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CORNER STONE LAYING AUG. 19

Court House Corner Stone To Be Laid Saturday With Impressive Ceremony.

The corner stone of the new Court House is to be laid next Saturday at 2 p. m. Plans have been perfected for an elaborate and impressive exercise which is to be under the auspices of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masonry. The high officials of the State Grand Lodge will conduct the ceremony after which speeches will be made by a number of prominent men from different parts of the State. Judge Bynum of Greensboro and O. Max Gardner of Shelby will be among the number of those who are to speak.

The Masonic Lodge of Marion is arranging for every detail of the program which promises to be the most impressive exercise ever held in Marion. Various committees have been appointed who are busy with the different plans. The entertainment committee hopes to make the day one of the most pleasant to all who may be present in Marion for the exercises.

From all indications there will be people present from many sections of the State. A large crowd of citizens from all over McDowell county promise to come with their families to witness the various ceremonies.

It has been the custom for a long period of time throughout the civilized world for the Masons to officiate at the corner stone laying of all large public buildings. It will be the first of its kind to be given in McDowell county. The committee on arrangements extends a cordial invitation to every citizen of McDowell county to be present at this exercise on Saturday, August 19th.

NEBO HIGH SCHOOL TO OPEN ON SEPT. 4TH

The Nebo High School will open its next session on Monday, Sept. 4th, with Mr. H. M. Roland as principal. Mr. Roland served the school during the past year very satisfactorily. He will be assisted during the coming year by a very strong corps of teachers. The selection of teachers has been made with much care and the patrons of the Nebo school are promised a very high grade of work. The faculty of the school is as follows:

Principal, H. M. Roland.
High school teachers: Miss Emma Goodman, of Mount Ulla; Miss Ne Stacy, of Nebo.
Grammar grade teachers: Miss Gladys Davis, of Estil, S. C.; Miss Lottie Wilson, of Nebo, and Miss Alda English.

Primary teachers: Miss Nannie McCall and Miss Hollifield, of Ruthersford county.

The standard of the Nebo school has been raised to the highest classification—that of an accredited high school—all the requirements to be placed on the accredited list having been met. This is the goal toward which the school has been working for some time, and the students and patrons of the school will doubtless learn with much interest that the school has been able to come up to the standard.

Considerable work has been done on the dormitory this year. It has been painted inside and out and will be in first class condition by the time school opens. Much new furnishings will be added which will mean much in the way of comfort to the boarding students.

Principal Roland is at work, outlining and organizing his work for the coming year and is looking forward to the best year that Nebo has ever known. Prospective students who have not made arrangements to enter the Nebo school are requested to communicate with Mr. H. M. Roland, principal, Nebo, N. C.

BIG SNAKE STORY.

A big snake story comes from Mud Cut, a small station on the C. C. & O. Railway south of Marion. It is said that while Section Foreman Claud Morris and a force of hands were engaged in repair work there one day last week they killed a large moccasin with a family of 61. The story is vouched for by M. O. Biggerstaff, who witnessed the killing of the serpent and counted the little ones.

MARION GRADE AND HIGH SCHOOL WILL OPEN SEPT. 4

The fall session of the Marion Grade and High School will begin Monday, September 4. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend the opening.

The children who have recently moved into town and have not been in this school, and those not enrolled last year but are expecting to enter this fall, are earnestly requested to bring the books last studied as well as the report or promotion cards of the school last attended to the Grade School office Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, August 28, 29, 30, 31, and Sept. 1, in order that they may be classed and save much time on opening day. The children in this school last year who wish to have their record gone over or take examinations on the subjects in which they were deficient or failed to take at the close of school on account of sickness are requested to come on the dates mentioned above. This is important to both new and old students, and unless this is done it will cause you much delay in being classed on opening day.

We hope that every boy and every girl not only in Marion but McDowell county will be in school somewhere this year, and remain there the entire year. Education pays. This means from a monetary standpoint if nothing else. Often you hear of a boy or girl who wants to quit school, when it is unnecessary; often you hear of parents who are thinking of putting their children to work when it is unnecessary. Don't deprive yourself or the child the opportunity of being able to earn the most. Listen! Every day spent in school pays the child \$9. Uneducated laborers earn on the average of \$500 per year for forty years, a total of \$20,000. High school graduates earn on the average \$1,000 per year for forty years, a total of \$40,000. Therefore, the child that stays out of school to earn less than \$9 a day is losing money—not making money. What shall you do with your time?

For the benefit of some who are not aware of the standing of the Marion High School I take this opportunity of letting you know. There are 44 high schools in this State accredited with the Southern Commission of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and it is a distinct honor that the Marion High School is one of the 44. This places Marion in the same position as Asheville, Winston-Salem, Raleigh, and other cities of the State. As there are only a few high schools in the State that have this recognition, both Marion and McDowell county have a right to be proud of this distinction and school—it being the only one in the county thus accredited.

T. A. HOLTON, Supt.

DISCUSS PLANS FOR McDOWELL FAIR OCT. 10-13

A group of citizens met in the county court house Monday to discuss ways and means for making the McDowell County Fair, which is to be held here on Oct. 10, 11, 12, 13, the greatest fair of its kind ever held in this section of the state.

The question of locating the fair grounds was discussed at length. Several excellent places were found to be available. C. F. James, E. H. Dysart and W. H. Hennessee were appointed a committee to decide upon a location and report to the officers this week.

W. L. Smarr and others reported that farmers and stock raisers were getting ready to display their agricultural products, cattle, horses and hogs. The poultry exhibit promises to be good.

In the Domestic department many ladies are preparing to carry off prizes and premiums in cooking, canning and fancy work.

Marion will be artistically decorated on Main street, including all buildings, according to a motion passed at the meeting.

The question of amusements and attractions are so well in the making that the large crowds in attendance at the fair each day will find something to do and see every minute of the time.

Premium lists and further information may be had by calling on W. L. Smarr, farm agent, or the secretary of the fair.

There will be an ice cream and box supper at Siloam school house Saturday night, Aug. 19. The public is cordially invited. Proceeds will be used to purchase desks for the school room.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM OVER McDOWELL COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings Throughout the County—Items About Home People

NEBO

Nebo, Aug. 14.—Mrs. J. A. Mason, who has been ill for some time, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kincaid were shopping in Morganton last Saturday.

Miss Sue Tate left Sunday to teach school near Dysartsville.

Mrs. W. J. Snipes was shopping in Marion one day last week.

Watson Wilson, who is teaching school at Garden City, and Isiah Watson, who is teaching at Belfont, spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Miss Helen Wilson and Tom Stacy, who are teaching school at Greenlee, spent the week-end at home here.

There will be services at the Methodist church next Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

Lawrence Mason and Fozze Finley were visitors at Bridgewater last Sunday.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Rt. 2, Aug. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Reel and children of Haw Branch spent Sunday at the home of J. F. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bluford Keller, Misses Clara Mae Keller and Toy Dale and Mr. Clark of Morganton motored to Black Mountain Sunday and were visitors at the home of J. S. Lavender.

Miss Addie Lavender made a trip to Marion Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierson Parker of Greenlee visited relatives on the creek the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lackey of Old Fort were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Turner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Noblitt spent the week-end with relatives in Old Fort.

Clarence Gilliam and James and Alfred Lavender made a business trip to Black Mountain Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lackey of Old Fort visited relatives here last week.

CATAWBA VALLEY.

Old Fort, Rt. 1, Aug. 13.—Miss Lola Allison, who is teaching school on Curtis Creek, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Tisdale.

Lat Wilson left Friday night for Akron, Ohio, where he has accepted a position.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Grant of Greenlee spent a few days last week with their daughter, Mrs. J. A. Moody.

Miss Edna Tate, who is teaching at Siloam, spent the week-end with her parents in Marion.

The fourth quarterly conference was held at Ebenezer Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Annie Bradley, who is teaching on Mill Creek, was home Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Willis Silver and children of Hickory Grove, S. C., spent a few days last week at the home of J. W. Bradley.

Thomas Holtsclaw of Micaville is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Griffin.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, Aug. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Swann of Spruce Pine were visitors here during the week.

Quite a number of our people attended the tent meeting in Marion last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. England spent the week-end with relatives in Marion.

Miss Lena Swann of Marion spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Swann.

W. G. Deviny is our school teacher, instead of Denny, as stated in The Progress last week.

FAIRVIEW.

Nebo, Rt. 1, Aug. 11.—The school is progressing rapidly under the management of Miss Rose Campiche. The attendance is splendid.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilkey Seagle spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Holland.

Mrs. Robert Holland is on the sick list.

Mrs. Ida Holland, who has been seriously ill, is slowly improving. A wedding of much interest occurred Sunday, Aug. 6, when Miss

Sadie Cuthbertson became the bride of Mr. Grady Fender.

The Fairview Betterment Society will give a box supper at the school house Saturday night, August 19. The proceeds will be used for a good cause. Everybody cordially invited.

Roy Moody was in Marion Saturday.

Miss Emma Toney was in Marion Saturday.

FORECAST OF NORTH CAROLINA CORN CROP

Raleigh, Aug. 11.—The corn crop made a four per cent improvement in condition during July over the state. The wet weather of the eastern counties did not damage it as much as was expected," reports the agricultural statistician of the federal and state departments of agriculture, as based on the several hundred reports for August conditions.

With a corn condition of 83 per cent on 2,526,000 acres, the forecasted production is 48,508,000 bushels, or 19 bushels per acre, which is still below the 10-year state average. The national crop is also better at 85.6 per cent condition, indicating over three billion bushels.

Wheat at 19 bushels per acre is poor, but better than for the past two years. The forecasted production is 5,508,000 bushels, or less than half of the state's food requirements. The quality is only fair, due to poor development during the ripening stage. The United States average of 14 bushels per acre forecasts a production of 341,460,000 bushels, which does not include the spring-planted northwest crop.

The state wheat crop shows an increase of one million bushels, or 22 per cent more than last year, while the United States crop is 485,000,000 bushels, or 17 per cent less than the last crop.

The cotton belt outlook, judging from the present conditions, and if favorable conditions follow, forecasts a crop of over 11,000,000 bales, at 73 per cent of a full crop—normal condition. The boll weevil has done very little damage yet, but this is only the early part of his working season. Less than half of our cotton area is yet infested and only a few counties seriously so. The state condition of 77 per cent is about the same as for the past two years for cotton, with the acreage much more than last year and almost equal to the 1920 crop.

With an average condition of 82 per cent of a full crop, the probable yield of oats will be 3,382,000. The national condition is almost seven per cent less, but our yield is much less per acre than the average national average.

Local crop conditions are reported as follows: McDowell county 93 per cent condition for the corn crop; 72 per cent for oats; and 8.0 bushels per acre wheat for this county.

The weather has been too wet in the east for all crops excepting some grasses. It is dry in the central counties and seasons good in the west.

LOCAL BANKS TO ASSIST BOYS AND GIRLS

To stimulate the raising of thoroughbred pigs and pure bred poultry the banks of Marion have worked out a plan whereby boys and girls who need financial aid can borrow money to enable them to purchase purebred pigs and settings of eggs.

The object is to stimulate the production of only thoroughbred animals of the farms. Scrub pigs and scrub chickens are unprofitable. If the people of McDowell can get into the habit of raising only the best breed of farm animals it will mean more money and more profits to the farmers. McDowell is well adapted to the raising of pigs and chickens. County Agent Smarr is much interested in the scheme as outlined by the Marion banks and offers his services in any way that he can be of help.

DAUGHTER BORN.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jamison, of Hampton, Va., formerly of Marion, announce the birth of a daughter.

SPECIAL TAXES LEVIED FOR VARIOUS TOWNSHIPS

At the regular meeting of the board of county commissioners on the first of the month the general tax rate for the county and the special tax rates for the various townships and districts were made, the general county levy being 90 cents, divided as follows:

General county	.....	\$ .15
Road purposes	.....	.04
Road bonds	.....	.15
Interests on bonds	.....	.07
School purposes	.....	.43
Court house bonds	.....	.06

Total rate ----- \$.90

Various townships have special taxes to pay, the rate for special purposes in the respective townships being as follows:

Marion: For road bonds, 4c; for road maintenance, 11c; total (including general county levy) \$1.05.
Old Fort: For road bonds, 4c; for road maintenance, 5c; total 95c.

Nebo: For road bonds, 5c; for road maintenance, 3c; total 98c.

Dysartsville: For road bonds, 20c; for road maintenance, 20c; total \$1.30.

Crooked Creek: For road bonds, 20c; for road maintenance, 20c; total \$1.30.

Broad River: For road bonds, 20c; for road maintenance, 20c; total \$1.30.

Montfords Cove: For road bonds, 20c; for road maintenance, 20c; total \$1.30.

North Cove: For road bonds, 10c; for road maintenance, 12c; total \$1.12.

Higgins: For road bonds, 15c; for road maintenance, 15c; total \$1.20.

Brackets: For road bonds, 20c; for road maintenance, 10c; total \$1.20.

Glenwood: For road bonds, 10c; for road maintenance, 10c; total \$1.10.

Following are the special school taxes for various school districts, in addition to which each district will have a poll tax equivalent to three times the ad valorem tax rate of that district:

North Cove Township—District No. 4, 10c; No. 5, 15c; Nos. 6 and 6 1-2, 10c; No. 7, 10c.

Montfords Cove—No. 2, 15c.

Marion—No. 2, 10c; No. 3, 30c; No. 4, 20c; No. 5, 25c; No. 8, 20c; No. 8 1-2, 20c; No. 9, 8c; No. 10, 20c.

Old Fort—No. 1, 15c; No. 2, 15c; No. 3, 42c; Nos. 5 and 5 1-2, 10c; No. 7, 20c.

Dysartsville—No. 1, 20c; No. 2, 20c; No. 3, 20c.

Glenwood—No. 1, 35c.

Crooked Creek—No. 1, 20c.

Nebo—No. 1, 30c; No. 2, 20c; No. 3, 30c.

Brackets—Nos. 1 and 2, 10c.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN SOUTH.

Nine months from Sept., 1921 to May, 1922, inclusive

Covering buildings completed or in process of erection costing \$10,000 or more each. Based on the Manufacturers Record, June 29, 1922.	Rank	State	Total Cost	No. Bldgs.
1 N. Carolina	\$11,998,453	107		
2 Missouri	10,141,800	60		
3 Texas	10,016,450	113		
4 Georgia	9,968,715	41		
5 Maryland	9,216,000	24		
6 Oklahoma	5,362,480	40		
7 Virginia	4,124,837	48		
8 Louisiana	3,836,690	37		
9 Tennessee	3,349,632	49		
10 Alabama	3,144,750	38		
11 Florida	2,966,400	35		
12 Kentucky	2,773,711	36		
13 S. Carolina	2,138,730	47		
14 Mississippi	1,726,300	29		
15 Arkansas	307,500	9		

MINISTER FINDS GOLD IN NORTH CAROLINA HILLS

Asheville, Aug. 10.—Lured to the mountains of western North Carolina the climate and scenic beauty, Rev. Dr. J. O. Coggings, pastor of the Central Christian church, of Augusta, Ga., has found attractions in the native hills, and gold is the leader. While there are as yet no indications as to whether gold, in commercial quantities, will be found on the fifty acre tract of land owned by the Georgia minister, located within a half mile of Black Mountain, the prospects are considered bright in view of the quality of the "free gold" found on the surface of the land by the minister. Rev. Dr. Coggings is also in possession of a large nugget, weight six dollars, which was also found on the property by a mountaineer.

S. S. CONVENTION SEPT. 7-8

McDowell Convention to Be Held in the Presbyterian Church at Greenlee.

The McDowell County Sunday School convention will meet this year in the Siloam Presbyterian Church, near Greenlee, on Thursday and Friday, September 7-8.

Four sessions of the convention have been arranged. The opening session will be held at 7:30 on Thursday night, September 7th. Three sessions will be held on Friday, August 8th, morning, afternoon and night.

In addition to several local Sunday School workers who will participate on the program, Mr. D. W. Sims, general superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, and Miss Daisy Magee, field worker for the North Carolina Sunday School Association, will also speak at various sessions. Practical methods for making the Sunday School more efficient will be discussed.

Sunday School workers of all denominations are invited and urged to attend all sessions of the convention. It is hoped by the officers of the county association that Sunday Schools from every township in the county will be represented.

The officers of the McDowell County Sunday School Association under whose auspices the convention is being arranged, are expecting that this convention will be even better than the one last year. The county officers are: Mr. W. R. Chambers, president; Prof. T. A. Holton, secretary, and Mr. Geo. A. Banner, vice-president.

Associated with the county and township officers in arranging for the convention is the following local committee: Mrs. T. L. Tate, chairman; Miss Hattie Browning, Miss Lola Allison, Mrs. Elizabeth Yorke, and Mrs. W. H. Greenlee.

MANUFACTURES FOR STATE AND COUNTY

McDowell County has 38 manufacturing establishments and 1,811 wage earners, according to the 1919 report of the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, Washington.

In the entire state of North Carolina there are 5,999 manufactures, the census report states, and 459,659 wage earners.

Other figures given in this report for McDowell county are as follows: Rent and taxes on manufactures, \$509,370, against \$22,929,995 for the state; cost of materials, \$5,632,155, against \$526,906,181 for the state; value of products, \$9,072,579, against \$943,897,940 for the state; value added by manufacture, \$3,440,424, against \$416,901,768 for the state; primary horse-power, 7,672, against 549,878 for the state.

CAROLINA VETERANS MEET IN ASHEVILLE

Asheville, Aug. 10.—For the first time in a score of years, Asheville will be host to the United Confederate Veterans of North Carolina in September.

Aged, bent veterans of Tarheelia, who for long years in the sixties, half starved and weary from the fray, followed the Stars and Bars, and have watched the southland increase in wealth many folds since the surrender at Appomattox, will come to "The Land of the Sky" more than a half thousand strong.

THOMASVILLE BANKER IS FOUND NOT GUILTY

Lexington, Aug. 10.—E. T. Lambeth, president of the Peoples Bank of Thomasville when it failed on May 10, 1921, was found not guilty late today by a jury which remained out with the case for six hours. Lambeth was tried on a charge of discounting an alleged worthless note and receiving deposits for the bank when insolvent.

REV. DR. ABERNETHY BECOMES EVANGELIST

Asheville, Aug. 10.—Rev. Dr. Arthur Talmage Abernethy, pastor of the First Christian church, will sever his connections with the local church October 15 and enter the evangelistic field. He is at present engaged in building a home near Connelly Springs.