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SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION THIS WEEK

Judge Bryson Presiding Over Term—Number of Cases Disposed of on Criminal Docket.

The July term of McDowell Superior Court convened Monday morning with Judge Thad D. Bryson, of Bryson City, presiding and Solicitor Garrett D. Bailey prosecuting for the State. Robt. A. Brinkley was made foreman of the grand jury with G. L. Poteat as officer. A number of cases were continued, *capias* issued, etc.

The following cases have been disposed of:

- George Walker, manufacturing, not guilty.
- Roy Brown, transporting, judgment suspended on payment of cost.
- Floyd Buckner, carrying concealed weapon, not guilty.
- D. P. Lenhardt, carrying concealed weapon, fined fifty dollars and cost.
- Geo. Walker, Melvin McGinnis, George Condrey, Mack Walker and Frank Condrey, disturbing worship, not guilty.
- Will Jackson, assault with deadly weapon, fined ten dollars and cost.
- Will Clinton, larceny, sentenced to twelve months on roads.
- C. D. Koon, forgery, sentenced to five years in State prison.
- Frank Haney, gambling, fined ten dollars and cost.
- Will Lynch, larceny, sentenced to twelve months on roads.
- John Bolton, gambling, fined ten dollars and cost.
- George Bryson, gambling, fined ten dollars and cost.

ANNUAL MEETING OF BUILDING AND LOAN

The shareholders of the McDowell Building and Loan Association held their annual meeting in the court house on Monday, July 3rd. A majority of the shareholders was represented. The report of the secretary and treasurer for the year ending June 30th was read, which showed the association to be in splendid condition. The shareholders elected the following directors: Thomas Morris, J. L. Morgan, D. E. Hudgins, J. Q. Gilkey, A. F. Hunt, Boyce Sprinkle, W. M. Sweeney, E. H. Dysart, J. H. Tate, F. M. Bradley and J. E. Neal.

Considerable interest was shown by the shareholders in securing subscriptions for the thirty-sixth series. The secretary reported that about six hundred shares had already been subscribed for the thirty-sixth series and it is expected that the number will be increased considerably during the month of July, in which time the subscriptions will be taken.

The directors met after adjournment of the shareholders and re-elected the following officers: Thomas Morris, president; J. L. Morgan, vice-president; J. E. Neal, secretary and treasurer, and D. E. Hudgins, attorney.

NICHOLS AGAIN WITH STATE COMMISSION

Raleigh, July 8.—The Corporation Commission announced today the return to its banking department of the former Chief Bank Examiner John G. Nichols, for the past three years one of the vice-presidents of the American Trust Company at Charlotte. Mr. Nichols was with the State Banking Department for seven years, being made chief examiner upon returning from aviation service for the war. Mr. Nichols' return to the department is an occasion for gratification by the Corporation Commission and Chief Examiner Latham.

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, 61 degrees; rain, 1.24 inches; sunshine, per cent, .71.

SATURDAY IS MADE "POPPY DAY" BY MAYOR

Mayor H. H. Tate, in a proclamation, officially designates Saturday, July 15, as "Poppy Day" and urges the citizens of Marion to buy poppies for the fund to erect a national memorial university for the soldiers who fell in France during the World War. His proclamation follows:

"Whereas a nation-wide movement has been started for the erection of a national memorial university in honor of those who fell in France in order that civilization might be preserved, and

"Whereas, committees have been named in all parts of the United States to raise funds for the construction of this institution, and

Whereas, nature has decorated the graves of those who fell in Flanders fields with poppies, and the chairman in charge has decided to ask the young women of this city to sell poppies on the streets of this city, Saturday, July 15th,

"Therefore, I, H. H. Tate, by the power vested in me as mayor, do call upon the people of this city to remember the valor of those who defeated the Hun in the most gigantic conflict of arms recorded in the pages of history, and request that all citizens of Marion purchase from these young ladies the poppies which they will offer for sale on the streets, and call upon them to contribute liberally to the great cause for which the committee is making every effort to raise the necessary funds, and I hereby designate Saturday, July 15th, 1922, "Poppy Day."

"Given under my hand and seal this 12th day of July, A. D. 1922. "H. H. TATE, Mayor."

GEORGE W. CONLEY.

It is not enough to say that the passing of George Conley removes from McDowell county one of her best citizens. It can be truthfully said that he was a man of industry, a man of benevolence, a man of public spirit; but greater than any of these attributes was that finer and better side of his life which made him a devoted husband, an affectionate father, a good neighbor and a lover of mankind. His presence in any group of men had a purifying influence; his frankness and honesty inspiring all that was best in the lives of his fellowmen. He was not a man of aggressive nature or radical disposition, yet he always made his presence felt because of the simple faith with which he clung to the high and lofty ideals that permeated his life and directed his energies in every transaction. Pages could be written on the noble old Irish family from which he sprang; many sources could be named from which he might have inherited those finer elements of character that marked him as a man who stood head and shoulders above the crowd; but when all is said and done we can come to no better conclusion than that a man is master of his own destiny and that he demanded and exercised his God-given right. Biographers could record the many honors conferred upon him by the political party, the lodges and the church of which he was a member. They could refer to his goods, and they were many, and to the fact that he gave one tenth of his substance to charity; but any eulogy would be incomplete which does not refer to his even temper, his ideal home life and the beautiful character which entwined itself like a humble benediction around the lives of those less fortunate than he. His pain-racked body sleeps that dreamless sleep, but his life flows on in an ever widening stream and through his devoted wife, his stalwart sons and affectionate daughter each succeeding generation will furnish proof to the world that George Conley did not live in vain.

D. W. CRAWFORD, Marion, N. C., July 3rd, 1922.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, July 12.—Mrs. Cox of Gastonia is visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. Y. Grant.

H. Grady Miller of New York City is visiting at the home of G. B. Strickland. Mr. Miller has achieved quite a success as a musician in the East. He possesses a very pleasing voice and has toured the United States several times.

The Orphans from the Odd Fellows Home at Goldsboro appeared at the school auditorium last Friday night. The program was well presented and enjoyed by all present.

Tom Thumb Wedding was given at the school auditorium Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. About seventy-five children took part and acquitted themselves well. The exercises were given under the auspices of the Presbyterian church. A neat sum was realized.

S. M. Hoffman was in Marion Monday on business.

Jas. H. Young, who has been ill for some time, continues very low.

Mrs. J. B. Johnson, who has been confined to her room for several weeks, is very much better to the delight of her many friends.

Franz Strickland left Thursday for Asheville on an extended visit to relatives.

Deputy D. Y. Grant has been active for the last few days in running down illicit distilleries. He recently captured two on Broad River, one large one near Catawba Falls and one in the lower part of the township. He destroyed a good deal of material but did not capture any men.

Don Mashburn of Asheville spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mashburn.

Mrs. Wade Jones is spending the week visiting friends in Marion.

Mr. Roughton of Charlotte has bought the Sandlin hotel and will continue it as a hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sandlin have moved into their new home.

Grady Nichols made a business trip to Marion Monday.

Byrd Burgin of Asheville is visiting his father.

Mrs. C. C. Wyche of Spartanburg is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone of Virginia will make their home here, Mr. Stone having accepted a position with Noyes Land and Lumber Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn of Asheville have located here. Mr. Dunn is engaged in forestry work.

Ed. McCanness of Bryson City spent the week-end with his aunt, Mrs. J. C. Sandlin.

Mrs. Florine Smith of Winchester, Ga., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cranford.

Mrs. G. W. Sandlin and two little daughters are visiting relatives at Arden.

D. W. Adams motored to Spruce Pine Monday on business.

Mrs. George Bradley and little daughter of Forest City spent the week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hicks.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, July 11.—Mrs. Plato Spratt of Bridgewater spent Thursday night here.

Mrs. D. C. Laughridge and children of Marion were visitors here last week.

A number of people from here attended the celebration at Rutherfordton July 4th.

James Laughridge and family of Marion were here Sunday.

Arthur Walker was in Union Mills on business Saturday.

Charlie Patterson and family of Asheville were visitors here Sunday.

Miss Alice Mangum, who has been at work in Marion, has returned home for the summer.

Thomas Glass and Arthur and

Erastus Walker were in Glen Alpine on business one day last week.

Key Landis and Jimmy Goforth were in Marion Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Satterwhite of Bridgewater were visitors here last week.

Aldon Hutchins and family of Cliffsides were here Sunday.

Curtis Hutchins of Union Mills was a visitor here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Laughridge and children spent Thursday and Friday in Marion.

Miss Mamie Goforth of Asheville spent Sunday with homefolks here.

Mrs. Obe Biggerstaff and children spent Sunday with relatives in Burke county.

Ed. Laughridge and family of Shelby were visitors here Sunday.

Will Engle and family of Union Mills were here Sunday.

Gatha Higgins and two sons of Bellwood were here Sunday.

Miss Hattie Mangum has gone to Marion to accept a position.

Miss Vernie Rollins of Asheville is home on a visit.

Miss Edna Metcalf of Rutherfordton has arrived to spend some time with her aunt, Mrs. Mattie Jaquins.

Ray Morrison of Union Mills was here Sunday.

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

Miss Blanche Patterson of Asheville was a visitor here Sunday.

Miss Etta Walker and Cronje Laughridge were in Rutherfordton last week.

LAUREL HILL

Nebo, Rt. 1, July 11.—A birthday dinner in honor of the 85th birthday of Mrs. C. L. Elliott was enjoyed by a number of friends and relatives at the home of Mrs. M. L. McCurry on last Sunday. Several people from out of the community were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hair of Spindale are spending a few days here visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ellington.

Miss Effie Walker of Marion spent the first of the week here visiting her sister, Mrs. J. F. Foster.

Miss Hattie Waters went to Marion Monday where she will spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Queen of Mooresboro visited friends and relatives in this community last Saturday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Ellington, July 10th, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Walker and Miss Myrtle Foster of Clinchfield were visitors here last Sunday.

Mrs. C. H. Dixon returned home Monday from Marion after spending a few days with relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Foster of Rutherfordton spent the first of the week with relatives here.

A singing given at the home of Mr. J. F. Foster on last Sunday night was enjoyed by a large crowd of young people.

Farmers are most all through with "laying by" now and are making the best of these hot days in the shade.

GARDIN

Gardin, July 11.—Miss Sallie Wacaser of Shelby is spending a few days with homefolks here.

Mrs. J. C. Carswell has returned home from Buck Creek after spending the week-end with relatives.

J. S. Morgan made a business trip to Marion yesterday.

A large crowd of young people enjoyed an ice cream supper given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Holland last Saturday night.

Miss Mayme Bowman spent the week-end with homefolks.

C. D. Wacaser is on the sick list.

A package of letters, pictures and a pocket book containing some money was found by James Morgan last Friday.

CARLYLE

Nebo, Rt. 2, July 11.—Mr. and Mrs. James Gray of Marion attended service at Oak Grove last Sunday.

Mr. Brown and Bob Childers left

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Miss Edna Almond, aged 18, a student of the summer school, was drowned in Valley river at Murphy, Monday afternoon while in bathing.

John B. Blanton, native of Cleveland county and ex-sheriff of Rutherford, died at his home at Forest City Sunday evening at the age of 83 years.

The annual session of the Grand Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in North Carolina will meet at the Oceanic hotel at Wrightsville Beach August 15-16.

MASONS TO HOLD PICNIC AT THERMAL CITY

The Masons of the 44th District are making plans to have a picnic dinner, speaking and other features, to be held at Thermal City on Aug. 3rd. A letter has been sent out by J. W. Winborne, District Deputy Grand Master, and other officials of the various lodges of the district, inviting all Masons to be present with their families on this occasion. Speaking will be part of the program, and it is hoped that the Grand Master will be there, as well as other high officials of the Masonic fraternity. The lodges of this district have all made substantial gains and it is thought that the "get-together" meeting which is planned to be held at Thermal City will mean much in the way of inspiration to make still further gains. It will also offer an opportunity for brother Masons and their families to get acquainted with each other and learn what is going on in the various lodges. The program as formulated is one that should bring out the Masons of the entire district in a great meeting. It will certainly mean much to the cause in the 44th district.

J. W. Winborne, Deputy Grand Master of the district, is putting forth every effort to make this the banner district in North Carolina, and he is meeting with much success. He hopes to have a great gathering at Thermal City on Aug. 3rd, and expects the occasion to be one of great pleasure and much profit to every one who attends.

PLACES AND DATES FOR FREE DENTAL TREATMENT

Dr. E. J. Griffin, the dentist sent to McDowell by the State Board of Health, to give free dental treatment to school children under 13 years of age, will be at the following places on the dates mentioned:

- Harmony Grove, July 13th.
- Pinnacle, July 14th.
- Vein Mountain, July 15th.
- Dysartsville, July 17th and 18th.
- Glenwood, July 19th, 20th and 21.
- Flat Creek, July 24th and 25th.
- Pitts, July 26th and 27th.
- Ashford, July 28th and 29th.
- Woodlawn, July 31st and August 1st.

- Chapel Hill, August 2nd.
- Garden City, August 3rd and 4th.
- Gowans (Buck Creek), August 5th.
- Greenlee, August 7th and 8th.
- Siloam, August 9th.
- Bethlehem, August 10th.
- Cherry Springs, August 11th and 12th.

- Stone Mountain, August 14th.
- Old Fort, August 15th, 18th and 17th.

Monday for Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Guss Gray of Morganton were visitors here Sunday. Miss Myrtle Arrowood and Ben and Brown Childers were the guests of Miss Pearl Bivens last Sunday. H. G. Arrowood visited friends and relatives at Glenwood last week. M. N. Arrowood of Glenwood visited his brother here last week.

We are sorry to learn Mrs. J. W. Edwards is not improving in health.

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