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GREAT EDUCATIONAL RALLY HERE SATURDAY

Large Crowd Attend County Commencement and Hear Strong Address by Dr. E. C. Brooks—Prize Winners.

The schools of McDowell County closed last week in memorable commencement exercises under the direction of Prof. N. F. Steppe. Debates and declamation and spelling contests were held on Wednesday and Friday night at the court house in Marion. The children who appeared in these contests, exhibited splendid training and their efforts were credit to themselves, their teachers and their schools, and should have lasting influence in inspiring others in years to come. But Saturday, April 8th, was the great day. The sun came up in the east in all of its radiance. The sky was clear. The atmosphere was warm. An ideal setting was furnished for a great day in the school history of McDowell county. All was beaming in keeping with the bright faces of the splendid young children who took part in the grand parade through Main street of Marion at 10:30 in the morning. The more-than-a-thousand children from the schools of the county, grouped together on the north end of Main street, began the march led by the Clinchfield Brass Band. Down Main street came the most beautiful sight man can behold, boys and girls in full vigor of life, bright, happy and full of glee. When in full march the line extended from one end of the street to the other, each child carrying the flag of our country. Back again they came to their starting point, filled in their innocence with unconscious satisfaction of having placed themselves and the splendid school system of McDowell county nearer to the hearts of all who saw them. Never in McDowell county has there been a scene nearer to the heart of men of human feeling. Joy and happiness filled their hearts. Satisfaction and pleasure came to them in knowing that McDowell county is giving, in the last words of Charles B. Aycock "The equal right of every child to have the opportunity to burgeon out all that there is within him."

Following the parade, the crowd assembled in front of the courthouse for the speaking. Mr. D. E. Hudgins introduced the speaker, Dr. E. C. Brooks, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in splendid fashion. He spoke earnestly and feelingly of the schools of the county, and the great progress that has been made in the educational advantages for "the little ones." He pleaded that they be not denied the equal opportunity of developing all that God has given them.

Dr. Brooks made a strong and forceful speech. He went into detail as to the cost per child per day of the schools of McDowell county. He made comparison with adjoining counties to McDowell. He showed by figures that the schools in McDowell are conducted more economically than in some of the adjoining counties and as economically as in any of them. He explained in detail that McDowell county was paid each year by the State of North Carolina from the Equalization Fund all the salary of the County Superintendent, except \$800.00. That is, the portion of that fund allotted to McDowell county included all over \$800.00 of the superintendent's salary and that that portion was increased or diminished to meet the amount over \$800.00. Dr. Brooks congratulated McDowell people for their high schools. He announced that the High School of Nebo had only recently been allotted the sum of \$1250.00 to the end that its efficiency should be increased to the standard of the accredited list of high schools; that is, placing it on an equal with the best in the State. His speech was full of information and interest to the large audience that heard him. In the afternoon, the athletic con-

tests took place and furnished amusement and created lively and spirited rivalry.

The exhibits from the several schools were shown in the corridor of the court house. The result of careful and efficient teaching and training was seen on all sides. The children and their teachers and the county superintendent, Mr. Steppe, are entitled to the appreciation of and should be congratulated by the entire county for this occasion. The day was great and will long be remembered.

PRIZES WINNERS FOR COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

On account of the change in the County Commencement program it was impossible to award the prizes and medals in the usual formal way. The list appears below and winners who have not already received their prizes can do so by calling at the office of County Superintendent of Schools. The smaller prizes will be mailed out upon request.

The full list is as follows:

Most improvement in a one-teacher school: Cash prize of \$10.00, given by "Fashion Center."

Winner: Fairview School.

Most improvement in a two-teacher school: Cash prize of \$10.00, given by Bryson-Snyder Company.

Winner: Hankins School.

Most improvement in a three-teacher, or more, strictly rural school: Cash prize of \$10.00, given by J. D. Blanton.

Winner: Greenlee School.

Best exhibit from one-teacher school: Webster's International Dictionary, given by Marchants & Farmers Bank.

Winner: Mt. Mitchell School.

Best exhibit from two-teacher school: Webster's International Dictionary, given by Marion Progress.

Winner: Cross Mill School.

Best exhibit from three-teacher or more, strictly rural school, Webster's International Dictionary, given by First National Bank.

Winner: Greenlee School.

Best exhibit from high school (a) first prize, picture, given by J. M. Tyler Furniture Company.

Winner: Marion High School.

Best exhibit from high school (b) second prize, picture, given by McCall Brothers.

Winner: Greenwood High School. For the best Primary exhibit, \$10. Library, given by Bank of Old Fort.

Winner: Old Fort Graded School. For the best grammar grade exhibit, \$10. Library, given by D. E. Hudgins.

Winner: Nebo High School.

The judges in the exhibit contest gave first honors to Clinchfield.

To one-teacher school situated not less than four miles from Marion, with highest percentage of census in parade: School globe, given by W. W. Neal.

Winner: Fairview School.

To two-teacher school situated not less than four miles from Marion, with highest percentage of census in parade: School globe, given by J. Q. Gilkey.

Winner: Hankins School.

To three-teacher or more school situated not less than four miles from Marion, with highest percentage of census in parade: School globe, given by J. F. Snipes.

Winner: Garden City School.

To the school situated within four miles of Marion having the highest percentage of its enrollment in parade: School globe, given by Beaman Brothers.

Winner: Cross Mill School.

To the winner in the recitation contest: Gold medal, given by Lawrence D. Greene.

Winner: Miss Lillie Smith, of Greenwood School.

To the winner in the declamation contest: Gold medal, given by John M. Coldwell.

Winner: Kimball Miller.

To each member of the winning team in debating contest: "Life of Lincoln," given by D. F. Giles.

Winners: Misses Sallie Epley and Estelle Lavender, of the Old Fort

High School.

To the team winning in the basketball contest: A good basket ball, given by Carolina Hardware.

Winner: Clinchfield School.

For the winning team between independent systems: Basketball, given by Hugh F. Little.

Winner: Old Fort High School.

To the winner in the spelling contest: History of the World War, one volume, given by a friend of education.

Winners: Masters Edgar Robinette, of Marion Mill School and Philip Graham, of Old Fort School.

To the winner in the composition contest: One year's subscription to American Magazine, given by a friend of the schools.

Winner: Arnold Pyatt, Glenwood School.

To the school having the best attendance for term of not less than six months based upon its enrollment, one \$30 library.

Winner: Glenwood School.

To the school with a census of 50 or more, having the highest percentage of enrollment, \$10 library.

Winner: Nebo High School.

To the school having the least percentage of tardies based on enrollment for term of not less than six months, \$10 library.

Winner: Cross Mill School.

To the Community Club or Betterment Association doing the most constructive work for its school: A phonograph, given by McDowell County Teachers' Association; also a table and records, given by Marion Phonograph Shop.

Winner: Glenwood High School. High jump: Winner: Dean Miller, Clinchfield School.

Broad jump: Winner: Clarence Mauney, Old Fort School.

100 yard dash: Winner: Clarence Mauney, Old Fort School.

220 yard dash: Winner: Clarence Mauney, Old Fort School.

For Perfect Attendance.

(This list is for those schools that have closed.)

Sandy Flat School: Cread Hogan, first grade; Mary Ella Upton, second grade; Tressie Hogan, third grade; Will Upton, first grade; Grace Taylor, second grade.

Laurel Hill School: Mabel Waters. Flat Creek School: Nellie Lytle, Charles Lytle, John Lytle.

Greenlee School: Catherine Williams, Gudger Lytle, Clyde McDaniel, Terrill Stroud, Merriman, Stroud, Jessie Mae Lytle, Ewart Whitesides.

Morgan School: Jack Reel.

Stone Mountain School: Ruby Nanney, second grade; Pearl Laughter, third grade.

Bethlehem School: Nellie Brown, second grade; Bud Brown.

Curfew School: Joe Reel, Pearl Hall, Hester Hawkins.

Belfont School: Clarence Burgin, fifth grade.

Pinnacle School: James Walker, third grade; Jack Walker, 3rd grade. New Hope School: Latha Moffitt, third grade.

Graphite School: Dewey Thomas, fifth grade; Burnie Hollifield, fourth grade; Beulah Hollifield, second grade.

Strouttown School: Floyd England, fourth grade; Ben Flowers, first grade.

Altapass School: Mae Wiseman, Zoe Wiseman.

Chapel Hill School: Florence Corpening, seventh grade; Ada Mae Po-teat, fourth grade.

Oakdale School: Fred Parker, fifth grade; Fannie Nichols, sixth grade; Mary Sue Nichols, seventh grade; Ruth Hemphill, sixth grade.

Garden City School: John Patton, seventh grade; Ola Jimeson, sixth grade; Sallie Padgett, fifth grade; Mary Padgett, fourth grade; Hampton Hennessee, fourth grade.

Piney Ridge School: Wilburn Davis, third grade; Ira Davis, fourth grade; Carlyle Davis, fourth grade.

Cedar Creek School: Flossie Elliott, Glenn Laughter, Ben Laughter.

Pitts School: Ruby Hennessee, Frances Lonon.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, April 12.—The debators of Old Fort school who won in the triangular debate have returned from Chapel Hill. They report a delightful trip.

Mrs. Hunter of Asheville is visiting her mother, Mrs. Graham, in Old Fort.

Miss Clell Branham entertained her Sunday school class Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Gilliam. Those present were: Misses Alva Goswick, Emma Allison, Viola Gilliam, Bessie Greene, Georgia Greene, Louise Swann, Bertha and Roe Nichols, Pearl Harris, Geneva Early, Helen Clarke, Jeanette Hall and Bertha Mason and Messrs. Clarence Mauney, Charlie Cannon, Fred Grant, Nolon Gilliam, Bernard Tate and Austin Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Fortune, of Asheville were visitors in Old Fort Sunday.

Ella Owenby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Owenby, is seriously ill.

The pupils of Old Fort school enjoyed the day in Marion last Saturday, where they took part in the county commencement, bringing back several prizes.

Kelly Epley, of Glenwood, was in Old Fort Sunday.

T. J. Fortune and son, Crawford, motored to Biltmore Sunday.

Little Miss Edna Tate entertained a number of friends at a birthday party Tuesday afternoon, from three till five o'clock.

Miss Virian Sawyer was in Glenwood Saturday and Sunday.

J. S. Keener and family have moved to Marion.

C. A. Snyder and family have removed to Old Fort from Hickory.

Little Miss Carolyn McIntosh entertained a number of her little friends at a birthday party last Saturday afternoon.

Old Fort was in Marion last Saturday to the tune of two hundred and fifty.

The basketball game last Saturday between Marion and Old Fort resulted in a victory for Old Fort, the score being 34 to 18. The game was orderly all the way through. Some good ball was played. Marion rallied in the last and made most of her points in the last quarter. Joe Miller of Clinchfield was referee to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Miss Ethel Miller, who accompanied the Old Fort debators to Chapel Hill, returned Saturday and reports a delightful time.

The township primary was held Monday. Delegates to the county convention were selected and other business transacted.

Dr. J. T. Bowden of Marion preached two interesting sermons at the Baptist church in Old Fort Sunday.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, April 11.—R. E. Roper of Clinchfield has been here for the past few days packing his store goods to move them to Clinchfield.

A large crowd from this section attended the county commencement in Marion Saturday.

W. B. Daves returned last Thursday from Ninety Six, S. C., where he has been working for sometime. On his return he will take his family with him. Their friends and neighbors are sorry to part with such families as Daves and Roper.

Misses Rebecca and Birdie Laughridge, Etta Walker, and Messrs. Cronje and Will Laughridge and Erastus Walker were visitors at the Rutherford hospital Sunday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Carson Jarrett, April 4, a son.

Miss Grace Cowan returned to Marion Sunday after a week's visit with relatives here, taking her sister, Miss Annie, with her.

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PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEETING

A meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was held at the graded school auditorium Monday afternoon with a goodly number of the parents and teachers in attendance. Mrs. D. F. Giles, the president, presided and read several extracts and clippings appropriate to the approaching Easter day, one especially beautiful little poem, "Daily Resurrection," making a direct appeal to those present. The program that followed, arranged by Mrs. Giles, was unusually good.

A paper, "Household Tasks and Their Relation to School Work," by Mrs. Holton, was a most excellent paper, stressing the importance of giving the child some household duty to perform so that each may realize the importance of their place in the family circle; teaching that industry is habit and when learned in the home the result is seen in the school room. Mrs. Eskridge read a very fine paper, "Choosing Your Child's Companions," telling how mothers should be careful of their children's moral as well as physical condition, select their companions with judicious care and consider the character of the children of the neighborhood before moving into the neighborhood. Both papers gave much timely and helpful suggestions to the parents.

Mary Kellah Outtz and Dorothy Gilkey delighted their hearers with piano selections which displayed much skill on the part of the young performers and gave pleasure to their listeners.

At the conclusion of this splendid program, Mrs. Giles suggested that the officers of the association be elected in May instead of September and a motion to this effect was made and carried. A nominating committee is to be selected by the president, the names of this committee to be published in the Progress, so that friends may confer with them in regard to their choice for officers for the coming year.

Mrs. Giles wishes to thank publicly all those who so generously contributed candy, also chewing gum donated by the Biddix Candy Company, and pop corn by Mary Grace Carr, for the sale last Saturday from which a neat sum was realized to be used for the good of the school.

REPUBLICANS ELECT DELEGATES STATE CONVENTION

The Republicans of McDowell county met in convention here Saturday and elected delegates to the state convention as follows: J. E. Kanipe, W. R. Chambers, John Banks, Dr. B. L. Ashworth, G. W. Crawford, P. H. Mashburn, Millard Hawkins, C. C. Lisenbee, C. F. James, Geo. D. Taylor, D. A. Kanipe, W. J. Souther, J. L. Morgan, Perry Hollifield, H. G. Noland, Winslow Lavender, T. L. Epley, Jake Gallion, Gus Bird, Mrs. Edgar McCall, Mrs. B. L. Ashworth, Mrs. J. L. Morgan, Mrs. Geter Williams, Mrs. Charlie Craig, Mrs. P. H. Mashburn, Mrs. Tom Finley, Mrs. A. B. Alford.

W. R. Chambers was elected chairman of the county executive committee to succeed C. F. James, retiring chairman, and Mrs. Geter Williams was elected secretary to succeed J. Ed. Kanipe, who is now chief of the Asheville district of the internal revenue service.

W. R. Chambers was unanimously endorsed as candidate for congress on the republican ticket from the tenth district. He expressed his heartfelt appreciation for the honor, but stated that he could not accept the nomination if tendered.

Old Fort Precinct Meeting.

A phone message received from Old Fort yesterday stated that at the Democratic precinct meeting held there Monday to select delegates to the county convention to be held in Marion next Saturday, G. W. Sandlin was endorsed for Representative; J. L. Nichols for sheriff; M. G. Po-teat for treasurer; R. F. Barnes for register of deeds; Dr. J. B. Johnson for coroner; the delegates being un-instructed as to other candidates.