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## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

#### MARION MILL.

Marion, March 27.—The revival meeting at East Marion Baptist church closed Sunday night. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Caldwell, preached very strong sermons each night. The singing was in charge of A. C. Whiteaker of Hickory. His leadership added greatly to the services. Several are to be baptized in the near future as a result of the meeting.

Dan Toney and Miss Lula Suttles were married at the Methodist parsonage Monday night, Rev. D. A. Lewis officiating. Only a few friends were present. We wish for them a great future.

Mrs. W. J. Rogers, who has been ill for some time, is improving.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Dixon, March 26, a son.

Mrs. C. C. Fisher is recovering from an illness of a few days.

On Saturday night, March 18, the Parent-Teachers Association of East Marion school gave a play, "A Singing School of Ye Olden Time." This play was gotten up and prompted by Mrs. Arthur McCall. There were twenty-one characters and each character dressed to represent the early part of the seventeenth century and sang the old fa, so, la system. The entertainment was full of fun from beginning to end and everyone enjoyed it very much. A nice sum was realized which the Parent-Teachers association will use for the benefit of the school.

#### NEBO.

Nebo, March 27.—Miss Hattie Taylor, who is teaching at Clinchfield spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Miss Mattie Snipes of Asheville spent yesterday with homefolks here.

Mrs. E. A. Boon of Boonford has returned to her home after spending some time with her son here.

Ralph Tate, who is teaching near Old Fort, spent the week-end here.

J. F. Snipes of Marion was a visitor here yesterday.

Misses Sue Tate and Thessa Jimeron spent the week-end with relatives at Garden City.

W. C. Janes made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Miss Sudie Alexander of Marion spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Fonze Finley spent yesterday in Hickory.

Fred Lentz and R. F. Barnes of Marion were visitors at the home of George Lentz one day last week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Woody, March 17, a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Simmons, March 18, a son.

There will be services at the Methodist church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The morning service will be conducted by the pastor and the evening service by Evangelist J. V. Williams, who will spend ten days here in evangelistic services. Services will be held daily throughout the week at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The Parent-Teachers Association request the presence of the public at the High School auditorium on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Come, bring your friends, there will be plenty of fun and plenty to eat. No charges for admission.

The debating teams from Old Fort and Glenwood met here Monday night in an interesting contest. The affirmative from Old Fort was represented by William Treverton and Cassie Burgin. The negative from Glenwood by Ora Bright and Celia Haney. The decision was rendered in favor of the affirmative.

The Nebo basketball team defeated the Glenwood team on the Marion court last Friday. The game was slow and few field goals were thrown. The Nebo boys will enter the contest on County Commencement Day.

The patrons of the school have had

a satisfactory lighting plant installed in the school building. It has resulted in a remarkable transformation in the looks of the building.

#### OLD FORT

Old Fort, March 27.—Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Lunsford of Marion were visitors here Sunday.

Miss Louise Burgin of Marion spent the week-end with Miss Elizabeth Biddix.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Keeter and Mr. Eugene Keeter of Marion were visitors here Sunday.

The Piedmont Evening Star Festival closed its second annual concert series in Old Fort last Saturday evening. All the programs were of a very high order and were most skillfully and artistically rendered. The people of Old Fort and surrounding community will be gratified to know that they are assured of a similar production in 1923 as the required number of citizens have already signed up with the Piedmont Bureau for the coming year.

Mrs. W. W. Lefevre gave a birthday party Saturday afternoon in honor of her daughter, Edith Graham, who celebrated her ninth birthday. There were forty little folks present. After several games were played refreshments were served. The dining room was decorated in beautiful Easter flowers.

Miss Mae Giles of Marion and Miss Mayme Druy of Morganton visited friends and relatives here the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Chas. Burgin was called to Drexel during the week on account of the illness of her little grandson.

Mrs. D. M. McIntosh spent Thursday in Asheville.

#### DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, March 27.—Mrs. Harriet Taylor died at her home on Tuesday, March 21st. She had been an invalid about eight years. Her many friends will be grieved to learn of her death. Mrs. Taylor was 88 years old. She is survived by two sons, two daughters and a host of grandchildren and many friends.

Miss Alice Mangum of Marion spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks here.

Misses Willie Jarrett and Etta Walker and Mr. Cronje Laughridge were visitors at Rutherford hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Laughridge were visitors here Sunday.

J. P. Walker made a business trip to Forest City last week.

Miss Annie Spratt spent Friday and Saturday in Marion.

Mrs. Henry Mangum has been right ill for some time.

Miss Etta Walker and Jennie Lee Laughridge were in Marion Friday evening for the play "The Womanless Wedding" which was simply grand.

J. L. Laughridge and family of Marion visited relatives here Sunday.

In a very interesting game of basketball last Wednesday Dysartsville lost to the Clinchfield High School 21 to 36.

R. E. Roper made a business trip to Marion last Friday.

Mrs. Mattie Jaquins was shopping in Marion one day last week.

Miss Birdie Laughridge and little Ray Daves of Marion spent the week-end here.

Miss Rebecca Laughridge is spending some time with relatives in Marion.

#### HARMONY GROVE

Harmony Grove, March 27.—Mrs. Tom Cuthbertson visited relatives in Drexel last week.

Rev. J. S. Pyatt made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Miss Gladys Pyatt visited relatives on South Creek Tuesday.

Fermon Pyatt was in Marion Saturday on business.

Mrs. D. C. Anderson is visiting her sister at Gilkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Tate Lewis were in Nebo one day last week.

Mrs. S. A. Bowman was in Marion Tuesday.

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## PLANS COMPLETED FOR COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

### Program Announced for Commencement to Be Held in Marion Saturday, April 8.

The plans for County Commencement to be held Saturday, April 8th, have been completed. From the reports and inquiries coming to the office of the County Superintendent of Schools great interest is being taken in this educational rally. The contests are being keenly fought and a program of a very high order is promised on commencement day.

The formal exercises will begin on Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock, when the school children, teachers, committeemen and others will assemble on upper Main street parallel with the Baptist church, led by the Clinchfield band, in a grand parade. The schools are expected to assemble and march in the parade in the following order: Marion High School, Old Fort High School, Clinchfield School, Nebo High School, Glenwood High School, Marion Mill, Cross Mill, Greenlee, Stroudtown, Garden City, Dysartsville, Clinchcross, Hankins, Chapel Hill, Sugar Hill, Fairview, Siloam, Cedar Cove, Ashford, Macedonia, Oakdale, Bethlehem and others which will be placed in order by Parade Manager H. M. Roland. All schools that expect to be in the parade are requested to assemble at the place mentioned and take their place in the parade as assigned them by the parade manager. Flags will be furnished from the office of the County Superintendent of Schools and every teacher is expected to appoint one or two boys to report to the County Superintendent at 10 o'clock, with an order from the teacher for the number of flags needed. The children will march down Main street and return to the court house square and assemble in order and stand at attention until dismissed by the parade manager.

The address of the occasion will be by Dr. E. C. Brooks, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and will take place at the court house at 11:30. Following the address of Dr. Brooks will be a short speech by Hon. D. E. Hudgins on "The Schools of McDowell County." Following Mr. Hudgins will be the announcement of the winners in the various contests and the award of prizes and medals.

At two o'clock the athletic contest will take place. Two games of basketball are scheduled, and other contests, as already announced. Mr. John A. Potat, Principal of Clinchfield High School, is manager of the athletic activities, and will be in charge of this part of the program. The debating contest will take place Wednesday evening, April 5th, at the court house, when the winning teams in the preliminary contest will be pitted against each other. This promises to be one of the most interesting parts of the commencement exercises and a large crowd is expected to be present on this occasion.

The spelling contest; also the contests in declamation and recitation, will take place at the court house on Friday evening, April 7th, at 8 o'clock. Much interest is being taken in this part of the program, which promises to be of a very high order. Teachers are expected to have on display all exhibits not later than 12 o'clock Friday, the 7th. The judges in this contest are expected to inspect the exhibits and make their decision on Friday afternoon.

The inspection of the improvements of school buildings and grounds will begin Tuesday, April 4th. The winners in these contests will be announced on commencement day.

In the composition contest, the subject of which is "The Past and Future of McDowell County," all papers are expected to be in the office of the County Superintendent of Schools by Monday, April 3rd. The papers in this contest are expected to be not more than one thousand words in length, written on composition paper and signed by the name of the

contestant.

Among the prizes to be given are prizes for the largest number of children in the parade based on the school census. Teachers are expected to certify to the office of County Superintendent the number of children in the parade and the school census. This will be verified by the records in the office and the winners announced as a part of the Commencement Day program.

This occasion promises to be the greatest educational event ever held in McDowell county. A large crowd is expected to be present. The town authorities have promised every regulation and precaution with reference to traffic for the protection of children and visitors. The business men and citizens of Marion are lending every co-operation to make the day a success and a genuine pleasure to all who attend the day's activities.

## PRESBYTERIANS TO ERECT HANDSOME MODERN CHURCH

The Presbyterians of Marion expect to let a contract about the middle of April for the construction of a modern and up-to-date house of worship. The building will be of either buff or gray brick, trimmed in Bedford stone. The architecture provides for a building in temple style. According to the plans the building will be one of the most handsome church edifices in North Carolina. The interior arrangement provides a magnificent auditorium of seven hundred adult capacity. There will be twenty class-rooms, pastor's study, ladies' parlor, dining room, etc. Ample provision has been made for the Sunday school department. The basement will also be utilized to good advantage. The building will be steam heated throughout and the electrical appointments will be in keeping with the building. A pipe organ is to be installed and the building throughout will be equipped with the very best quality of modern furniture. The location will be on the present site, which is one of the most desirable in Marion.

For some time the Presbyterian folks have been planning this new house of worship. It is said that a financial scheme has been perfected that will make it possible for the church to be completed and the debt taken care of without any serious hardship on the folks. The Presbyterians are to be congratulated upon taking this move, which will mean much toward the spiritual development and moral uplift of this entire section.

## SCHOOL CLOSINGS.

Chapel Hill, Stroudtown, Greenlee and Garden City schools closed last Friday. Each one gave a splendid program for its final exercises.

The program at Garden City consisted of a play and readings. The way the children rendered their parts reflected much credit to the teachers. The readings were especially good. To see and hear little folks do so well do parents' hearts good.

The program at Greenlee was of a miscellaneous nature, consisting of songs, drills, readings and a short play. The way the children rendered their parts was very creditable. The Rose Drill, with the little girls in their paper costumes, was very beautiful and spectacular. After the program Supt. N. F. Steppe made a short talk on better schools.

The building at Stroudtown was crowded to its full capacity by parents and friends who came to see and hear the children in the closing exercises, which were indeed splendid. The cantata, "Mother Goose's Goslings" was worthy of special mention. The little folks were quite pretty in their costumes, and rendered their parts well.

The program at Chapel Hill was of a miscellaneous nature, too. The children showed the splendid training of their teachers, by the way they rendered their parts.

Regular services at the Sevier Presbyterian church next Monday night, April 3rd.

## NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

### Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

National Republican Chairman John T. Adams, Secretary George B. Lockwood, Charles Houston, assistant secretary of commerce, and Internal Revenue Commissioner David H. Blair have been invited to speak to the Republican state convention when it meets in Winston-Salem April 12.

The grand lodge of North Carolina Odd Fellows will hold its annual convention at Winston-Salem on May 16-18, with the opening session convening at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. A parade will be held on the second day, following which Rev. Baxter F. (Cyclone Mack) McLendon will deliver a fraternal address.

A committee composed of representatives of the state university, N. C. state college and N. C. College for Women, at Greensboro, will be appointed shortly by Governor Morrison to discuss ways and means of consolidating these three institutions into one large school, to be known as the University of North Carolina. Under the proposed plan of the state executive, each institution would remain at its present location, but would be under a consolidation management.

### MARCUS WELLS DEAD.

Captain Marcus Wells, who lived near Old Fort, died at his home several days ago, after a short illness. At the time of his death Mr. Wells was 75 years of age, but even in his advanced years he was very active. He was well and favorably known throughout McDowell county. He was a Confederate veteran, being a member of Company D, 16th N. C. Troop. His many friends throughout the county will regret to hear of the death of Mr. Wells.

The body was carried to Rutherford county, where interment was made at Concord Baptist church. Mr. Wells was a native of Rutherford county. He is survived by a widow and twelve children.

### OLD FORT WINS IN THE TRIANGULAR DEBATE

Beth the affirmative and the negative teams of Old Fort won Monday night in the state-wide triangular debate over Nebo and Glenwood. This signal victory entitles the winners to participate in the final debate which takes place at Chapel Hill on April 6 and 7.

The affirmative was represented at Nebo by Miss Cassie Burgin and William Treverton. The negative was represented at Glenwood by Miss Sallie Epley and Miss Estelle Lavender.

### FULL TIME SECRETARY FOR TEACHERS ASSEMBLY

Raleigh, Mar. 25.—The executive committee of the North Carolina teachers assembly today elected E. G. Coltrane, superintendent of the Roanoke Rapids schools as full time secretary and chose Raleigh and Thanksgiving as the place and date for the next annual meeting.

Mr. Coltrane, who succeeds A. T. Allan, who has been serving without pay as secretary of the teachers' assembly, will assume his duties July 1. His salary will be four thousand dollars the year.

### MRS. SALLIE NICHOLS DEAD.

Mrs. Sallie Nichols, wife of T. C. Nichols, of Old Fort, died on March 21st at the home of her son near Clinchfield. Interment was made at Glenwood. The death of Mrs. Nichols brings sorrow to her many friends and relatives throughout this section. She is survived by one son, Paul, and one daughter, Mrs. O. W. Henson.

The closing exercises of the Hankins school will be given at the school house on Thursday night, April 6. The program will consist of songs, recitations, plays, etc. Everybody cordially invited. Admission free.