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OFFICERS MAKE RAID NEAR DYSARTSVILLE

Sheriff Nichols and Deputies Capture Two Men and De- stroy Quantity of Moonshine

Sheriff Nichols, accompanied by Deputies Woody and Finley, had a rather novel experience last Monday night when they made a raid on the Pinnacle section in Dysartsville township. The Sheriff Monday afternoon had a faint smell of good old corn boiling, and the aroma seemed to come from the Pinnacle section. It is said that the Sheriff has developed a rather acute sense of smell for liquor in the past few months, and when he observed such a strong smell coming from the Pinnacle section he immediately sought Deputies Woody and Finley and proceeded in that direction. As they traveled toward the scene of operation the smell grew stronger and they were soon convinced that they were in the right path. At a late hour in the night they located the scene of operation. The outfit was a large steam plant, nestling among all sorts of shrubbery and other entanglements. Crawling upon their hands and knees the officers finally were upon the operators of the plant and made a plunge to capture the violators of the 18th Amendment. Four men were busy at different kinds of work required in this particular vocation, but two of the men were fortunate, or unfortunate, in making their escape. The officers seized the other two men and when the excitement had cooled down the Sheriff was appalled to find that he had within his grasp one of his own deputies. The particular deputy was one Mr. Ben F. Sisk, a highly respected citizen of the Dysartsville community. The Sheriff was never more surprised in his life, because Sisk had been highly recommended to him as a man of industry and sobriety. The other man was one Zeb Long. The escaping members of the gang are unknown. The liquor was hauled to Marion and poured out on the public square Tuesday morning.

If there has ever been any misgivings as to what Sheriff Nichols will do with blockaders these doubts are now dispelled. The Sheriff says he is against the traffic, regardless of who may be engaged in the business. All look alike to him, when he has suspicions of the moonshine business.

Sisk and Long were placed in the county jail on account of their failure to make bond and at this writing are still behind the bars.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY, "THE HOODOO," WELL PRESENTED

The graduating class gave "The Hoodoo" in the graded school auditorium on Friday evening, May 5th. The play met with an enthusiastic reception from the audience of parents and friends. The acting was of high order and the spirit of the comedy was entered into heartily. Much credit is due the teachers who directed the performance for their achievement.

Jack Justice, as Brighton Early, the groom, was especially good and his work has been much praised. Miss Jennie Conley made a charming bride. The splendid acting of Miss Alice Roane Cross in the role of Mrs. Perrington-Shine was probably the feature of the production. Her's was indeed a splendid interpretation. Frank Wood acted well the part of Billy Jackson, the flirt, who proposed to three girls at one time. The part of the burglar was well taken by Edward McMahan. Melvin Patton, as Professor Solomon Spiggott, the Egyptian, was all that one could desire. Miss Irene Franklin, as Mrs. Spiggott, received much applause when she appeared with all seven little Spiggotts.

E. G. Berger, of Morganton, has opened a lunch room in the room in the Seagle building formerly occupied by Von Ray.

EAST MARION SCHOOL DIS- TRICT VOTES BOND ISSUE

The East Marion School District on last Saturday voted school bonds in the amount of sixty thousand dollars, for the construction of a new school building. Every voter on the registration book voted except four, all votes cast being in favor of the bond issue, except one.

The election was called something over a month ago, as a result of a petition from the committeemen of the district. The authorities of the Marion Manufacturing Company took a strong stand in favor of the bond issue. The people rallied in a most enthusiastic way, thus making the election unanimous, lacking one vote.

The new building is to be of strictly modern type. It will be sufficient to meet the needs of the community for some time. It will contain all necessary class-rooms, auditorium, domestic science rooms and rooms for other work. It is hoped to have the new building in readiness, if possible, by the first of the year.

The East Marion district is one of the largest in the county, there being something over three hundred children in the district. It comprises the territory of the Marion mills and contiguous sections. The school has been growing rapidly for the past several years and the sentiment for a better school building has been in process of crystallization for some little time.

The people of the East Marion district are to be congratulated upon having so successfully carried their bond issue for better school equipment, which will make it possible for the children of the district to have as good educational advantages as are found elsewhere in McDowell county. The citizens and patrons of the community adopted as their motto in the election "Our children are as good as any." They propose to see to it that the motto is made a reality in the matter of education.

McDOWELL'S GRAVE.

Out on the hill top, forsaken and lone,
Where ancient pine trees mournfully moan,
The deep waters of the Catawba gliding by
Murmurs softly through the fields of rye
Lest a sleeper they'd awake, who sleeps so still;
Nearly forgotten is McDowell on the hill.

No monument of granite, polished bright,
Glistens and gleams in the bright moon light
No token in memory of this hero dead
Who marched to King's Mountain, an army he led
That put to flight, after the hardest fight
Old Ferguson who stood on the mountains high.

His name shines bright in the history of the past
Only the memory of the great man can last
One hundred and forty years, have come and gone,
Since proudly he rode in his bright uniform,
With a backward glance, at his "Pleasant Garden" farm,
And a wave of his kerchief to quiet his wife's alarm.

His home is now standing only three miles away
In the midst of broad acres of wheat and hay
The colonial house, and box wood prim
The same jonquils and lilacs that were planted by him,
But where is the steed so sleek and rare,
That he rode to King's Mountain as if in the air?

The shadows through the valley and up the hill creep,
The crickets chirrup, and the gray squirrels leap,
Fallen leaves, for' ages have decayed,
O'er the mound where the hero was laid;
Gone are the stones that marked his grave,
Crumbled into dust o'er America's brave.

—MARY WILLIE McCALL.

James M. Gibson, of Old Fort, visited relatives here during the week.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, May 9.—Mrs. C. C. Jones, who has been teaching at this place, left for Asheville Saturday where she will spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Anderson and family and Mrs. Burnette of Black Mountain spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Sawyer.

Miss Clell Branham spent Saturday in Asheville.

G. L. Fortune was in Old Fort Monday on business.

The Senior Class of Old Fort High school welcomes Miss Vivian Sawyer back to the class after her absence caused by her mother's death.

Miss Jessie Byrd of Asheville spent Sunday in Old Fort.

Bryd Burgin is spending a while here.

Grady Wall of Lenoir is visiting relatives in Old Fort.

The honor roll of Old Fort High school for the month of April is as follows: Eighth grade—Rosa Turner, Franz Strickland, Donald McIntosh, Dennis Haynes, Nell Hemphill, Myrtle Lytle. Ninth grade—Janie Parker, Paul Hughes, Pearl Turner, Roy McDaniel. Tenth grade—Estelle Lavender, William Trevertan.

Several interested citizens met last Friday night in the Mayor's office to discuss ways and means of getting a cotton mill erected at Old Fort. A good block of the required capital has been subscribed. It is to be hoped that the full amount will be made up and that the mill will be located here.

Mr. Cash, cotton mill man, of Gauley, S. C., was in Old Fort last week in the interest of the cotton mill proposed for this place.

Mrs. J. B. Burgin, who lived in the edge of Old Fort, died last Saturday afternoon of diabetes. She was a good woman, loved and respected by those who knew her, loyal in Sunday school and church work, a kind and obliging neighbor and a faithful wife and mother. She will be missed in this community. She was 52 years of age. She leaves an aged mother, Mrs. Nancy Byrd, a husband and four children.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, May 8.—F. C. Daves, Mark and Alfred Laughridge were in Marion on business Friday.

Miss Birdie Laughridge of Marion spent last week with her mother here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kirksey of Morganton spent part of last week with relatives here.

W. H. Taylor was a business visitor in Marion last week.

Carrie Carswell of Spindale spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Laughridge, Mrs. J. S. Cowan and children of Marion were visitors here Sunday.

Messrs. Cronje Laughridge, Thomas Glass, Arthur Walker and sister, Miss Etta, attended the play at Round Hill last Tuesday night.

D. C. Laughridge and Z. V. Daves of Marion were here Sunday.

Thomas Glass and Harold Satterwhite spent Sunday with relatives near Bridgewater.

Jasper McCurry of Golden Valley was here on business last week.

J. P. Walker made a business trip to Marion Monday.

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

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Justice, May 3, a son.

Mrs. Augustus Poteat and children of Marion were visitors here Sunday.

Misses Evelyn Gettys and Helen Wilson were in Nebo for the commencement one night last week.

T. B. Landis made a business trip to Marion Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Landis of Marion were visitors here Monday.

Miss Alice Mangum of Marion is spending a few days with homefolks

here. Miss Willie Jarrett is at home after spending a few days in Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jarrett were in Marion one day last week.

Our school closed last Friday. The pupils have been benefitted much during this term. The spirit of cooperation between teachers and pupils has been very helpful. We hope to have such competent teachers for the next term.

Memorial services will be held here the first Sunday in June. There will be services at the Methodist church in the morning and at the Baptist church in the afternoon.

James Spratt made a business trip to Marion Friday.

CURFEW

Old Fort, Star Route, May 9.—Miss Laura Reel of Clinchfield is spending a few days with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jolly of Marion visited the latter's mother, Mrs. Lou Reel, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Reel and children spent Sunday with Mrs. E. A. Jackson on Crooked Creek.

Mrs. R. D. Parker spent Monday in Old Fort.

Miss Hester Hawkins is at home to spend the summer, her school being out.

Miss Reba Noblitt spent Sunday with Miss Irene Hogan on Crooked Creek.

Miss Reba Noblitt, who has been attending school in Marion, has returned home.

A. C. Morgan and R. D. Parker made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Rt. 2, May 8.—Mrs. Benjamin Burgin died at her home near Old Fort Saturday evening and was buried at Bethel cemetery Sunday afternoon. Rev. W. L. Dawson conducted the funeral services.

Oscar Robertson is very ill.

A large number enjoyed a singing at the home of Miss Leila Melton Saturday night.

Leroy Bradley of Mt. Hebron visited friends in this section Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Pernie and Julia Ross spent the week-end with relatives near Mt. Hebron.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. James Morris, April 26, a son.

Misses Jessie and Stella Elliott of Shelby are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bryant and children of Spindale visited the latter's parents here during the week.

MONTFORD'S COVE.

Union Mills, Rt. 1, May 8.—Jack Constant of Tryon is visiting his sister, Mrs. Virgil McCurry.

J. H. Hensley has gone to Old Fort to visit his brother, Millard, who has just returned from the hospital.

Rev. J. M. Brown of Glenwood went to Bill's Creek church Saturday where he delivered a memorial address.

Miss Clara Hemphill of Gilkey spent Sunday in the Cove.

The children, grandchildren and friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harris met at the latter's home yesterday with well filled baskets and gave them a surprise birthday dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have two children, Mrs. M. R. Nannery, Nealsville, and Richard Harris of Old Fort, ten grand children and one great grand child. Their birthdays fall on the same date, May 7th. A large crowd attended and all had a pleasant day.

The people of Montford's Cove Baptist church will meet Saturday the 13th, and clean off the cemetery. Memorial services will be held May 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Harris and family, Mrs. W. G. Harris and Mrs. Cora Nichols, spent Saturday in Marion.

Reuben Simmons and Hix Hemphill of Marion visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Laura Adams has returned home from Fairview High school. John Conner is very ill.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The link of the Wildcat highway between Rutherfordton and Chimney Rock will be completed by the first of June, it is announced.

Winston-Salem was chosen as a meeting place in 1923 at the North Carolina Federation of Woman's Clubs meeting in Greensboro last week.

The annual Cherokee Indian fair will be held on the government reservation at Cherokee the week of October 3, according to J. E. Henderson, superintendent in charge.

R. E. Price, chairman of the celebration committee and editor of The Sdn at Rutherfordton, North Carolina, has invited Senator Simmons to deliver an address at the great celebration that will be held at Rutherfordton on July 4.

LAUREL HILL

Nebo, Rt. 1, May 9.—Beginning last Monday, our R. F. D. mail route was transferred from the old horse and buggy style into a motor route, which is a very decided improvement as we now get our mail nearly two hours earlier and we are provided with better service in sending off mail. Some slight changes have also been made through this neighborhood which add very much to the convenience and accommodation of the majority of the people.

Clyde Dixon, of Rock Hill, S. C., visited his parents here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Misher Curtis of Marion visited relatives here last Sunday.

J. M. Walker made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

Mrs. A. C. Price has been right sick, but is improving.

Miss Hattie Waters, after spending some time in Marion, has returned home for the summer.

A singing given at the home of J. M. Walker on last Sunday night was enjoyed very much by all present.

Miss Callie Dixon of Marion is at home for a few days.

B. F. Whitener of Spindale visited relatives here recently.

CATAWBA VALLEY.

Old Fort, Rt. 1, May 8.—E. E. Kelley of Oteen spent the week-end with homefolks here.

J. G. McCall of Greenlee was here last Friday on business.

Walter Porter made a business trip to Burnsville last week.

A number of young people from here attended a singing at the home of I. L. Fleming Sunday afternoon.

We are glad to know that the little son of H. A. Hensley, who has been quite ill with pneumonia, is improving.

Elliott Westmoreland and Louise Westmoreland of Glenwood were visitors here last Thursday.

Miss Annie Bradley made a trip to Marion last Saturday.

Miss Maude Silver gave a singing Saturday night which was enjoyed by a large crowd.

CHILDREN WANT HOMES.

An orphan girl, 14 years old, quiet, modest and industrious, wants a home where she will be treated as a member of the family, will receive religious training and during the school term will be given an opportunity to attend the public schools.

A little girl 13 years old, in the 8th grade, who both kept house and attended school during the past year, wants a home in a community where there is a high school. She has a little brother 9 years of age that must be placed with some good family.

The County Superintendent of Public Welfare will be glad to see in her office at the court house any one who has a home to offer either of these children.

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