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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, Feb. 1.—J. H. Ditmore & Co., will open a new hardware store in one of the new Sandlin stores on February 1st.

A. L. Shelton returned Saturday from Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington in the interest of his company.

E. B. Buckley, State Highway Inspector, spent some time last week out of town on a pleasure and business trip.

Miss Foy Dell Tate entertained a few of her friends at her home on last Friday night, it being her birthday.

Miss Florence Murray spent last Saturday at Montreat.

The eighth grade gave a very interesting morning exercise at the high school last Friday.

Miss Elizabeth Biddix spent the week-end at her home last week.

Miss Mattie Tate spent the week-end at Nebo visiting friends.

Miss Sallie Finley of Marion spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Lackey.

Mrs. C. S. Taylor and Miss Madeline Mashburn were shopping in Asheville Monday.

Friends of Mrs. M. L. Cannon will be glad to know she is improving.

Miss Minnie Cross, who is making her home with D. W. Adams, received a message from Stanton, Va., stating that her sister was very sick.

Mr. Hart returned Tuesday after spending a week at his home in Birmingham, Ala.

C. S. Taylor made a business trip to Raleigh last Friday.

Dr. J. B. Johnson was called away last Friday night to Tate Springs, Tenn., by the serious illness of his father.

A. C. Tate and daughter, Miss Foy Dell, spent Thursday in Asheville.

Byrd Burgin returned to Asheville Thursday after spending a while with his parents.

JANUARY HONOR ROLL DYSARTSVILLE SCHOOL

First grade—Arthur Satterwhite, Hampton Cowan, Annie Lou Hoil, Claude Daves.

Second grade—Delphie Spratt, Reba Laughridge.

Third grade—Forest Roper, Essie Laughridge, Bee Landis.

Fourth grade—Jewell Anderson, Garland Satterwhite.

Fifth grade—Coy Roper, Hartzell Daves.

Sixth grade—Ruby Spratt, Erastus Walker, Newell Roper, Nannie Hogan, Gordon Laughridge, Harold Daves, Bruce Laughridge, Hutten Daves, George Landis, Olin Cowan.

Seventh grade—Dunal Anderson.

Eighth grade—Ellen Hogan, Blanche Landis, Edwin Landis.

Ninth grade—Paul Laughridge, Inez Daves.

PLAN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IN STATE

A drive for new members throughout the state will be conducted by the North Carolina department of the American Legion.

Plans for the campaign were outlined at the meeting of the executive committee and officers at Greenville, N. C. recently.

Commander Thomas W. Bird, of Asheville, received the assurances of local posts throughout the state that they would put forth their best efforts to increase their membership. The present number of legionnaires in the state number about 7,000, and it is the plan of the department to increase this number to 21,000 before the next convention at Greensboro.

A national-wide membership campaign will be conducted in February, between Lincoln and Washington's birthday anniversaries. An active drive for new members will be made during this period.

CO-OPERATIVE STORE TO BE STARTED IN MARION SOON

A co-operative store to be known as The People's Store Company, has been organized, with C. F. James as president, Eugene Cross, vice-president, and R. I. Bush, secretary and treasurer. The board of directors is composed of Eugene Cross, C. F. James, J. W. Goldsmith, A. C. Cranford, L. J. P. Cutlar, G. L. Davis, R. I. Bush, W. K. M. Gilkey and E. B. Baber.

The enterprise is to be incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000. \$5,000 has already been subscribed. The new concern will be a general grocery business, the object of which is to bring down the high cost of living by selling groceries at the closest possible margin. A reasonable profit will be allowed, which will go to the stockholders and patrons of the new business.

Co-operative stores have been organized in other sections and have proven to be very successful. It is expected that this new venture in the business life of Marion will meet with a hearty response on the part of the people of this section.

MARION IS LOSER TO FOREST CITY

In a very interesting game of basketball Marion Monday lost to the Forest City high school, 47 to 41. The game was interesting despite the fact that Forest City got away to an early lead. At the end of the first 10 minutes of play Forest City lead 23 to 2, but by staging a rally the Marion boys caused the first half to end 31 to 15.

The second half was a reversal of the first, Marion outplaying the boys from Forest City in every stage of the game. It was the best rally ever seen in Marion, and with five minutes more to play there might have been a different ending to the game.

Sprinkle starred for the losers while Moss outclassed his fellow team mates from Forest City. Sprinkle displayed some excellent shooting as did Moss from Forest City. Copeland and McMahan were a little off form but played a good brand of basket ball. Hipps and Atkins also guarded well for Marion. Wilkie for the visitors and his running mate, Abernethy, guarded well, while their forwards also deserve credit. The two centers were about on a par, both playing excellent ball. The local lads meet Hickory on the local court Friday night, and a good contest is promised.

The line up and score was:
Marion (41) Forest City (47)
McMahan (11) R. F. Blanton (6)
Copeland (6) L. F. Davis (12)
Sprinkle (22) C. Moss (25)
Atkins (2) R. G. Abernethy (8)
Hipps L. G. Wilkie (4)

EXPERT REVENUE AGENT COMING IN FEBRUARY

Mr. J. E. Kanipe, chief of the Asheville division of the Internal Revenue Department, while in Marion yesterday stated that Collector Grissom of Raleigh is making arrangements to have a revenue agent, who is an expert on corporation taxes, visit the western part of the state during the month of February for the purpose of assisting corporations in filing their 1921 income tax returns. He will be in Rutherford, McDowell, Henderson, Buncombe and Haywood. Specific dates on which he will be in Marion will be announced in next week's issue of The Progress.

OPERETTA AT GRADED SCHOOL TUESDAY NIGHT

An operetta, "Under The Sugar Plum Tree," will be presented Tuesday night, 7:30 o'clock, Feb. 7th, by the Primary Department of the Marion Grade School. Children from six rooms take their parts in the various dialogues, songs, folk dances and games of this attractive little operetta that desire the patronage of parents and friends of the school.

Admission 10 and 25 cents. Come one! Come all!

OVER 100 KILLED IN COLLAPSE OF THEATRE

Three Hundred Pinned Under Wreckage When Roof of Washington Theatre Falls.

Washington, Jan. 29.—One hundred and one lives were lost in the Knickerbocker Theatre last night when the roof, weighted down by more than two feet of snow, collapsed and buried patrons of the house under a crushing blanket of concrete, plaster and steel, according to unofficial, but carefully checked records.

Ninety-two of the victims had been identified when the force of volunteer workers, twenty-four hours after the disaster, approached the end of their long search of the debris. Nine additional bodies of those who had succumbed to injuries after rescue, lay in city hospitals.

The large majority of the victims, both killed and injured, were residents of this city, although many came recently from other places.

The exact number in the theatre when the steel and concrete span of the roof buckled and fell under its three foot load of snow, probably will never be known. The stories of perhaps a hundred who got out uninjured have been reported. These accounts for a few more than 300 in the audience that was roaring in laughter at a film comedy when the roof fell on them like a blanket, carrying down the front of the wide balcony in its crash.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Official police records placed early today the known dead in the Knickerbocker theatre disaster at 107. Elimination of duplicated names brought the final total down from the unofficial peak of 112 at which the toll of the catastrophe was placed last night.

The list of injured stood at 134 with 14 listed as "seriously injured."

The official list, according to the authorities, contained the names of all those whose bodies had been recovered up to midnight from the ruins.

START CAMPAIGN FOR ROUND HILL ACADEMY

Rutherfordton, Jan. 27.—Eighteen churches were represented by ministers and delegates at the recent call meeting of Green River Baptist Association, which met at Round Hill Baptist church, Union Mills, for the purpose of considering the disposition of Round Hill Academy, at Union Mills. In a statement made as to the financial condition of the school, it was shown that an indebtedness of \$26,000 existed against the school property, and with the trustees borrowing money to make monthly payments on interest, the debt is growing larger month by month.

After detailed information, the association decided to vote for the relief of the school by churches, with the result that nearly \$4,000 was voted, on the basis of \$1 as the unit, and that \$6,000 would carry the election. It was decided to hold the election open until March 1, with the trustees of the school to act as judges of the election. Rev. M. A. Adams, pastor of the Rutherfordton Baptist church, was named as chairman of the canvassing committee.

Dr. A. E. Brown representing the home board, promised to put in his budget, \$5,000 per year on the indebtedness of the school, with the understanding that he would endeavor to get the board to make this appropriation for the relief of the school indebtedness.

WEATHER REPORT.

Thos. McGuire, local government weather bureau observer, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion for the week as follows:

Maximum, 53 degrees; minimum, 16 degrees; rain, 0.54 of an inch; sunshine, per cent, .78; snow, 8.02 inches.

Mrs. James Mackey, of Greenlee, was shopping in Marion last Monday.

MARION HUNTERS KILL HUGE BEAR

A large black bear was killed Wednesday on the Blue Ridge mountain in Yancey county, after a three-day chase by Marion hunters. Ed. Buchanan, Herbert Mosteller and Melvin Schism participated in the hunt. Signs of the bear had been observed for some time. It is reported that at least twenty dogs had lost their lives in encounters with this bear within the past few months. The bear was brought to Marion, dressed and the meat distributed among a number of folks who are fond of bear meat. Considerable excitement was in evidence last Wednesday when the huge animal was displayed on Main Street. A number of people who had never seen a bear had the pleasure of viewing the dead body of this one as he lay in full view on Main street.

MRS. JAMES E. WILFONG DIES AT HOME IN HICKORY

Hickory, Jan. 29.—The funeral of Mrs. James E. Wilfong was held from Bethel Reformed church on yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. W. Rowe, pastor of Corinth Reformed church, this city. Mrs. Wilfong had not been in good health for sometime and on Saturday morning about 2 o'clock she passed away in the presence of all of her children who were with her at the time. Before marriage she was Miss Mary Elizabeth Emma Blackburn. She was born July 27, 1853, and departed this life Jan. 28, 1922, making her age 68 years, 6 months and one day. On November 3, 1874, she was united in marriage to Mr. James E. Wilfong. To this union 9 children were born. One of these preceded her to the grave in infancy. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Mrs. S. L. Whitener, Mrs. R. L. Whitener, Mrs. W. C. Tate, Mr. Carlisle Wilfong, Mr. Ransom Wilfong, all of Hickory; Mrs. John M. Tate, of Marion; Mrs. Russell Hahan, of Newton, and Mrs. O. K. White, of Gastonia. She is also survived by sixteen grandchildren; five brothers and five sisters.

Mrs. Wilfong, one of the oldest members of Bethel church and referred to as a model woman, had been a consistent member of the Reformed church from early life until death. It also gave her much pleasure to see each of her children united with the same church of her faith and her belief. She seemed to rejoice and get a great deal of joy out of life. She was also permitted to see all of her children happily married with the exception of the youngest son who was still living at the old home with her when she departed this life. She was much devoted to him. In fact the life of this good woman toward every member of her family was always so full of pure, kind, good words that her influence held them all near and dear to her. Her children thought it a pleasure to administer to the best and truest friend possible to have in this life—a mother.

The large assembly at the church was a fine tribute to the life and deeds of this Christian mother. The floral display was very beautiful. It is indeed a blessed thought to know that it is not all of life to live nor all of death to die. Rev. Mr. Rowe, who preached the sermon on this occasion, took as his text: 1 Cor. 13:13; "Now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." Mr. Rowe emphasized that these three things are the only things that we can carry with us to the life beyond. They were, indeed, cultivated and developed in the life of the departed one. She had a great faith, a firm hope, and an increasing love.

Mrs. J. H. Shuford, of Hickory was present and sang, "Sometime we'll understand." It was a very impressive solo.

One by one our loved ones are passing over the river of life. We should remember "to live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Reports from about the State, Friday morning, gave Henderson a snowfall of 18 inches; Rocky Mount 2 inches; Hickory 2 inches; Raleigh 7 inches.

Ground was broken at Granite Falls last week for the new \$75,000 school building. Stout and company, contractors, of Sanford, have the contract for erecting the building.

The summer program at the Southern Baptist assembly at Ridgecrest will open on or about June 12, according to Rev. J. A. McKaughan a member of the executive board of the assembly.

A two million dollar postoffice for Asheville was proposed in a house bill introduced Friday by Representative Zebulon Weaver. The fate of the bill at this session will depend upon the ultimate decision of the Republican leaders regarding the report of an omnibus public buildings bill.

Concord, Jan. 28.—O. G. (Red) Thomas, Charlotte automobile salesman, convicted last night in Cabarrus Superior court of second degree murder for the killing of Arthur J. Allen, master plumber of this city, in Kannapolis on the night of October 25, 1921, today was sentenced by Judge J. Bis Ray to serve 18 years in the State penitentiary. Thomas appealed to the Supreme court and appearance bond was fixed in the sum of \$20,000.

SOUTHERN TRAIN WRECKED BY MOUNTAIN SLIDE

Asheville, Jan. 28.—Conductor James Richard and 18 passengers were slightly injured when Southern railway passenger train number 20 crashed into a mountain of dirt and rock that had slid onto the Murphy division track a short distance west of Noland today.

Engineer E. W. Poindexter, driving the engine around a sharp curve, saw the slide coming and, throwing on the emergency brakes, he and Fireman Frank Pennington jumped to safety just before the pilot of the engine jammed into hundreds of tons of dirt that came crashing down the mountainside, covering the railroad track and the public highway for a considerable distance.

DEPUTY COLLECTOR COMING TO HELP TAXPAYERS

Carl C. Pritchard, U. S. Deputy Collector, will be in Marion, at the Marianna Hotel, on February 6th, 7th and 8th, for the purpose of assisting the taxpayers of the county in filing their 1921 federal income tax returns.

An income tax return must be filed by every single person whose net income for 1921 was \$1,000 or more, every married person whose net income was \$2,000 or more, and by every person—single or married—whose gross income was \$5,000 or more.

The period for filing returns is from January 1 to March 15, 1922. Heavy penalties are provided for failure or "willful refusal" to file a return on time.

HONOR ROLL OF THE GREENLEE SCHOOL

First grade—Jessie Mae Lytle and Ewart Whitesides.

Third grade—Merrimon Stroud and Terrill Stroud.

Fourth grade—Clyde McDaniel and Ransom Lytle.

Fifth grade—Edith Lamb and Morjorie Lytle.

Sixth grade—Myrtle Lamb.

Seventh grade—Gudger Lytle, Tresie Lytle, Clara McKay and Catherine Williams.

There will be a box supper at Greenlee school house, Saturday night, February 4th. Everybody is invited.