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NEAR EAST RELIEF DRIVE FEB. 12 TO 19

**McDowell's Quota \$1,380—
Mrs. D. F. Giles Appointed
Chairman—County Organi-
zation.**

Mrs. D. F. Giles has been appointed chairman for McDowell county of the Near East Relief in its drive for funds beginning Feb. 12th, according to announcement by Col. George H. Bellamy, of Wilmington, State chairman.

To the sacred care of North Carolina are entrusted 3,334 orphans of Armenian who were killed in the great war and who were murdered during Turkish depredations because they would not renounce Christ and become Mohammedans.

McDowell county's quota of the \$200,000 asked this year is \$1,380.00, which will feed, clothe and educate 23 of these helpless tots for one year.

William Jennings Bryan, in a speech in Washington, declared that the Near East Relief is the best organized and most efficiently managed charity organization in the world.

General Dawes said not long ago "We grow weary of repitition of appeals, but oh, how weary do you think those Armenian women and children have grown during the six years of unabated suffering?"

Some may say that charity begins at home, but there is no such suffering in America, and never has been, as there is in Armenia.

It was a wise philosopher who said "The light that shines brightest at home shines farthest."

County Organization.

McDowell County's organization for Near East Relief campaign follows:

Mrs. D. F. Giles, chairman; Miss Mary Greenlee, Mrs. J. W. Winborne, Mrs. Maggie Hudgins Witherpoon, Mrs. W. P. Artz, vice-chairmen.

Executive Committee—Messrs. G. C. Conley, N. F. Stepp, W. W. Neal, T. A. Holton, S. E. Whitten, J. Q. Gilkey, S. L. Copeland, T. H. Henderson, Mrs. Chas. Burgin.

Treasurer, W. L. Morris.

District Chairmen.

Old Fort—G. B. Strickland.

Nebó—Miss Mamie Stacey and Mrs. John Sigmon.

Glenwood—Miss Delia Gibbs.

Garden City—Watson Wilson.

Clinchfield Mill—Miss Ola Wall.

Joe Miller and R. O. Wiley.

Siloam—Ralph Tate.

Marion Mill—Miss Maggie Taylor, Adam Hunt and Jno. Snoddy.

Greenlee—Mrs. Tom Tate and Miss Ruth Greenlee.

Graphiteville—Alonso Davis.

Harmony Grove—Miss Maggie Parks and Frank Witherow.

Woodlawn—Miss Alberta Clary.

Sevier—Mrs. Geo. W. Conley.

Pitts—Jeter Morgan and James Avery.

Ashford—Miss Edith Lonon.

Sugar Hill—Miss Mary Wacaster and Mrs. W. M. Wilson.

Fairview—Miss Mattie McGalliard.

Dysartsville—Joe Story.

Pinnacle—Miss Rebecca Patton.

Bethlehem—J. M. Gibson.

Hankins—Miss Annie Wall and J. C. Burnett.

Cross Mill—Fred Williams and Mrs. J. H. Lemmond.

Stroudtown—Miss Thelma Michael.

Chapel Hill—Lurlene Corpening.

GREENLEE SCHOOL.

Despite the downpour of rain Saturday evening, the parents and children of Greenlee school had an unusually pleasant social affair. Games and contests were participated in by all. From the good eats sale a nice little sum was realized. This is to be added to the desk fund.

The attendance at Greenlee is very satisfactory now. The highest weekly attendance for the year was last week, when it was 99 per cent of the enrollment.

Shop with home merchants.

JOHN G. PYATT DIES AT DYSARTSVILLE

John G. Pyatt, of Dysartsville, died of pneumonia Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the culmination of about a week's illness. Mr. Pyatt was a farmer and lumberman and one of the most prominent and progressive citizens of this section. He was a member of the board of county commissioners of McDowell county, having been elected to this office in November, 1920.

Monday being the first Monday there was important work to come before the board, but the meeting was postponed until Tuesday and the commissioners and other county officers attended the funeral at Dysartsville.

Mr. Pyatt's many friends received the news of his death with a severe shock. It is keenly realized by those who knew him that the county and community has lost one of its best citizens.

Mr. Pyatt is survived by a wife and four children.

WILL ERECT NEW COURT HOUSE ON PRESENT SITE

The county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Tuesday decided upon the present site on which to erect the new court house. This decision was reached after consulting with the people of the county as to their wishes. The following order was made:

"In the opinion of the Board the present courthouse site together with the adjacent property is the proper location upon which to erect the new courthouse, and that it is necessary to acquire the property known as the Mrs. Dora Nichols Finley lot bounded on the North by Court Street on the East by Garden Street, on the South by the jail lot and on the West by the present court house lot and that the needs of the County demand the acquisition of said property. And it is further found that the Board is unable to agree with the said property owner, Mrs. Dora Nichols Finley, upon a satisfactory price therefor.

"It is, therefore, ordered that the said Mrs. Dora Nichols Finley property be condemned for the court house site and that proceedings to that end be immediately instituted.

"It is further ordered that the new court house be erected upon the combined lot of the present court house site and the Nichols property.

"It is further ordered that Erle G. Stillwell be, and he is hereby employed as architect to prepare the plans and supervise the erection of the new court house upon the usual architectural commission basis."

FEDERAL EXPERT COMING TO AID TAXPAYERS

Collector of Internal Revenue William Grissom has announced that two revenue agents accompanied by a deputy collector will visit each important town in the State during the period from February 15 to March 15 for the purpose of aiding taxpayers in the preparation of federal income tax returns.

The practice has been followed in previous years, but this year more appointments have been made and a longer time will be spent in each place.

The list of appointments has been announced for this district by J. E. Kanipe, division chief, as follows:

Forest City, Feb. 15, 16 and 17; Rutherfordton, Feb. 18; Marion, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 20 and 21; Marianna Hotel; Hendersonville, Feb. 22 and 23; Brevard, Feb. 24; Canton, Feb. 25; Waynesville, Feb. 27 and 28; Asheville, March 1-15, inclusive.

Clinchcross Honor Roll.

The following is the honor roll for Clinchcross school for January: Phyllis Sorrells, Charley Minnish, Russell Greer, Carita Simerson, Bertha Early, Florence Early, Conley Poteat.

Most essential to a good infield is a shortstop and second baseman.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Feb. 6.—Edward Barber and child of Columbia, S. C., are visiting relatives in Old Fort.

Misses Clell Branham and Alva Goswick spent Saturday in Asheville. Misses Gertrude Dula and Mabel Crawford were visitors in Marion Monday.

S. F. Mauney has returned from a visit to relatives in Salisbury.

Miss Madaline Mashburn, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Mashburn, and Mr. Hart Taylor were married Wednesday afternoon at 6 o'clock.

Misses Mary Burgin and Mattie Tate spent the week-end with home-folks at Greenlee.

Edward Barber will return this week to his home in Columbia, S. C.

J. S. Keener is in Bryson City this week conducting a sale for Bryson-Snyder Co.

Misses Florence Murray and Fannie Bruton attended the musical concert in Asheville Tuesday night.

Leonidas Rhinehardt was given a surprise party Friday night. Those present were Louise Swann, Daisy Mae Arney, Helen Stirewalt, Ruth Stirewalt, Ruth Davis, Mary Ellen Settle, Brevard Tate, Robert Wilkinson, Paul Stepp, Jack McElroy and Clyde McCannless.

Jas. H. Young, U. S. Forestryman, is dangerously ill at his home with pneumonia.

Early and Noblitt have moved into their new quarters. The store building was recently completed by Mr. Noblitt.

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Dawson left last week for Greensboro where Mrs. Dawson will be under the care of a specialist for treatment.

Some parties from Winston-Salem have purchased a lot on the old ball ground near the depot and are erecting thereon a roller mill.

Col. D. W. Adams will soon have his mill building completed and be ready to begin operations. The power will come from a dam across the creek at the upper end of town. The plant will be prepared to handle the grain in this community and will be an advantage to the growers and public generally.

Dr. J. B. Johnson and I. L. Caplan are making fine headway on their building. The fifteen rooms up stairs will soon be ready for occupancy. One of the four store rooms on the first floor is being fitted up for a lunch counter and will be operated by Taylor Greene.

The graded school literary society gave a very interesting program last Friday night. One feature of the program was a debate on the subject: "Resolved, That the World is Growing Better." The boys showed considerable preparation and argued the question quite at length. The judges rendered their decision in favor of the affirmative.

Miss K. Bailey, fifth grade teacher took her pupils on a picnic and hike last Saturday. About twenty-five were in the party and they hiked up Jarrett's Creek for some distance and struck camp. An enjoyable trip was reported.

J. C. Greene and son of Asheville arrived in Old Fort Monday afternoon to spend awhile.

S. J. Fortune and Alfred Gibson of Asheville spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Finley Fortune, who is working in Asheville, spent Sunday in Old Fort with his parents.

MONTFORDS COVE

Union Mills, Rt. 1, Feb. 6.—Mrs. E. W. Flack entertained the young people of the community at a party Saturday night.

Grayson Koon, who has been quite ill, is improving.

Rev. J. M. Brown was called to

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W. W. GUY BUYS BILTMORE TRACT NEAR ASHEVILLE

Asheville Citizen.
Sale of 13 and one-half acres of land with a frontage on Biltmore avenue of 1,275 feet and known as the holdings of the Appalachian Realty company was affected yesterday when papers were filed in the office of the register of deeds transferring the property from the Appalachian Realty company, of which George Stephens is president, to W. W. Guy, of Marion.

Sale of the two tracts in the village of Biltmore which involved \$80,000, according to the revenue stamps on the two deeds, marks one of the important real estate sales of the new year.

It is understood Mr. Guy has some associates in the purchase of the property and that they have in mind later development of it for commercial purposes. Mr. Guy is president and general manager of the Blanton Grocery company, which operates wholesale grocery houses at Shelby, Marion and Spruce Pine, and is known as one of the most successful and enterprising business men in Western North Carolina.

MARION HIGH SCHOOL QUINT DEFEATS HICKORY 32 TO 11

In a very fast and interesting game of basketball Marion last Friday night on the local court defeated the Hickory high by a count of 32 to 11, Hickory only registering two goals from the field; every one of their points being made by Mitchell, their star forward.

McMahan starred for Marion with seven field goals. Atkins held Mitchell to two field goals, the least number he has secured this season, while Higgs for Marion guarded well, and also made two pretty baskets; Copeland and Sprinkle played a good passing game, all their playing deserving credit.

Hickory is said to have one of the best teams in this section of the state and by defeating them it shows that it will take a pretty strong team to beat the Marion lads.

The line-up and score was as follows:

Marion (32)	Hickory (11)
McMahan 14	Hawn
Copeland 6	Mitchell 11
Sprinkle 8	Hyder
Higgs 4	Hawn
Atkins	Hoffman

FIFTH LYCEUM ATTRAC- TION TO COME FEB. 24TH

The fifth and last attraction of the Lyceum course will be at the graded school auditorium Friday night, Feb. 24th. This will be the finest attraction given here, and it is hoped the people of Marion will show their appreciation for this high class entertainment by a large attendance.

This number is the Kaufmann Male Quartette and assisting artist under the direction of Walter Steinecker, a well known figure in musical circles of the Eastern and Central States. He has been identified with some of the prominent churches of the East as solo tenor. Each member of the organization is a talented musician. All have splendidly trained musical voices and are finished musicians. Barney Thompson, baritone, is not only a fine singer but also a very fine cellist. This instrument is used in solos, abbligatos, and in the entire ensemble. Their repertoire ranges from the heavier selections of the operas to the lighter, humorous and character songs which appeal to the general public.

Mrs. Walter Steinecker furnishes the accompaniments for the quartette, and also solos and readings as a special feature of the program.

The management assures Mrs. W. W. Neal, president of the Woman's Club, under whose auspices it is given, that this attraction does not go to the smaller towns, but as there was some misunderstanding about the date of the one to be shown here they will send this splendid company instead of the one booked for this place. The admission for this attraction will be 50c for adults and 25c for children.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the Western North Carolina Methodist conference will be held at Salisbury on April 25-28.

The executive committee of the North Carolina Agricultural society, at a meeting held in Raleigh, decided upon the week of October 16-21 as the official dates for the 1922 state fair.

"Bill" Rainwater, charged with the murder of Blaize L. Harsell, a wealthy New York clubman, who disappeared while on a walking trip through the mountains of western North Carolina or Virginia, was found not guilty when arraigned in Mitchell county last week. However, he is held in jail charged with the murder of J. Shipley.

Gilkey, Feb. 5.—The local chapter of the Epworth league at Gilkey gave a most enjoyable social program to the general public at the graded school last night. The program consisted of a splendid speech on Epworth league work by B. L. Lunsford who also entertained the audience with mountain folk song selections, he being an expert with the banjo and this class of music. Mr. J. C. Wylie, the president of the league, was master of ceremonies. The various games and contests were given after which punch was served to all present. About 200 were in attendance at this social.

A. D. WATTS EXPLAINS INCOME TAX STATUTE

A. D. Watts, state commissioner of revenue, yesterday gave out the following statement concerning the payment of income tax:

"There seems to be still a misunderstanding in the minds of some of the people and the officers with reference to the income tax which this office is now endeavoring to collect. A great many taxpayers are now paying their taxes which they listed in May, 1921, and which was their income for the calendar year 1920. Under the old law this return was made to the local list-takers during the month of May and was for the previous year's income. The law has been changed and taxpayers are required to make returns of their income to the commissioner of revenue for the calendar year 1921. These returns must be made on or before March 15. If not made then, penalty will accrue."

Deputy Commissioner M. L. Reid, of Asheville, will be at the First National Bank in Marion on February 15th and 16th for the purpose of aiding State income taxpayers in making their returns. Mr. Reid will be in Old Fort on the 14th. All citizens required to make returns should take advantage of this opportunity to obtain assistance in making their returns.

ENGLAND-WESTALL.

Mr. Gay England, of Buncombe county, and Miss Ella Westall, of Yancey county, were married by Rev. J. T. Bowden in the parlor of the McDowell hotel Saturday evening, Feb. 4th. A number of friends were present to witness the marriage and to extend good wishes to the happy couple. Mr. and Mrs. England will make their future home in Buncombe county.

WEATHER REPORT.

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

Maximum, 65 degrees; minimum, 25 degrees; rain, 2.23 inches; sunshine, per cent, .64; snow, 0.5 of an inch.

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