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ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, March 20.—Misses Mamie and Lona Goforth of Clinchfield school visited homefolks last week.

G. D. Taylor of Nebo is visiting his mother, Mrs. Harret Taylor, who is critically ill.

Farmers are behind with their plowing on account of so much rain.

We are looking forward to Dysartville township to have the public highway to continue through to Rutherford county. We have nothing but a mud hole down here, a disgrace to civilization.

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

Mrs. J. D. Laughridge, who has been at Rutherford hospital for an operation, has returned home and is improving rapidly.

Joseph Story spent the week-end with homefolks in Marion.

Miss Etta Walker and brothers, Arthur and Erastus, visited their mother at the Rutherford hospital Sunday.

Miss Carrie Carswell of Spindale spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks here.

Cronje Laughridge, Arthur and Erastus Walker and sister, Miss Etta, motored to Spindale Sunday.

J. L. Laughridge and family of Marion were pleasant visitors here Wednesday.

Mrs. J. P. Walker, who recently underwent an operation at the Rutherford hospital, is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Upton announce the birth of a daughter.

Robert Laughridge made a trip to Marion Monday.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Rt. 2, March 20.—Miss Stella Gunter of Old Fort spent the week-end with Miss Pernie Ross.

J. C. Noblitt of Flat Rock has been visiting relatives here for the past week.

Ed. Davis of Marion visited relatives here the latter part of the week.

Miss Edney of Hendersonville is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Gilliam.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Lavender of Marion have moved to the J. H. Ross Place.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Croom, a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilliam, a daughter.

J. A. Lavender made a business trip to Marion Friday.

Tom Beach of Catawba Valley was on the creek on business one day last week.

O. A. Davis is visiting relatives on Cedar Creek.

Mrs. Walter Davis is seriously ill.

NEBO.

Nebo, March 20.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mason were shopping in Marion last Saturday.

Miss Pearl Padgett of Marion visited homefolks here yesterday.

Mrs. J. F. Wilson and Mrs. Anna Alexander were shopping in Marion last Friday.

C. S. Poteat was in Marion last Friday on business.

Miss Bessie Cuthbertson spent Saturday in Marion.

Mrs. George Taylor was shopping in Marion Saturday.

Pender Cuthbertson of Asheville visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lonnie Snipes of Marion visited homefolks here yesterday.

Miss Myrtle Beck of Marion is visiting relatives here.

Walter Graham was in Marion last week on business.

There will be services at the Baptist church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

W. C. Janes has been real sick for some time but we are glad to say that he is recovering.

OLD FORT

Old Fort, March 20.—Miss Elizabeth Biddix spent the week-end with relatives in Greenlee and Marion.

Miss Florence Murray attended a house party at Montreat last week.

Mrs. J. A. Swann was in Marion and Glenwood Saturday.

The date for the county commencement to be held at Marion has been changed from April 14 to April 8.

Misses Annie and Nelle Early visited friends in Montfords Cove Saturday and Sunday.

The regular nights for the moving picture show have been changed to Monday and Tuesday nights on account of the Chautauqua, which will be in Old Fort April 22-25.

Following is the graded school honor roll for the primary and elementary grades for the month of February:

First A grade: James Atkins, J. R. Harris, Roy Holland, Guy Lewis, James Patton, Donald Lee Turner, Pauline Byrd.

First B grade: Hyams Connor, Donald Dovef, Woodard Davis, Jack Hughes, Thos. Ipock, Jr., John C. Jones, Garland Oates, Donald Steppe, Norris Lewis, Frances Grant, Ruth Harvey, Bessie Holland, Jennie May Noblitt, Virginia Oates, Edna Tate.

Second grade: Ethel Burgin, Jessie Davis, Beatrice Freeman, Evelyn Gilliam, Francis Kanipe, Virginia Vess, Frances Walker, Lytle Steppe, Horace Dover, Stella Sherrill.

Third grade: Irene Jordan, Geneva Steppe, Clyde Nesbitt, Russell Oates, Carl Rock, Charles Thomason, Andrew Whiteside, Mary Sue Grant.

Fourth grade: Dorothy Spencer, Elaine Mashburn.

Fifth grade: Ashby Robinson, Elizabeth Strickland, James Robinson.

Sixth grade: Annie White, Louise Porter, Annie Belle Noblitt.

The date for the triangular debates at Old Fort, Nebo and Glenwood has been changed from March 24th to March 27th. These will be interesting occasions and should be well patronized.

Mrs. Jno. B. Johnson and little daughter, Mary Margaret, returned Saturday evening from Charlotte where Mrs. Johnson has been with her sister, Mrs. Allanack, who has been quite ill with influenza.

Miss Mary Burgin spent the week-end with her mother at Greenlee.

Miss Mattie Tate spent the week-end with friends and relatives in Glenwood and Marion.

C. W. Greybeal left Sunday for a business trip to Lincolnton.

Rev. L. W. Dawson, Sr., father of the pastor of the Methodist church, preached two very interesting sermons at the Methodist church here Sunday. He returned to his home at Spray after visiting his son for about ten days. He will conduct a revival at Old Fort sometime during the summer.

HARMONY GROVE

Harmony Grove, March 20.—Miss Pinkie Pyatt has returned home from Marion.

Quite a number of folks enjoyed a quilting given by Mrs. James Pyatt Wednesday.

Carl Simmons was in Marion one day last week.

W. Fender spent Friday and Saturday at Clinchfield.

John Hensley and son, Charlie, made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

Fernon Pyatt made a business trip to Glenwood one day last week.

Miss Callie Hensley of Clinchfield spent the latter part of the week with homefolks here.

Joseph Holland was in Marion Saturday on business.

Tom Cuthbertson made a business trip to Marion today.

CATAWBA VALLEY

Old Fort, Rt. 1, March 20.—John Bailey of Black Mountain was here on business last Thursday.

Miss Addie Lavender was in Marion last Friday.

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GRADED SCHOOL BONDS SOLD HERE LAST MONDAY

Sold Through M. and F. Bank to the Spitzer Company at Very Satisfactory Figure.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen last Monday the \$65,000.00 issue of school bonds of Marion was sold through the Merchants & Farmers Bank to Sidney Spitzer Company, at a very satisfactory figure. Notwithstanding the condition of the money market the bonds brought a fair premium, and the sale is considered one of the best in the State for several months.

It is expected that the school board will begin at once to formulate plans for the erection of a new school building for Marion. With the bond money available it is hoped that the school board will be able to erect a building and equipment that will meet the demands of this community.

CLEVELAND AND McDOWELL TO NAME SENATORS 27TH

The chairman of each Democratic executive committee of the five counties in the 27th Senatorial District met in Rutherfordton Wednesday March 21st, to decide from which counties the two Senators would be selected this year. The 27th district is composed of Cleveland, Rutherford, McDowell, Henderson and Polk counties. Prior to the last census, and the redistricting of the senatorial districts in the state, by the last regular session of the Legislature, the four counties named above composed a senatorial district without McDowell. The new order of districts made it necessary for the 27th to decide the new manner of county rotation for the selection of senators.

McDowell was represented at the meeting by O. F. Adkins, J. W. Winborne and D. F. Giles. After a lengthy discussion in which the claims of each county were presented to the meeting, it was decided that for the year 1922 the senators should come from Cleveland and McDowell.

Four of the county delegations were unanimous in their expressions of opinion that D. F. Giles should and would be one of the senators from the district this year. His wide acquaintance throughout the entire district was very largely if not entirely responsible for McDowell winning the distinctively honored place in senatorial rotation in the district.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Transfers in real estate during the past few days include the following: R. S. Clay to H. O. Smith, two lots on Pulliam Hill for \$1,000.

J. F. Snipes to M. S. Laughridge, two lots on Pulliam Hill for \$1,000.

Dr. J. F. Jonas to J. L. Nichols, two lots on Pulliam Hill for \$1,000.

Dr. J. F. Jonas to A. E. Nichols, one lot on Pulliam Hill for \$500.

W. C. Smith to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Davis, a lot on Court street for \$2,500.

J. T. Davis to F. M. Stacey, farm in Crooked Creek township for \$4,000.

Mrs. H. M. Hall to R. E. Roper, property on road to C. C. & O., near Gray's corner, for \$17,000.

G. F. Washburn to W. O. Ledbetter, house on Morgan street for \$5,500.

G. C. Conley and wife to Beaman Realty Company, tract of land at C. C. & O. Junction for \$27,000.

R. I. BIRD DIES.

Mr. R. I. Bird, age 78 years, died at his home Saturday morning about one o'clock. Mr. Bird was a citizen of the Montfords Cove section, where he has resided for many years. The funeral was held Sunday, conducted by Rev. M. M. Huntley. Interment was made in the Montfords Cove cemetery.

Mr. Bird was prominent in his community in church and fraternal circles. He was a member of the Methodist church, a Confederate veteran and loyal Mason. He was twice married and is survived by his wife and one daughter, and three sons.

SUGAR HILL SCHOOL HAS SUCCESSFUL CLOSING

Sugar Hill School closed a very successful year last Friday when the people of the community met at the school house to enjoy a short program by the school and a picnic dinner on the grounds. The exercises by the school was short but much enjoyed by the people who were present.

After the program by the school Mr. D. F. Giles, former County Superintendent, addressed the people on the subject of "Schools in Terms of Service." Mr. Giles made a strong speech and was the recipient of much applause by the large crowd present.

The picnic dinner was a real spread and was enough to appease the appetite of the most fastidious. It contributed no little in making the day complete.

After dinner the people again met in the school building to discuss the question of better schools for the entire lower end of Montfords Cove township. Supt. N. F. Steppe spoke briefly on the subject of consolidation and pledged the service of the county authorities to any scheme that means for the betterment and up-lift of the schools. A report had been circulated that it was the intention of the County Board of Education to change the boundaries of the schools in this section, but Supt. Steppe assured the people that it was the policy of the Board to work in harmony with the wishes of the people.

Much interest is being taken in Sugar Hill section in the subject of schools. The people of this community are anxious for school advantages equal to that of any rural community. They feel that if additional territory can be added to the present school district, thereby bringing together more children and making a better school organization possible that it will mean much toward meeting the requirements of the educational demand. A committee was appointed at the Friday meeting consisting of patrons of adjoining districts as well as the Sugar Hill district, and this committee hopes to get together and work out a satisfactory plan looking toward the bettering of school advantages in the entire section.

BIG GAMES ANNOUNCED

FOR MORGANTON

Manager Earl Mack, of the Moline, Illinois, base ball club, Three I league, was in Marion Friday accompanied by H. F. Srygley and Finley Clarke, of Morganton. The Moline club is to train at Morganton and the fans of Marion will have an excellent opportunity of seeing in action some of the best teams of the south and one of the major league clubs.

Connie Mack, with his regular Athletic team, will play Moline in Morganton on April 6. This will afford the fans of Morganton, Marion, Hickory, Lenoir and surrounding towns an opportunity of seeing the big fellows without the necessity of paying out a big lump of coin for railroad fare. Mack says positively that he will bring to Morganton his entire first team on which will be seen Cy Perkins, the best catcher in the American League; Tilly Walker, who hit 11 home runs last year; Bing Miller, over whom there was such a scramble last year, when a half dozen clubs in the American and National leagues were trying to secure him from Chattanooga and many other stars of the first magnitude.

The schedule of games to be played in Morganton by the Moline team has been arranged as follows:

March 23—Lenoir College. March 27—Catawba College. March 29—Newark, of the International league. April 1—Catawba College. April 6—Athletics. April 10—Charlotte, Sally League. April 11—Charlotte. April 12—Rutherford College. April 13—Oteen. April 17—Greensboro, Piedmont League. April 18—Greensboro.

Shop with home merchants.

OLD FORT SAID TO BE ASSURED COTTON MILL

Site Is Said to Have Already Been Purchased for \$180,000 Plant to Be Located There.

A cotton mill with 8,000 spindles and looms for making gingham is practically assured for Old Fort, it was learned here a few days ago. Cost of the proposed mill will be approximately \$180,000.

Property for the mill site is said to have been purchased at an economical figure and electric power will be available at a nominal rate.

Subscriptions for stock amounting to \$130,000 have already been received, it was stated by one of those interested in the new enterprise for Old Fort. Around \$60,000 worth of stock is now on the market.

Among those interested and who have subscribed in the larger amounts are: D. W. Adams, P. H. Mashburn, J. S. Bradley, Dr. J. B. Johnson, G. W. Sandlin and C. L. Lackey, of Old Fort; C. F. James of Marion; J. G. Stikeleather and Holmes Bryson, of Asheville, and Messrs. Chamberlain, of Charlotte, and Snyder, of Hickory. A large number of citizens of Old Fort are said to have subscribed for stock and are anxious that the mill be constructed at an early date.

Those comprising a committee on temporary organization and for purchasing machinery are: D. W. Adams, chairman; Messrs. Bryson, Mashburn, Bradley, Sandlin, Lackey, James and Dr. Johnson.

"LASSES" IN WOMANLESS

WEDDING GO ON STRIKE To the Managers of The Womanless Wedding.

We note in the Marion Progress with considerable dismay, shame, and anger, that you propose to ask our fascinating actresses to exhibit our ability, charms, graces, etc., to the people here for the sum of 30 cents.

This looks and sounds as though we were not attractive enough, or our beauty and grace are not pronounced enough, to justify our demanding the regular rates for actresses of our abilities. It is shameful of you to expect us to put ourselves on exhibition for such a meagre sum of money, therefore we say to you that we will strike; we will not be on hands for the show, we will walk out of town, we will sue you for breach of promise, we—oh, we just won't do it, that's all, so you may look up some other actresses, but we know that you will not find any that will be as attractive, as beautiful, as winsome, and as desirable as we. Please pay us off.

Yours indignantly,

Ten of the Leading Actresses.

In view of the above protest, and the fact that we are unable to replace these "ladies" we have decided to make the prices for the Womanless Wedding 25 and 50 cents instead of 15 and 30 cents, as published last week. You can see that we are forced to this step, as it would never do for us to let these charming "lasses" get away from us.

Manager.

At the regular session of the Western North Carolina Weekly Press Association held in Asheville last Friday, R. E. Price, of Rutherfordton, was re-elected president; J. D. Boone, of Waynesville, vice-president; S. E. Whitten, of Marion, secretary-treasurer; Miss Beatrice Cobb, Morganton, historian. The next meeting will be held in Morganton the third Friday in June.

WEATHER REPORT.

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

Maximum, 66 degrees; minimum, 27 degrees; rain, 1.26 inches; sunshine, per cent, 78.