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MEMORIAL DAY FITTINGLY OBSERVED IN MARION

U. D. C. Hold Exercises and Serve Dinner to Veterans—Address by Heriot Clarkson.

Memorial day was fittingly observed here last Wednesday in the court house, under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy. The exercises were opened with singing "America" and "Our Own Stars and Bars Will Live Forever," led by the daughters.

Invocation was offered by Rev. B. S. Lassiter. Mr. D. E. Hudgins delivered a brief and timely address of welcome in behalf of the daughters, saying that the daughters were not so much honoring veterans as they were honoring the daughters with their presence and that their deeds of valor and courage will live through all eternity. Mr. J. W. Pless followed with touching remarks of the ideals for which they so nobly fought, citing instances of the courage and heroism as displayed by the old soldiers on different occasions, introducing to the audience Mr. Carson as one of the heroes of the 60s, who under shell and fire carried his wounded comrade from the battlefield to a place of safety. He ended by introducing the speaker of the day, Hon. Heriot Clarkson, of Charlotte.

Mr. Clarkson's address was one of the finest ever heard here, and was listened to with rapt attention. He gave a brief history of the conditions existing prior to the war and the causes leading up to it. He stated that the soldiers of the Confederacy fought for an ideal in which they had the utmost faith and that the courage and heroism displayed on every occasion and on every battlefield will always be a source of pride to every Southerner. He stressed the marvelous progress made by North Carolina during the past forty years, declaring it to be the finest state in the union.

Mr. D. F. Giles thanked the speaker in behalf of the daughters and the veterans for this very fine and timely address. He announced to the veterans that free transportation would be furnished all who wished to attend the reunion in Richmond on the 16th of June. He also announced that the managers of the Oasis Theatre, Dr. M. L. Justice and E. J. House, cordially invited all veterans and their wives to attend the picture show that afternoon, as a special picture would be shown for their benefit. This was a kindly courtesy extended the veterans and seemed greatly appreciated by them.

The exercises were concluded by a brief memorial to the Confederate dead conducted by Rev. J. C. Story, after which a bountiful dinner was served the veterans and their wives by the daughters. After lunch the veterans, together with the daughters, visited the cemetery in automobiles provided by the good people of the town, and decorated the graves of the dead veterans with wreaths and flowers.

The daughters, under the able leadership of Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey, deserve much praise for the splendid entertainment they provided for the old soldiers, and they seemed to enjoy it all.

PADGETT-BRIGHT.

A wedding of notable interest throughout the county was solemnized on Wednesday evening, May 10th, at 7 o'clock at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. J. P. Hipps officiating, when Miss Ada Bright became the bride of Marion Padgett, both of this place.

The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Bright and was lovely attired in a French grey tricotine suit with accessories to match. Her bouquet were a corsage of roses.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Padgett and is a young man of sterling worth.

Don't forget to see The Sheik tonight.

SCHOOLS GETTING READY FOR NEXT YEAR'S WORK

The re-organization of schools and assignment of teachers for the coming year is now going on. A number of schools have already secured teachers, and the committee of those schools that have not secured teachers are urged to communicate with the office of the County Superintendent of Schools as soon as possible. It looks as if there will be more teachers this year than there will be positions. It is hoped to put a first class teacher in every school in McDowell county this year, and the school authorities are working toward this end. It is thought it will not be necessary for any school to employ second grade teachers. Those teachers who have met the requirements of professional training and who have demonstrated their ability by successful experience will be given the preference in the assignments to the various schools. The County Superintendent is in position to recommend good teachers to every school that has not already secured teachers for the coming year.

Under a rule recently promulgated by the State Department of Education the average attendance per teacher has been increased. The State board feels that by reason of increased salaries and the higher qualifications and experience of the teachers that teachers can do more work than has been done in the past. Teachers who have been studying organization of school work now better understand how to outline their work and thereby do more efficient work than ever before. Schools that do not make an average attendance of more than 88 children will not be permitted to employ more than one teacher, according to the instructions sent out by the State Board of Education. This will effect but few schools in McDowell county. However, there are two or three schools that employed two teachers last year that will be cut to one teacher, unless these schools can make the required average. The County Board of Education has no jurisdiction in this matter, but will be charged with the enforcement of the regulation. The purpose is not only to require teachers to do more work, but to keep down expenses to the lowest possible minimum.

The attendance in McDowell county during the past year was by far the best in the history of the county. The school work on the whole was the most satisfactory year McDowell has ever known. Plans have already been made to have a still better year during the coming year. With the earnest co-operation of the committee and public the schools can be made still more efficient for serving the people in training the children who are to be the future citizens.

ROAD CONTRACT LET.

The County Highway Commissioners were in session last Monday to receive bids for the construction of the link of road connecting the Dysartville section with Rutherford county, a distance of about 5 1/2 miles. A large number of contractors were on hand and submitted bids for this work. The lowest bid was by Justice & Company, of Rutherford, the price being something over \$14,000 for this stretch of road. The highest bid was something over \$21,000. The commissioners feel that they have made a very satisfactory contract and expect to push the completion of the work as fast as possible.

Fiddlers Convention Postponed.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances and owing to the fact that many old fiddlers will be unable to attend, the old fiddlers convention scheduled to be held in Marion on May 20, has been postponed indefinitely.

On account of rain, the auction sale of the Poteat place was postponed until next Tuesday, May 23.

See The Sheik today.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, May 15.—The commencement exercises of the Old Fort High School will take place as follows: Friday night, May 26th, recitation and declamation contest. Sunday, May 28th, 11 a. m., annual sermon in auditorium. Monday, May 29th, 8 p. m., Senior play. Tuesday night, May 30th, 8 o'clock, graduating exercises and annual address.

The Mother's Day exercises at the Presbyterian church Sunday night was very well attended and enjoyed by all those present.

A party of young people from Old Fort and Marion spent last week camping, fishing and recreating on Bridgewater lake. Those in the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Keeter, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Duncan, Misses Mary Burgin, Mattie Tate, K. Bailey; Messrs. Eugene Keeter and John Finley.

Mrs. H. C. Marley and Miss Margaret Marley of China Grove are visiting Mrs. I. L. Caplan, daughter of Mrs. Marley.

Eugene Buckley spent last Saturday in Asheville on business.

Geo. E. Marshall has just returned from a trip to the Northern lumber markets.

Mrs. J. B. Johnson and daughter, Mary Margaret, have recently returned from a visit to Mrs. Johnson's sister, Mrs. Allanack, in Charlotte.

P. H. Mashburn has recently added new fixtures to his soda fountain, installed new seats and otherwise improved the appearance of his drug store. It now presents a very attractive appearance.

D. A. Silver has recently opened a grocery store in the Johnson building.

J. A. and Mrs. Swann spent Saturday in Asheville.

Miss Harriett Platte of Marion spent Sunday in Old Fort with Miss Bertha Greene.

Hon. B. L. Lunsford was a visitor in Old Fort Sunday.

Miss Elsie Drake of Asheville is visiting Miss Mae Kennedy.

Jack and Finley Fortune of Asheville spent awhile in Old Fort Sunday.

Misses Foy Dell Tate, Essie Mashburn, Cassie Burgin, Nannie Nichols and Mae Jordan left Saturday for Union Mills to attend the county summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Mauney delightfully entertained the Senior class and high school faculty at their home Friday night. The class colors were pleasingly and effectively carried out in the house decorations. Delicious refreshments were served after several interesting contests were pulled off. The time was very pleasantly spent. Those enjoying Mr. and Mrs. Mauney's hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Strickland, Mrs. Clyde Miller, Misses Ethel Miller, Clell Branham, Florence Murray, Mrs. Spencer, Misses Bonnie Fortune, Viola Gilliam, Foy Dell Tate, Emma Allison, Louise Fleming, Vivian Sawyer, Mabel Crawford, Sadie Burgin; Messrs. Clarence Mauney, Royce McDaniel, Kimball Miller, James Miller, Cletus Tate, Paul McCanness.

Col. J. J. Mackey, F. J. White, George Pickens, George Patton, J. M. Edwards, T. Y. Lytle and W. H. Gilliam, of Buncombe county, attended the old soldiers re-union here Sunday.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, May 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Bailey of Marion, John Bailey and W. B. Roberson motored to Spartanburg last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Swann of Marion spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Huffman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barnes visited friends in Marion Sunday.

Services at the Baptist church the second and fourth Sunday in each

month. Sunday school at 10 o'clock every Sunday morning.

Children's Day will be observed at Chapel Hill Baptist church May 28.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartville, May 16.—Mrs. W. G. Bates died at her home near Gilkey last Friday. Interment was made here Sunday. The news of her death brought sorrow to her friends and relatives here. Mrs. Bates was a good woman and had been a faithful member of the Methodist church since her youth. She is survived by her husband and two sons.

Mrs. J. S. Cowan of Marion was a visitor here Sunday.

Mrs. Joseph Hutchins of Union Mills spent the latter part of the week with her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Walker.

Mrs. Ray Denton and children of Atlanta are visiting relatives here.

Key Landis, who has been in Marion for some time, has returned home.

Erastus and Arthur Walker were in Marion Thursday.

B. T. Daves and little daughter, Zona, of South Carolina, are spending a few days with relatives here.

James Spratt made a business trip to Marion Friday.

J. P. Walker made a business trip to Rutherfordton last Friday.

T. P. Satterwhite of Glen Alpine spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Z. V. Daves of Marion spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives here.

Key Landis and Mrs. H. C. Mangum were in Marion one day last week.

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

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Alley and Mrs. Rena Laughridge of Marion were here Sunday.

David Laughridge and little son of Marion spent the week-end here.

Miss Annie Spratt was in Marion Saturday.

J. P. Walker, Robert Cowan and W. H. Taylor made a business trip to Marion Monday.

A singing at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon was enjoyed by a number of folks.

Miss Annie Cowan was in Marion last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Jackson were in Marion Saturday.

Carson, Willie and Mrs. J. W. Jarrett were in Marion Monday.

Miss Etta Walker was in Marion Friday.

Thomas and Eugene Vickers and Walter and Glen Walker of Gilkey were visitors here Sunday.

HANKINS

Marion, Rt. 3, May 15.—Miss Ellen Finley of Spindale spent the week-end here with her parents.

J. M. Edwards of Rhodhiss is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Fannie Lewis and Mrs. Murtie Copper were shopping in Marion Saturday.

George Hall spent Sunday at Carle.

Mrs. Bartlett of Switzerland is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ross Hollifield.

Mrs. G. A. Masters of Marion visited Mrs. C. A. Hensley last week.

J. R. McNeely made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hollifield died Sunday morning. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved family.

GARDIN

Gardin, May 16.—The following young ladies are attending the Summer school at Union Mills: Misses Sallie and Vera Wacaser, Lela Marlow and Goodloe Haney.

Mrs. Charles Craig visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Craig Sunday.

J. C. Carswell made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

A number of our people are attending the revival meeting at Glenwood.

The farmers are behind with their work on account of recent rains.

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PRIZES AWARDED FOR PERFECT ATTENDANCE

More Than 170 Children in McDowell Schools Have Perfect Attendance Record.

During the present school year there were more than 170 children in the schools of McDowell county who were awarded prizes for perfect attendance. These children were neither tardy nor absent a single day throughout the school term.

At the opening of schools last fall announcement was made that those who had a perfect record for attendance would be awarded a prize at the close of school. The list has been completed and prizes awarded. The complete list is published below.

Burtie Turner, Lela Rash, Lee Roy Anderson, Helen Gray, Clara Bradley, George Rash, Nora Mortan, Nellie Hall, Paul Gilbert, Georgia Green, Bonnie Pitman, Whitman Allen, Billy Lusk, Daisy Davis, Richmond Fox, Willie Marie Moody, Willie Anderson, Charlie Taylor, Leona Baker, Carl Davis, Horace Norton, Onie Allen, Carl Jarrett, Lucile Baker, Josephine Buckner, Elizabeth Wylie, Pauline Atkins, Eugene Bobo, O. P. Copeland, Ethel Epley, Millard Lindsey, Carrie Miller, Reba Noblitt, Lois Allen, Bettie Lusk, Myrtle Poteat, Mable Sprinkle, Eugene Seagle, Horace "Jack" Seagle, Margaret Bledsoe, Edith Kiser, Wilson Bradley, Howard Lewis, Robert Evans, Ernest Bradley, Gertrude Bledsoe, Polly Finley, Louise McCoy, Millard Kiser, Daniel Frady, Jimmie Bradley, Mary Solomon, Dennis Ward, Leona Toney, Edgar Robinette, Harold Annis, Harry Hemphill, Bula Carter, Myrtle Carver, Max Lentz, Margie Tate, Richard Carter, Marie Annis, Margaret Wilson, Dorothy Swingle, Elizabeth McGimsey, Lucile Hemphill, Edwin Brown, Laura Alexander, Bowman Hawkins, Claude Davis, Clyde Davis, Nellie Mills Davis, Glenn Davis, Vera Maude Burgin, Daniel Hitchcock, Marjorie Lytle, Charlie Boone, Marion Davis, Louis Williams, Mabel Gosnell, Ester Ellis, Marie Parker, Bill Reed, Earl Lonon, Erwin Hensley, J. C. Walsh, Mary Fox, Thelma Bruner, Mary McCall, Robert Morris, Doris Morris, Ila Reel, Vena Goforth, Vera Goforth, Ruth Goforth, Ray Westmoreland, Truman Westmoreland, Malcolm Mashburn, James Goforth, Anna Westmoreland, Ruth Pyatt, Minnie Greer, Boyce Hensley, Ethel Goforth, Laura Hensley, Cecil Rayburn, Edna Mashburn, Ila Ward, Pansy Mashburn, Marie England, Guy Greer, Ralph Hensley, Verta Rayburn, Ora Bright, Cread Hogan, Mary Ella Upton, Tressie Hogan, Will Upton, Grace Taylor, Mabel Waters, Nellie Lytle, Charles Lytle, John Lytle, Catherine Williams, Gudger Lytle, Clyde McDaniel, Terrill Stroud, Merriman Stroud, Jessie Mae Lytle, Ewart Whitesides, Jack Reel, Ruby Nannay, Pearl Laughter, Nellie Brown, Bud Brown, Joe Reel, Pearl Hall, Hester Hawkins, Clarence Burgin, James Walker, Jack Walker, Latha Moffitt, Dewey Thomas, Burnie Hollifield, Beulah Hollifield, Floyd England, Ben Flowers, Mae Wiseman, Zoe Wiseman, Florence Corpening, Ada Mae Poteat, Fred Parker, Fannie Nichols, Mary Sue Nichols, Ruth Hemphill, John Patton, Ola Jimison, Sallie Padgett, Mary Padgett, Hampton Hennessee, Wilburn Davis, Ira Davis, Carlyle Davis, Flossie Elliott, Glenn Laughter, Ben Laughter, Ruby Hennessee, Frances Lonon.

REDUCED ROUND TRIP FARES TO CHARLOTTE

Account Mecklenburg Celebration, Charlotte, N. C., May 20th, 1922, the Southern Railway Company will sell reduced round trip tickets to Charlotte, N. C., and return. Dates of sale May 19th and 20th, final limit of tickets May 22, 1922. Round trip fare one and one-half of one way fare. For further information apply at Southern Railway ticket office.

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