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MARION LAKE CLUB HOUSE IS ASSURED

Plans Set in Motion for Erection of \$75,000 Club Building on Lake Near Marion.

A meeting of the promoters of the Marion Lake Club was held in the office of Pless, Winborne & Pless last Monday when definite plans were set in motion looking to the building of a \$75,000 club house on the lake of the Southern Power Co.

Mr. J. Q. Gilkey, enterprising citizen, was elected chairman and a number of committees appointed to look after the various details of the organization and consummations of the plans for the new project.

A tract of about 100 acres of land has been secured as a location for the club house. The site overlooks the beautiful lake and is considered the most desirable and appropriate site that could be wished for. When completed the building will be a modern, convenient and attractive structure. Capable architects will visit the grounds before making plans. Every detail is to be worked out in harmony and in keeping with the local environments and beauty of the location. It is the idea of the promoters to build a club house that will be second to none in the State. The building will be designed not only for architectural beauty but for comfort and recreation.

The membership will be composed only of persons of good character and moral standing. Strict regulations governing the membership and purpose of the club will be provided.

When completed and put into operation it is thought that the club will bring many visitors to Marion and that it will be a great medium of advertising for this section.

MRS. SARAH HICKS PASSES.

Mrs. Sarah Hicks, widow of James Hicks, of McDowell county, died Thursday, June 22nd, in her 89th year and was buried in the family cemetery at Union Chapel Saturday morning, June 24th. Rev. J. T. Bowden, pastor of the First Baptist church of Marion, conducted the funeral services. Mrs. Hicks was an excellent Christian woman, well known and highly respected. She spent her last days with her son, "Dock" Hicks, where she died. She leaves four children, two sons—John Yancey (Dock), of this county, and Philmore, of South Carolina; two daughters, Mrs. John Stroud, of Marion, and Mrs. Mary Silver, of Tennessee. Her husband, James Hicks, served as a Mexican soldier for a while and she drew a small Mexican pension up to her death. He died in 1899 and was then 76 years old. Hers was probably the only pension of the kind sent to this part of the state and her death marks the passing of another historic resident of McDowell county.

FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC.

A big Fourth of July picnic to be given by the Redmen at the C. C. & O. railway bridge over the Catawba river next Tuesday promises to be a great occasion and a large attendance is expected. The Redmen and their families of McDowell county will be there with baskets filled with good things to eat. The public is invited to attend. Everybody requested to bring a basket and a smile. A real Fourth of July picnic, fish fry, fun frolic and a good time is assured all.

NEGRO DOWNED IN POND.

Adam Evans, colored, employed by Geer & Wilson on construction work, was drowned Sunday afternoon in Hawkins' pond near the Garden Creek Dairy. Evans was in bathing with other companions when the accident occurred. His home was in Rock Hill, S. C., and he had been in Marion only about a week.

Communion of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the Presbyterian church next Sunday at 11 a. m.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

ASHFORD

Ashford, June 26.—Mrs. Ellen English spent several days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Laughridge, in Marion.

Rev. J. Williams left here a few days ago for points in Ohio.

Mrs. H. S. Brown has been very ill for the past few days, but is improving now.

Miss Brown of Morganton spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Brown.

Mrs. E. E. English and daughter, Miss Alda English, were in Marion Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Heffner of Altapass were visitors here last Sunday.

The revival meeting begins at Concord church next Sunday. Everybody come.

LARGE NUMBER CHILDREN GIVEN DENTAL SERVICE

Dr. Griffin, the State school dentist, reports that he finds the school children of McDowell county in many cases badly in need of dental work. He spent several days at Nebo during last week and was kept busy while there.

During this week Dr. Griffin will be at the Clinchfield and Marion mill schools. The parents of children at these places are sending their children in large numbers and Dr. Griffin is kept very busy.

Dr. Griffin is a practicing dentist. He is sent out by the State Board of Health to treat only children not over 13 years of age. There is no charge and Dr. Griffin hopes to see every child in McDowell county in need of dental service. He hopes to be able to publish in next week's issue of *The Progress* his itinerary showing the places and dates that he will undertake to fill.

CHURCH NEWS.

Sunday was another "Red Letter Day" at the First Baptist church. There were four hundred and two in the Sunday school, one hundred and sixty-two young men in the Baraca class. This is decidedly the greatest success the school has ever had in the matter of attendance. The average attendance for the month of June was three hundred and sixteen. The Baracas have an enrollment of two hundred and twenty-six, while the whole school has an enrollment of five hundred. The Baraca class will complete arrangements for its picnic next Sunday morning and it is important that the whole class turn out at that time in order that there be a clear and complete understanding about this joyous outing.

The women of the First Baptist church will serve hot coffee, lunch, lemonade and ice cream on the court house grounds during the July term of court. All attending court are cordially invited to patronize this good cause.

RULES FOR CORRESPONDENTS.

1. Write only on one side of paper.
2. Leave blank line between each item of news.
3. Do not number your items.
4. If you report a visitor to your section tell where he is from.
5. If some one in your section makes a trip tell where he goes.
6. Do not report the neighborhood visiting.
7. Be sure to report all deaths, marriages and meetings of various kinds of interest in the community.
8. Send news when it is news. Do not wait until everybody knows it anyway.
9. SIGN YOUR NAME.

THRESHERS MUST GET THEIR LICENSES

Register of Deeds R. F. Barnes wishes to announce that the licenses for wheat threshers can be secured at his office, and all are requested to call and get them before they begin the threshing of wheat this year.

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

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The nineteenth annual session of the North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers' association will be held at Shelby next Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4.

The fifth annual meeting of the Association Superior Court Clerks of North Carolina will be held at Wayneville Thursday and Friday, July 6 and 7.

The fourth annual meeting of the Methodist Bible classes of the Western North Carolina Conference, from 44 counties, will convene at Lake Junaluska July 10 for a three-day program. The program will consist of lectures and other entertainment.

The Epworth Leaguers at the annual meeting in North Wilkesboro last week elected W. W. Edwards, Asheville, president; B. L. Lunsford, Marion, vice president; Louise Wilson, Morganton, recording secretary; Miss Nancy Davis, Asheville, corresponding secretary; P. L. Plyer, Gastonia, treasurer; Miss Gertrude Falls, junior superintendent, Brevard, Charlotte was selected as the next meeting place.

Kinston.—Larry Davis, a Pitt county youth, is recovering from a case of lockjaw which developed under peculiar circumstances. The boy, barefooted, stepped on a rusty kitchen fork, running it through his foot. The fork was removed and the wound properly treated, healed. Recently, while plowing in a field, Davis was seized with fever. Lockjaw followed. At one time his condition was regarded as critical. Heroic treatment saved his life.

Wilmington.—At the closing session of the North Carolina Association of Insurance Agents, John R. Hall of Oxford was elected president to succeed Fred C. Odell, of Greensboro, who has just completed two successive terms as head of the insurance organization. Charles B. Sharpe of Fayetteville, who has served the organization for many years as secretary and treasurer, was elected vice-president, and McAllister Carson of Charlotte, was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Mr. Sharpe.

Lincolnton.—The patrons of the schools in the Rock Springs school district in East Lincoln, held an election a few days ago and decided on the consolidation plan which means better facilities for teaching in every respect. Two hundred and nineteen votes were cast for the plan with 115 against.

Rockingham.—"Cyclone Mack" will begin a four-weeks revival at Rockingham on Sunday, June 25th, beginning at 8 o'clock. He was to begin the 19th but could not secure his new tent from Atlanta in time. The site for the meeting is on South Washington street, just to the rear of the Hal Ledbetter lot.

Wilmington.—Charleston, S. C., was selected as the next convention city of public accountants of the Southeastern district at the concluding session of the annual meeting at Wrightsville Beach. The convention was largely attended, delegates being present from seven states.

Edenton.—Leonard Lyon, one of the road force near Edenton, was shot by a negro, Grant Holley. Lyon was badly hurt and was rushed to the home of Mr. J. D. Stillman, where Dr. Carson attended him. The negro made his escape.

Oxford.—The Oxford Public Ledger has outgrown its present quarters and is planning to erect a neat two-story brick building on Littlejohn street, opposite the postoffice. Marvin Minor, architect of Oxford, has designed the new building.

Your home paper comes to you as an old friend and neighbor, telling you all the home news while the large city paper enters your home as a stranger. Send in your subscription to *The Progress* and keep posted on local affairs.

INFLUENCE OF ASSOCIATION.

There is no need to go to the window and look out when you hear the robin chirruping cheerfully. The notes of that bird are recognized immediately. It is the same with the rooster, the canary, the bob-o-link, or the lark—each has his distinctive message, and the song calls up a vision of the little warbler who is sending forth the golden notes.

It is the same with people. We know them by their conversation. Some people are optimistic and always giving inspiration and courage, and helpful ideas to others. They are welcome anywhere.

There are others who are always finding fault and seeing dire disaster in the way. They cannot see the good in anyone. They are pessimists, and scatter gloom. People learn to avoid them.

There are still others who are constantly looking for slights and unfriendly motives and expressions of envy and ill will. These people usually find what they are looking for—and they do not have to go far, either.

If every one could only realize it, our conversation is really the mirror which we hold up in front of ourselves. We stand before this and the reflection is what people conclude (and rightly, too,) that we are. It is a picture of the original.

If everybody talked hard times, and poor business and disaster, so many pictures of this type would be thrown upon the mental screen of the public that everyone would begin to be impressed, and soon there would be a business panic. Then the calamity howlers would nod their heads with satisfaction and say "I told you so."

On the other hand, if our conversation is cheerful, honest, unselfish, constructive and progressive—we will make pictures of that kind, and good times and prosperity will be realized even more easily than the opposite.

Let us learn to be the sort of birds who are welcome! Not crows and ravens to foretell mournful things, and to croak "Nevermore!"

"A bird is known by its note, and a man by his talk."—Ex.

BOONE IS TO HAVE CHURCH COSTING ABOUT \$30,000

A meeting of the church extension officials of the Western North Carolina conference in Salisbury it was decided that approximately \$30,000 will be expended in the construction of the new Methodist church at Boone, and the work will begin in the early future.

While Boone is a small town in the mountains of Watauga county, it is the seat of the Appalachian Training School and the need of a modern church there is definitely recognized by Methodists of various sections.

Search of Years is Rewarded.

Richmond, Va. — After a search of sixty years in which no trace of the man could be found, the family of Henry Strange, South Carolina Confederate soldier killed in action, was rewarded when John Strange, nephew of the dead man, was taken to his kinsman's grave by L. T. Wyrick of Athens, Texas, who declared he buried the oldier's body at a lonely spot, near Swift Creek, five miles north of Richmond. Wyrick declared he and Strange were fighting side by side when the later fell.

There were 359,839 fewer meat animals slaughtered in the United States under Federal inspection during April this year than last, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. To this shortage sheep and lambs contributed 301,511, hogs 57,533, cattle 577, and calves 218.

The Progress will keep you posted as to McDowell county news better than any other means.

TWENTY-FIVE good building lots will go at your price on July 3rd on Sweeney Hill.

JOINT STOCK LAND BANK FOR McDOWELL COUNTY

Pless and Winborne Employed as Local Abstract Attorneys for Carolinas Land Bank.

We are glad to announce that The First Carolinas Joint Stock Land Bank, with former Congressman Lever, until recently a member of the Federal Farm Loan Board, as president, and with offices at Columbia, S. C., is to do business in this county. This fact became known when it was learned that Pless, Winborne and Pless had become connected with this institution as abstract attorneys, and for the time being as its local representative in the county. When asked for a statement as to methods of operation and terms of loan Mr. Pless said:

"The First Carolinas Joint Stock Land Bank is chartered under the Federal Farm Loan Act and is operated under the same Federal supervision of the Federal Farm Loan Board. The present paid in capital stock is \$250,000, and \$25,000 surplus. The bank operates very much along the same lines as does the Federal Land Bank of Columbia and under the same supervision. It makes loans only on improved agricultural lands; it does not loan on city property. The proceeds of these loans must be applied for general agricultural purposes. The loans are made direct to the borrower, and the borrower is forbidden to take stock in the bank. Any person is eligible for a loan through this institution if in addition to his other work he is at the same time actually farming.

"The bank will accept applications for loans from \$1,000 to \$25,000. Loans cannot be made in excess of fifty per cent of the appraised value of the land and twenty per cent of the appraised insurable value of the land and twenty per cent of the appraised insurable value of the buildings, such appraisals being made by officials of the government. The interest rate is six per cent, payable semi-annually, to which is added one per cent to amortize or kill off the debt over a period of 33 years. In other words, for seven per cent interest and principal are paid in 33 years and the debt is discharged. Repayment of principal may be made at any time under regulations issued by the Farm Loan Board. The borrower through this bank is responsible alone for his own debt. There are no commissions that may be charged under the law, nor are there renewals.

"I have become connected with this institution because of the financial strength of the men back of it, notably among which are J. Pope Matthews, president of the Palmetto National Bank, Columbia, S. C.; W. B. Drake, Jr., president of the Merchants National Bank, Raleigh, N. C.; A. W. McLean, wealthy planter and banker of North Carolina; Thomas & Lumpkin, outstanding lawyers of the State, and Mr. Lever, the president, whose activities in behalf of agriculture for twenty years are known to every one. The Federal Land Bank and this bank are acting in the closest harmony to take care of all the needs of agriculture in the county."

WEATHER REPORT.

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

Maximum, 91 degrees; minimum, 52 degrees; rain, 0.04 inches; sunshine, per cent, .78.

B. & L. MEETING.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the McDowell Building & Loan Association will be held at the court house in Marion on Monday, July 3rd, 1922, at 8:30 o'clock.

All shareholders are urged to be present. Everybody, whether shareholder or not, will receive a warm welcome to our annual meetings. J. E. NEAL Sec'y & Treas.