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FOREST FIRE CAMPAIGN PLANNED IN M'DOWELL

Citizens Tell State Fire Warden They'll Aid Move; County Appropriates \$300.

Mr. W. D. Clark, chief fire warden for the State of North Carolina, was in Marion Monday and appeared before the county board of commissioners and discussed with them means of fire prevention in McDowell county.

The state geological and economic survey was authorized by the last session of the legislature to co-operate with the board of county commissioners in the various counties of the state for forest fire protection. It is also the intention of the geological survey to co-operate with the national government in forest fire prevention. Mr. Clark, with a number of representative citizens of the town and county, went before the board of county commissioners here Monday and outlined his plan for co-operation between the national, state and county government for the prevention of forest fires and urged upon them the necessity of an appropriation by the county to be used for fire protection, when supplemented by a similar or larger amount from the state treasury.

After Mr. Clark had explained his plan, Messrs. D. E. Hudgins, C. C. Lisenbee and others, including the mayor, as well as a number of citizens from over the county assured the county commissioners that they were behind the movement as taxpayers and very much desired that a fund be set aside by the county commissioners. The commissioners agreed to make an appropriation of \$300 for this purpose.

The plan is to make the county a working unit. Each county is to be divided up into fire districts and a fire warden named in each district. It will be the duty of the warden not only to use every means and method of prevention, but to encourage co-operation of the citizenship of his district in fire prevention; also to introduce in the public schools of his district an elementary course of instruction.

LOCAL CHAPTER U. D. C. RAISES FUNDS FOR HOUSE

The McDowell Chapter of the U. D. C. met with Mrs. D. E. Hudgins at her lovely home, "Lone Beech," Monday afternoon. It was a very enthusiastic meeting when the president, Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey, announced that she hoped the chapter would soon have a chapter house as they had almost funds enough for this purpose, also a lot to build on. This was very gratifying news as a chapter house is badly needed.

Mrs. J. W. Winborne was elected director of the Children's chapter to succeed Mrs. Witherspoon, who was recently elected to this office but had to resign because of her school duties which prevented her from giving the time to this work she would like to give. The Daughters feel that Mrs. Winborne is peculiarly fitted for this position and are expecting great things of the Children's chapter under her directorship.

Mesdames Pless and Giles sang a duet which called for an encore. They have wonderfully sweet, well trained voices and it is always a pleasure to the Marion folks to have one or both sing for them. Mrs. Geo. A. Banner read a pathetic poem, "Billie Boy," which was listened to with rapt attention. Miss Mary Gordon Greenlee read a chapter from "Southern Women in War Times," which is a most interesting book and one every Southern family should have in their library.

The members of this chapter that do not attend the meetings miss a treat for the president, Mrs. Gilkey, gives a great deal of time and thought to the programs and they are always good.

Services at St. John's next Sunday at 11 a. m.

COURT ADJOURNS; SAM SMITH GIVEN 15 YEARS

McDowell Superior court adjourned last Friday. In addition to the cases heretofore mentioned, the following were disposed of:

Jasper Vance, larceny, sentenced to four months in jail.

John and George Haney, manufacturing whiskey, fined \$100 and cost each.

Sam Smith, colored, convicted of murder in the second degree, was sentenced to fifteen years in the State penitentiary.

Ed. Cannon, manufacturing whiskey, sentenced to 18 months on chain gang of Henderson county.

Charles Ward, manufacturing whiskey, sentenced to 18 months on chain gang of Henderson county.

Emory Sigmon, transporting whiskey, sentenced to sixty days in jail.

Charles Reese, abandonment and assault, 28 months on roads.

J. M. Sims, assault with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapon, sentenced to 49 months on chain gang of Henderson county.

Divorces were granted in the following cases: Lila Mathis versus Orestus Mathis, Grady Martin versus May Martin, Cora Brittain versus James Brittain, Lottie Arrowood versus John Arrowood.

Grand Jury Report.

The grand jury reported having visited the county home which was found "in as sanitary condition as could be expected under existing circumstances." The water supply was reported inadequate and it was recommended that another well be dug.

The committee visiting the court house reported finding the various offices in as good shape as present conditions will permit. "The records," the report states, "in the Clerk's office and the Register of Deeds office are in excellent condition. The County Treasurer's system of new books is proving satisfactory and now enables him to tell accurately as to the financial condition of the county."

"The committee visiting the jail report it in fairly good condition, there being thirteen prisoners. The prisoners are well fed and fairly well cared for. However, part of the jail is in a very unsafe condition and it is impossible to keep prisoners in this portion without them going free when they may so desire."

"The conditions above outlined show us very clearly the great need of a new court house and jail, to take care of present needs. We wish to urge that the new court house and jail be erected as speedily as possible in order to take care of these pressing needs."

HONOR ROLL FOR GLEN- WOOD—SIXTH MONTH

First grade—Robert Morris, Mae Morgan, Mary McCall, Clara McCall, Thelma Bruner, Rebecca Marlowe, Fred Henley. Second grade—Doris Morris, Vera Goforth, Ila Reel, Gertrude Rayburn, Lucy Reel, William Goforth, Grayson Marlowe, Clarence Pyatt, Leon Reel, Gibburn Swann, Ruth Goforth. Third grade—Ray Westmoreland, Trueman Westmoreland, Paul Henley, Pauline Henley. Fifth grade—Anna Westmoreland, Malcolm Mashburn, James Goforth, Marion Henley, Fred Morgan, Lillian Eplee, Alma Reel. Sixth grade—Elizabeth Poteat, Ruth Pyatt, Minnie Greer, Emma Reel, Bruce Minnish, Lingle Swann, Boyce Hensley. Seventh grade—Ethel Goforth, Laura Hensley, Cecil Rayburn, Arnold Pyatt, Roy Morgan. Eighth grade—Edna Mashburn, Ila Ward, Mayme Eplee, Luther Holland, Myrtle Henley, Frank Swann. Ninth grade—George Pyatt, Guy Greer, Gladys Pyatt, Marie England, Pansy Mashburn. Tenth grade—Alice Holland, Eula Pyatt, Verla Rayburn, Ralph Hensley. Eleventh grade—Ora Bright.

A play, "The Fruit of His Folly," will be given by the Bridgewater school at Bridgewater March 10th at 8 o'clock. Proceeds for the school.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, March 7.—A new group of State highway engineers under the supervision of E. C. McMillan has succeeded those under the supervision of Mr. Nichols, who has been moved to Morganton.

T. F. Gentry, foreman of construction work on the State highway, was waylaid and shot on last Thursday afternoon by a negro, Ernest Saunders, an employee. Officers have scoured the country for him but he succeeded in eluding them.

A part of the Music class of Old Fort high school accompanied by the music teacher, Miss Florence Murray, spent Saturday afternoon in Montreat.

A patient of Oteen hospital fell off the railroad bridge one mile west of Old Fort last Thursday night and was found by the sheriff and police. He suffered a broken finger and other minor injuries. He was returned to the hospital.

The debaters for the triangular debate between Old Fort, Glenwood and Nebo on the affirmative side are William Treverton and Cassie Burgin and on the negative, Estelle Lavender and Sallie Epley.

Geo. E. Marshall, president of the Marshall Lumber Co., has recently returned from a trip to Johnson City, Tenn.

Mrs. M. E. Nesbitt has returned to Old Fort after an extended visit to relatives in Johnson City, Tenn.

The Junior quintet of the Old Fort High school was defeated Saturday afternoon by the Farm school's second team on the latter's court by a score of 26 to 28. Hughes starred for Old Fort while Beech starred for Farm school. The game was interesting and hard fought.

Misses Alva Goswick and Clell Branham were shopping in Asheville Saturday.

The varsity basket ball team of the Old Fort high school expects to meet the Drexel high school varsity on the latter's court March 10.

F. M. Bradley returned yesterday from the Mission hospital at Asheville where he underwent an operation.

The Evening Star Festival begins at Old Fort March 22 and lasts four successive evenings. These four performances are the best that have ever been to Old Fort. The committee has put the season tickets at \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children under 12 years. When these entertainments are given in larger cities the price of a single ticket is one dollar. The price of the tickets have been put down low in order to give everybody an opportunity to attend. If you miss these entertainments you will miss the greatest opportunity you ever had to hear high class performers at a low price. These entertainments are brought to Old Fort and surrounding community at considerable expense to the guarantors. We therefore ask you to come out and help the thing along by your presence.

NEBO.

Nebo, March 6.—Mrs. S. A. Cuthbertson, who has been very ill for some time, we are glad to say is recovering.

Ralph Tate, who is teaching school near Old Fort, spent the week-end at home.

Harry Lentz of Marion was in Nebo Saturday on business.

C. S. Poteat made a business trip to Marion last Friday.

Lawrence Mason made a business trip to Marion last week.

Tom Stacy, who is teaching school at Pitts, spent the week-end with homefolks here.

T. M. Hemphill and J. C. Mason made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Simons, March 2, a son.

CROSS MILL.

Marion, March 7.—The mill is running full time day and night.

Mrs. Leonard has been quite ill but is improving.

The Cross Mill Sunday school is progressing nicely. The attendance last Sunday was 141. The Sunday School collection for the Near East Relief amounted to twenty-one dollars.

A singing school was started here Monday with Mr. Vaughn, of Asheville, as teacher. We hope to have a good singing class soon.

GREENLEE

Old Fort, March 7.—Oliver Pendergrass made a business trip to Old Fort Tuesday.

T. Y. Lytle of Garden City spent the week-end with his son, C. L. Lytle.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lytle visited Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Stepp Saturday night and Sunday.

C. B. Harris and J. L. Harris of Montford's Cove spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Allie Lytle.

Mrs. Jasper Webb of Marion visited her brother here last week.

The small child of Allie Lytle fell in the fire last Wednesday and was badly burned, but is improving.

Robert and Lee Gibson of Crooked Creek have accepted positions with M. G. Pendergrass.

CATAWBA VALLEY

Old Fort, Rt. 1, March 6.—The Sunday school at Ebenezer has been re-organized with J. A. Walker as superintendent.

Logan Bradley of Swannanoa spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hicks of Old Fort spent Sunday with the latter's father, J. W. Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Griffin spent Sunday on Crooked Creek.

Ralph Tate spent the week-end with homefolks at Nebo.

David and Azor Griffin left last week for Black Mountain where they have accepted positions.

Ethel Carr has entered school at Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. James Parker spent Sunday with their son near Greenlee.

BETHLEHEM

Old Fort, Rt. 2, Feb. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson and children were guests at the home of J. T. Turner, Sunday.

C. F. Noblitt was the guest of F. M. Harris, Sunday.

Alfred Gibson of Asheville visited his parents here Sunday.

The Sunday school here is progressing nicely.

Mrs. A. Gibson is quite ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. Gibson.

Frank Mills has gone to Marion for a few days.

Miss Irene Hogan is visiting her aunt in Marion.

STONE MOUNTAIN

Old Fort, March 4.—Work on the highway is progressing nicely under W. Misher as contractor.

Cecil Nanney spent Saturday in Old Fort on business.

J. M. Nanney of Gaffney has accepted a position here on the highway.

Miss Myrtle McCurry visited homefolks Friday and Saturday near Old Fort.

Lee Grant of Old Fort visited relatives here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claudin Searcy of Fairview visited the latter's mother, Mrs. C. M. Nanney, last week.

Little Stella Searcy of Fairview is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. C. M. Nanney.

J. L. Greene has finished a nice little bungalow on his farm which is now ready for occupancy.

We are glad to welcome in our community Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Elliott of Marion.

Miss Mary Young Hemphill has returned home from Columbus high school.

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TO DEVELOP FISH IN- DUSTRY IN THE STATE

Plans Laid for Stocking the Streams and Ponds of Western North Carolina.

Raleigh, March 4.—The state fisheries commission, meeting today with Governor Morrison, laid plans for greatly extending the fish and oyster industry of the east and for stocking the streams and ponds of Western North Carolina.

The meeting was called by the governor who proposed the launching of plans for extending the fish and oyster industry and filling the streams and ponds of the interior with fish as an added feature of the campaign for raising more food for home consumption.

The commission also will undertake the organization of a co-operative marketing system, whereby fish caught in North Carolina waters can be sold to North Carolina people, eliminating the middle man and his profits and be taking the place of shipments from the Norfolk and Baltimore fish and oyster houses.

Ten thousand dollars was spent last year by the state in promoting the infant oyster industry and \$10,000 more, authorized by the legislature, will be expended this summer.

An extensive survey to determine streams and ponds in Western and Interior North Carolina that might be stocked with fish, procurable from the federal government, will be made at once by the commission as a result of today's meeting. With this survey in hand, it will undertake the early filling of these streams and ponds with fish. The success met in stocking Bridgewater lakes and the pond at Badin causes members of the commission to believe that the work can be carried on with beneficial results.

BIG SLUMP MADE IN EGG PRICES RECENTLY

Hickory, March 4.—Prophecy of 20 cent eggs retail was made here this afternoon by Walter J. Shuford, manager of a local concern, on the basis of 20 cents a dozen paid on the wholesale market here today. This has been the lowest price in several years, it is forecast that the wholesale price will drop to 16 cents in the next several weeks. Three months ago eggs were quoted wholesale at 55 cents a dozen, on this market, which ships more than any other city in the South, it is declared, the big drop has occurred in the last three weeks.

HONOR ROLL FOR EAST MARION SCHOOL

Low first—Alma Loudermilk, Conley Elliott, Maggie Webb, Nora Mills, Seaborn Elmore, Forest Dixon, Louis Prather. High first—Ruth Hunt, Bradford Loudermilk, Mary Snoddy, Sam Duhean, Zolen Vess, Jack Seagle, Luther Huffman, Orville Owens, Margaret Bledsoe, Fred Hemphill, Billie Woods. Second grade—Howard Lewis, William Carver, Harold Stiles, Arminta Toney, Beulah Burnette, Edith Kiser, Mary Rumpfelt, Wilson Bradley. Third grade—Gertrude Bledsoe, Polly Finley, Geneva Finley, Louise McCoy, Lizzie Parker, Cora Taylor, Arnold Biggerstaff, Ernest Bradley, Jonas Burgin, Frank Hunt, Joe Poole, Willie Elmore. Fourth grade—Taft Price, Fay Dixon, Ruth Huffman, Annie Moore, Jessie Woods, Hester Duncan, Jimmie Bradley, James Fisher, Daniel Frady, Millard Kiser. Fifth grade—Mary Solomon, Leona Toney, Dennis Ward, Luther Bryson. Sixth grade—James Hemphill, Gracie Bruner, Gay Moore, Mae Bell Hall, Jannie Taylor. Seventh grade—Ray Bowman, Edgar Robinette, Deffies Long, Ernest Ward, Virginia Fisher.

The pie supper given February 25, by the Parent-Teacher association proved a success. We all feel indebted to Mr. Hemphill who auctioneered the pies. The sum received was sixty dollars. This will be used for the benefit of the school.