, were united in marriage at the residence of A. M. Goodman at Glenwood on last Sunday, Magistrate Goodman officiating.

TACKY PARTY GIVEN BY LADIES AID SOCIETY

Members Aid Society Methodist Church Enjoy Progressive Dinner Monday Night.

Last January the ladies of the Marion Methodist Aid Society, wishing to raise much needed funds, decided as an incentive to harder work to divide the society for one year into two groups, having a captain for each. The side raising the larger amount to be entertained by the side not so successful. Mrs. J. W. Pless and Mrs. D. E. Hudgins were elected captains, and the wisdom of the choice was proven by the untiring efforts of these two ladies.

At the last meeting, Jan. 9, reports were given for the year. Mrs. Hudgins reported \$276.83 and Mrs. Pless \$264.02. These amounts were made from rummage sales conducted by the two sides. Mrs. Pless extended congratulations to the victorious side, also expressed delight and readiness to entertain the victors. The night of January 16th was chosen for the fete.

Invitations were issued to a tacky party to be given at the home of Mrs. J. W. Pless Monday evening, but no mention was made to let the guests know they really were to enjoy a progressive dinner of three courses the first to be served with Mrs. Pless.

The victors gathered at the home of Mrs. Eugene Cross, lead by their captain, Mrs. D. E. Hudgins. They came in jolly spirits and bright and laughable attire to the party. When the bell was rung, and the door was opened for their reception by a figure dressed in robes similar to those of the Ku Klux Klan, and in a dim corner near the door another body of these same sepulchral figures were seen, the expression of jovialness faded into one just a little dubious, but as the finger of the defeated captain pointed straight ahead, they marched up the stairway, where they were directed to the dressing rooms by the silent figures of more of the same Klan.

When the guests were seated the defeated team gave this reassuring yell, just to let all know they were humans:

Rip, Rip, Rip!
Who are we?
We're the defeated team
Don't you see,
What were we defeated by?
Rags, Rags, Rags.

The first course of the dinner was then served. The Ku Klux marched single file, bearing plates containing most tempting pictures of delectable edibles, giving the guests time to feast their eyes, then plates were taken up, and oranges with peppermint sticks inserted as quills was served. Victors and defeated all seemed to be infused with the spirit of fun. Laughter and witty banter was enjoyed along with the orange juice.

The party progressed to the home of Mrs. M. L. Justice, where the second course was immediately served. This course was two of McDowell county's best products—molasses and muffins made from water ground meal. After partaking as heartily as could be expected, the next move was to the home of Mrs. J. E. Decker.

The guests were delighted upon reaching Mrs. Decker's, to find a large cut glass bowl of punch awaiting them after their sweets of the evening. This punch, like the land Columbus discovered, was afterward found to be incorrectly named—some of the ladies called it a fake, some water with a hint of orange juice. The guests being seated, Mrs. Pless and Mrs. Decker gave for their pleasure two beautifully rendered duets, which were enjoyed by all. Mrs. Decker gave a reading, Story to the Ladies of the Winning Side. This was full of wit and humor from beginning to end. It was illustrated throughout by popular musical selections, played by Mrs. Pless, and

sung by all. Mrs. Minnie Blanton and Mrs. T. E. Snipes were the lucky winners in the cake walk, and were presented with the beautifully iced cake, which when cut was just a corn bread cake. All deceptions were forgotten when ice cream and cakes were served, and from all appearances the ladies were delighted with the evening's entertainment.

LUNSFORD FOR SENATE.

To the Democratic Voters of McDowell County:

We, the undersigned Democrats, being highly interested in the welfare of McDowell County and State of North Carolina, and taking a just pride in the fact that our County has recently taken many marked steps forward along the lines of public improvement and better government and law enforcement, wish to express our appreciation to Honorable B. L. Lunsford, who was our efficient and enthusiastic Campaign Manager in the Campaign of 1920, at which time our party won a signal victory in McDowell by a majority ranging from 350 to over 500, and heartily wishing that the County take no backward step in the Campaign which will be waged during the year 1922, we feel that the rank and file of the Democratic party should endorse Mr. Lunsford for some office in the gift of the people of the County, as a token of appreciation for his splendid efforts in behalf of the party. The 27th Senatorial District, under the new law, consists of the counties of Rutherford, Cleveland, Henderson, Polk and McDowell, and this county is entitled to one of the candidates in our party; and we, the undersigned citizens, wish to place his name before the people and to announce his candidacy for such office, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

Respectfully,

MARION

G. C. Conley
D. E. Hudgins
John M. Tate
W. T. Conley
J. C. Bowman
R. L. Conley
L. J. P. Cutlar
D. N. Lonon
W. J. Patton
John A. Finley
Geo. W. Chapman
R. S. Clay
John M. Steppe
Sam L. Dobbins
A. R. Conley
T. J. Gibbs
J. S. Cowan
P. A. Jimison
W. H. Weeks
C. B. Mitchell
C. G. Cannon
Robert Erwin
H. C. Henley
T. O. Lawing
Marion Padgett
Ben Price
W. F. Williams
L. L. Oliver
J. C. Raborne
Mrs. E. Farrow
C. W. Buchanan
W. C. Morrow
J. L. Biddix
D. W. Weeks
C. W. Wilson
O. M. Alman

OLD FORT

W. W. LeFevre
Dan W. Adams
T. B. Faw
B. M. Steppe
W. L. Grant
H. A. Burgin
T. J. Fortune
T. L. Nichols
Z. T. Lackey
R. J. Bailey
Wille Hicks
T. L. Grant
Will Lackey
Mont L. Grant
J. B. Allison
Sam Thompson
L. W. Crawford
Annie Bradley
T. C. Guthrie
Alvis Lytle

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ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Jan. 16.—Carl Greene of Asheville spent the week-end here. Alfred Gibson, who is attending Emanuel Business College in Asheville, spent the week-end here.

Misses Annie and Nell Earley, and Alma Hemphill visited friends and relatives in Marion—Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Miller entertained informally at their home on Saturday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George E. Marshall, C. W. Greybeal, and Miss Ethel Miller.

Mrs. Joe Davis of Crooked Creek died Sunday morning.

The Woodmen of the World gave an oyster and pie supper January 10, which was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Cox of St. Petersburg, Fla., are on a visit to Mr. Cox's sister, Mrs. D. Y. Grant. Mr. Cox is a professional baseball player, being a member of the Florida League and also a player on the St. Petersburg team.

Luther Robinson, whose hands were so badly burned in extinguishing his wife's burning clothing, is gradually improving. He would appreciate any help anyone sees fit to render.

The Junior basket ball team of the Old Fort High school defeated the Clinchfield High school team Friday by a score of 40 to 14. The line-up was as follows: Old Fort—Hughes, r. f.; White, l. f.; Cannon, c.; Steppe, r. g.; Strickland, l. g. Clinchfield—Saunders, r. f.; Berry, l. f.; Miller, c.; Hall, r. g.; Copeland, l. g.

Honor roll for December:

First B grade—Thomas Ipock, Jr., Francis Grant, Edna Tate, Garland Oates, Jennie May Noblitt, Marvin Davis, Lawrence Mason, Charles Hall, Eula Joe Wilson, Margaret Lanning, Donald Dover, Jack Hughes, Hyams Connor, Myrtle Harvey, Eddie Harvey.

First A grade—J. R. Harris, Roy Holland, James Patton, May Harvey, Dora Shehan, Francis Thomason.

Second grade—Emmett Burgin, Horace Dover, Lytle Steppe, Mary Virginia Adams, Beatrice Freeman, Julia Padgett, Stella Sherrill.

Third grade—Christina McDaniel, Sallie Owenby, Rhoda Padgett, Geneva Steppe, Clyde Nesbitt, Carl Rock, Andrew Whiteside, Lucy Allison, Beulah Calloway, Emma Freeman, Maggie Freeman, Catherine Finch, Mary Sue Grant, Florine Harris, Pearl Haynes, Martha Hughes, Irene Jordan.

Fourth grade—Carolyn McIntosh, Elaine Mashburn.

Fifth grade—Elizabeth Strickland, Estelle Connor.

Sixth grade—Geneva Early, Myrtle Grant, Pearl Harris, Anna Belle Noblitt, Helen Nesbitt, Esther Suttlemeyer, Louise Swann, Ralph Kennedy, Annie White.

Eighth grade—Rosa Turner, Myrtle Lytle, Donald McIntosh, (P. S. T.), Dennis Haynes.

Ninth grade—Janie Parker, Guy Steppe (P. S. T.), Pearl Turner.

Tenth grade—Estelle Lavender, Lizzie Lindley, William Treverton.

Eleventh grade—James Miller, Foy Dell Tate.

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MISS THELMA HICKS COMMISSIONED NOTARY PUBLIC

The citizens of the county will be interested in the appointment of Miss Thelma Hicks as Notary Public for McDowell. The appointment was made by Governor Morrison and her commission sent her Friday. Miss Hicks is highly efficient in the lines of stenographic and clerical work, and her position as stenographer for several years with the law firm of Hudgins, Watson & Washburn has been exceptional training for her new commissioner.