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CORNERSTONE SERVICE HELD ON SATURDAY

Masons, in Impressive Ceremony, Dedicate Cornerstone to New Court House.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina A. F. and A. M., convened in special communication in the Hall of the Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 237, here last Saturday. The special communication was called for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the new, two hundred thousand dollar court house of McDowell County.

Following Grand Lodge officers were present:

Dr. Hubert M. Potat of Wake Forest, Grandmaster; J. W. Winborne, Deputy Grandmaster, Marion; O. F. Adkins, Senior Grand Warden, Marion; W. F. Randolph, Junior Grand Warden, Asheville; Thomas Morris as Grand Treasurer, Marion; C. T. McClenagan as Grand Secretary, Raleigh; Rev. Albert New, Grand Chaplain, Waynesville; J. C. Story as Grand Lecturer, of Marion; E. G. Stillwell as Grand Architect, Hendersonville; H. F. Little as Senior Grand Deacon, Marion; B. P. Davis as Junior Deacon, Marion; P. D. Sinclair as Grand Marshal, Marion; G. W. Crawford as Grand Sword Bearer, Marion; Rev. J. T. Bowden as Grand Pursuivant, Marion; B. L. McKelvey of Marion and C. M. Gilbert of Old Fort as Grand Stewards; W. D. Terry, of Raleigh, Grand Tiler. The crypt that was placed in the cornerstone contained seventy-five articles of historical interest.

The exercises, which were the most impressive ever witnessed in Marion, were carefully planned by local Masons and carried out without a hitch. The program began when the members of Mystic Tie No. 237, A. F. and A. M. formed in a body at the Masonic hall, followed by the Clinchfield band and marched to the court house square, where they were joined by other fraternal orders and local organizations.

The town was crowded with visitors from various other towns and from the entire county. The officers and Masons assembled on the court house foundation, where Mr. Hubert M. Potat, as Grandmaster, opened the exercises with a brief statement as to the purpose of the day, followed by a Masonic building test, according to Masonic traditions, by the Grand Lodge officials. The cornerstone was found to be plumb, square and level. Mr. E. E. English, a member of the Board of County Commissioners, accepted the building on behalf of the authorities.

In making preparation for this great day the local Masons did themselves great credit. Committees of entertainment, finance, music and crypt were appointed, who looked after every detail of the cornerstone laying. Mr. Hugh F. Little was chairman of the committee on entertainment, assisted by J. L. Morgan, J. W. Pless, Sr., D. E. Hudgins, J. Quince Gilkey, A. F. Hunt and others. A luncheon was given at the Marianna Hotel for the Grand Lodge officers, which was arranged by the committee on entertainment, and was much enjoyed by those present. The Mystic Tie quartette composed of J. W. Pless, Jr., F. B. Gwin, H. H. Tate and L. W. Erwin entertained with beautiful and appropriate music at the luncheon.

The finance committee, of which Mr. C. F. James was chairman, ably looked after the various items of expense which were necessary in order to make provision for the day's program.

The musical part of the program was greatly enjoyed by the large crowd present at the exercises. Mr. J. Will Pless, Jr. was chairman of this committee, with the able assistance of F. B. Gwin, John M. Caldwell and others. Mrs. D. F. Giles directed the musical program and Miss Julia Burton was pianist.

The crypt committee was composed of Thomas Morris, chairman, assisted by Prof. T. A. Holton, Rev. J. T. Bowden, G. W. Crawford, Rev. J. C. Story and others.

While everyone connected with the exercises added something to the success of the day, Dr. P. D. Sinclair is deserving of special mention. It was by reason of his untiring energy

and ability as an organizer that the day's program was a success in every detail. Dr. Sinclair left no stone unturned and saw to it that every arrangement necessary was made and carried out according to plan.

After the ceremony at the cornerstone by the Grand Lodge as many of the large crowd as could find room repaired to the auditorium of the old court house, where the address of the occasion was delivered by Hon. O. Max Gardner, of Shelby. Mr. Gardner was received with much applause and lost no time in coming to his subject, of which "Justice" was the keynote. Mr. Gardner emphasized the fact that this era is the greatest in the world's history. In its long struggle Mr. Gardner showed how justice has been the predominating note. He told how men, people and nations differ in opinions, but that their purpose has always been, in the main, toward liberty, justice and righteousness. Mr. Gardner touched lightly on the present-day unrest, emphasizing the importance of preserving the fundamental principles on which all permanent society must rest—law and order. He appealed to every loyal citizen to stand by the government and to uphold the hands of the officials. He denounced as dangerous many of the present-day "isms" and admonished his audience that while today is a progressive one, yet it is important not to tear down old structures until better ones can be devised.

The new court house for McDowell County was started after the old one had become inadequate and had been condemned by various courts and grand juries for the past several years. A new court house became mandatory and is now being built in response to the various mandates that have been given by the grand juries and judges to the officials to provide a court house where the people of the county may come to transact their business with convenience and comfort. It is being built at the outlay of considerable expenditure but it should be the pride of every citizen of the county. The building is to be a handsome and adequate one and will mean much to future generations, as well as to the present.

Articles Placed in the Crypt.

Holy Bible.
An act to lay off and establish a County by the name of McDowell, Chapter 10 Laws 1842-3.

Copy Grant 4085, dated December 14th, 1820, to John Carson, embracing land out of which the county seat, Marion was selected.

Copy deed from Jonathon L. Carson to William Murphy, chairman of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of McDowell County, dated May 17th, 1843, for sixty-three acres and seventy-three poles of land for "seat of justice" town of Marion.

Reminiscences of G. W. Crawford as to historical matters in McDowell County.

List of County Highway and Township Road Commissioners, 1922.

Roster of McDowell County Officers, 1920-22.

List of members of McDowell County Board of Education, School District Committee, Teachers and teachers' salary schedule 1922.

An act to incorporate the town of Glenwood in McDowell County, Private Laws 1909 and amendments thereto.

List of officials of town of Glenwood from incorporation to 1922.

Census of town of Glenwood, August 18th, 1922.

An act to incorporate the Town of Nebo in McDowell County, Private Laws 1909 and amendments thereto.

Roster of officers and members of Mystic Tie Lodge No. 237, A. F. & A. M., Marion, N. C., for years 1865, 1868, 1869 and 1884 and Past Masters from 1885 to 1922.

Roster of officers and members of Mystic Tie Lodge No. 237 for the year 1922.

Roster of Past Masters and members of Joppa Lodge No. 401, A. F. & A. M., Old Fort, N. C., for the year 1922.

Cotton Manufacturing Industry record in McDowell County, 1922.

Roster of 19th Company N. C. R. M., stationed at Marion, 1914-1921.

Rules and Covenant and Official Board, First Baptist Church, Marion, N. C., 1922.

Minutes Green River Baptist Association, 1921.

Biblical Recorder, August 16th, 1922.

Paper by Rev. J. C. Story relative to Presbyterian Church in McDowell

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM OVER McDOWELL COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Aug. 22.—B. K. Ogden has returned to Washington, D. C., after spending two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Strickland.

Miss Nannie Nichols, who is teaching at Sugar Hill, spent the week-end with homefolks.

Miss Ida Mackey of Asheville spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mackey, at Greenville.

Thaddeus Bradley is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Geo. Lee, in Asheville.

George Marshall has gone to High Point on a business trip.

R. J. Noyes made a business trip to Hickory Monday.

Miss Bonnie Mae Fortune spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Several Masons went to Marion last Saturday to attend the laying of the cornerstone of the new court house.

John and Allie Stepp, Clyde and Paul McCannless, Clyde and Kimball Miller, Grady Nichols and W. L. Dalton left yesterday for Mount Mitchell.

Mrs. D. A. Silver and children are spending the week with Mrs. J. L. Nichols.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grant and children spent Tuesday on Mount Mitchell.

Eugene Buckley left Tuesday for Marshville, N. C.

CROOKED CREEK.

Old Fort, Rt. 2, Aug. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gilliam and children of Gastonia are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davis of Asheville spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hoyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Silvers of Old Fort visited the latter's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Nobitt, Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Searcy of Asheville was the guest of Miss Hattie Gilbert Saturday night.

Miss Marie Owensby of New York City visited Mrs. O. A. Davis last week on her way to Broad River to visit relatives.

Mrs. Mattie Davis of Bald Mountain visited O. A. Davis last week.

Clarence Kanipe of Stroudtown spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Allie Lavender.

John Ross is progressing rapidly with the building of his new house.

D. L. Roberson is on the sick list.

The memorial services at Bethel and Cherry Springs Saturday was attended by a large crowd. William Gilliam, Mr. Moffitt and others made short talks after which Rev. W. L. Dawson, Jr., the pastor at Bethel, made an interesting and eloquent address appropriate to the occasion.

The graves were decorated, dinner was spread and enjoyed by all. In the afternoon Rev. C. P. Holland, pastor at Cherry Springs, filled his regular appointment and preached a stirring sermon to a large audience.

Misses Edna and Pauline Erwin of Henrietta are visiting their sister, Mrs. A. W. Lavender.

Claud M. Erwin of Raleigh, on a motoring trip to Asheville and Waynesville, spent Tuesday with relatives here.

FAIRVIEW

Nebo, Rt. 1, Aug. 21.—The box supper here Saturday night was a success. The sum of \$36.45 was realized.

Little Billy Wood of Marion spent the week-end with Boyd Jamison.

School will close here Friday, the 25th, for fodder pulling.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Holland was in Marion Monday on business.

A crowd of young folks enjoyed a singing given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Simmons Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jamison were visitors in Marion Monday.

Miss Rose Campiche, who is teaching at Fairview school, was in Marion Tuesday afternoon.

George Holland, who has been seriously ill, is improving.

Miss Edna Fender, who has been visiting Mrs. Fender, left for her home in Madison Sunday afternoon.

Walter Bailey and Dave Dobson were in Marion Monday.

NEBO

Nebo, Aug. 21.—R. L. Padgett, J. C. Mason and R. V. McGimsey made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

Guy Dobson of Greenlee spent the week-end with Watson Wilson.

Miss Sudie Alexander of Marion spent the week-end with her mother here.

Miss Helen Wilson spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Miss Lonnie Snipes was shopping in Marion one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Austin of Morganton have returned home after spending some time here with friends.

A revival is now in progress at the Baptist church conducted by Rev. Lacy, assisted by Mr. Buclio as choir leader.

LAUREL HILL

Nebo, Rt. 1, Aug. 22.—Quite a number of folks from this community attended the laying of the cornerstone for the new court house at Marion last Saturday.

J. M. and N. K. Walker made a business trip to Forest City one day last week.

Jake Price of Kings Mountain is spending a few days here with homefolks.

Miss Annie Whitener is visiting relatives in Rutherfordton this week.

Miss Cassie Burgin spent the week-end with homefolks near Old Fort.

Ossie Price of Cliffside visited friends and relatives here last week.

Miss Bess Cowan of Rutherfordton spent a few days here recently visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ellington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Foster visited in Clinchfield last Sunday.

Miss Lela Price has gone to Marion where she has accepted a position.

J. M. Houck of Marion, while on a business trip to this community last week, had the misfortune of being thrown from his mule and sustaining some very painful injuries, but we hope not serious.

Jesse Price and sister, Miss Biddie; Misses Mattie and Beatrice Walker and Alton Whitener visited friends in Marion last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whitener and family of Ruth visited relatives in this neighborhood last week.

MAKING MILEPOSTS

TELL THE TRUTH

Raleigh Times.

Whose job it would be to level the lying signposts that cause such annoyance to travelers on the highways of North Carolina is not clear; but somebody ought to attend to it. If the highway commission hasn't the authority, it can easily get it by applying to the legislature, which has prohibited the advertising signs resembling the danger signal for a railroad crossing.

There probably isn't a road in North Carolina leading anywhere that isn't literally covered with misleading mileposts. The enterprising (?) merchants who stick them up are, like the guy who named neither, poor judges of distance. Within a mile there are often two or three mileposts in disagreement as to the number of miles to the town which the wayfarer hopes he is approaching. It goes without saying that the traveler has no way of deciding which post, if any, tells the truth.

It might be well enough on the highways which are a part of the state system to put up honest-to-goodness mileposts. It certainly is in order to pull up and throw away the unofficial annoying posts down in the most prominent vacant places that could be found for them.

BOX SUPPERS.

There will be an ice cream supper at Greenlee school house Friday night, August 25. Everybody invited.

A box supper and ice cream social will be given at the Bethlehem school house Friday night, Aug. 25. The public is cordially invited to attend and boost for Bethlehem.

There will be a box supper at Ashford school house Saturday evening at 7:30. Everybody invited.

M'DOWELL RAISED \$1,750 FOR NEAR EAST RELIEF

McDowell County raised \$1,751.55 for Near East Relief this year, and went 24 per cent over its quota, according to announcement from Raleigh by Col. Geo. H. Bellamy, State chairman. McDowell stood seventeenth in the list of counties in North Carolina in amounts raised.

Mrs. D. F. Giles of Marion was chairman for McDowell county and her work was highly commended by Col. Bellamy in his annual report which has just been issued. McDowell was the first county in North Carolina to raise its quota this year.

Though called upon to feed and clothe only twenty-three, McDowell's contribution will take care of twenty-nine, thus providing for some of the children which other counties should have taken care of but failed to do.

In thanking his chairmen and workers and the people who contributed this money, Col. Bellamy called attention to the fact that it will be necessary to put on a similar campaign this fiscal year, because the Great Powers of the World are allowing the Turks to continue their massacres in Armenia and destruction of all crops, homes and industries.

"There have been twenty-two separate massacres since the Armistice," declared Col. Bellamy, "which makes it impossible for these people to be self-supporting until France, England and Italy relinquish their protectorate over Turkey in their mad scramble for the Mohammedan calico trade.

"The recent British refusal to allow the Greek army to stop massacres of its own people was one of the most astounding and sordid chapters in history, and until such conditions as this disappear and England becomes a Christian nation, the American people are the only thing that stand between Armenia and the entire starvation of its outstanding population."

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

MEET AT GREENLEE SEPT. 7

Sunday School workers of McDowell county will hold annual county convention with the Siloam Presbyterian church, near Greenlee, on Thursday and Friday, September 7th and 8th. Night session will be held on Thursday, September 7th, and morning, afternoon and night sessions on Friday, September 8th. Sunday School workers of all denominations are urged to attend.

Mr. D. W. Sims, General Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, will speak at each session of the convention. Mr. Sims has had many years of practical experience as a Sunday School teacher, Sunday school superintendent, and State Sunday school superintendent. Miss Daisy Magee, of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, who will also speak several times during the convention, is said to be a very attractive speaker.

Members of the local committee on arrangements are: Mrs. T. L. Tate, chairman, Miss Hattie Bradley, Miss Lola Allison, Miss Annie Wells, Mrs. Elizabeth York, Mrs. W. H. Greenlee, Miss Ola Walls.

Associated with Mr. W. R. Chambers, president; Mr. Geo. A. Banner, vice-president, and Prof. T. A. Holton, secretary of the McDowell county Sunday school association, are the following township presidents: Mrs. E. H. Dysart, R. F. Hughes, Newton Buchanan, W. M. Wilson, Van Brown Joe Padgett, C. P. Holland, Bratcher Landis, Geo. W. Conley, Miles Flack.

The McDowell County Sunday School Association is an auxiliary to the North Carolina Sunday School Association which is the co-operative effort of Sunday School workers of the evangelical denominations to extend and improve Sunday school work in North Carolina. The organization stands for those interests common to all Sunday school workers. It strives to help by way of suggestion, not by authority; therefore it helps many, it hinders none. It seeks helpful co-operation, not union. Its conventions and institutes discuss methods of work, not church doctrines. All meetings held under the auspices of the association are free and open to all who will attend. In territories where there are no Sunday schools the association does not suggest the organization of union Sunday schools, but urges the organization of denominational Sunday schools of the denomination preferred by the people in the community.

MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR COUNTY FAIR

Location Secured for Holding McDowell Fair October 10-13; Fair Notes.

The committee appointed to secure a location for the County fair ground has reported that the city block located between the swimming pool and the residence of Mr. Eugene Cross can be made a fine place for holding the fair. This property belongs to the city. Grading and beautifying it will be begun at an early date and by October 10th, McDowell County will have its own fair and play ground. The location is in the heart of the city and will be an unusually convenient place for everybody.

Mr. Exhibitor, if you will look over that \$600 premium list and decide what amount of money you want it will be easy for you to get it, if you make early preparations. The cash is worth your effort besides the advertising that will come to you because of the premiums you take.

We wonder who will get that \$12.00 for the best exhibit of canned fruits, jellies, and vegetables. It is a sure guess that the lady who gives more careful preparation to her exhibit will get first premium.

Lawrence D. Green, the Jeweler, will have a Radio concert receiving station on the fair ground. This attraction will be interesting indeed to every fair visitor.

The directors of the Live Stock department have included a premium of \$6.00 for the best pair of draft horses shown at the fair.

The Carolina Hardware Company will have an exhibit on the fair ground that will have real movement and go to it.

One lady says there will be no battenburg lace on exhibit at the fair; another lady says there will be. So there you are. We will wait and see.

Mrs. Maggie Jones of Nebo will have her spinning wheel at the fair and will operate it herself just as it was operated 50 year ago. This novelty will no doubt attract much attention.

The most beautiful fancy quilt in McDowell county will be shown at the fair; it will get a cash premium and a blue ribbon.

Judging from the entries that are being made the live stock exhibit will be a credit to McDowell county. Special preparation will be made to house the live stock in as attractive stalls as possible.

J. Q. Gilkey, chief marshal of the fair, hopes to be able to announce his list of marshals next week. These appointments must be made early that uniforms and regalia can be ordered in time for the marshals to use them in their special parade.

The order for the decorations which will be used in making the town attractive during fair week will be placed next week. Plans are being made to dress Marion up in her best dress during fair week.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will have two booths on the fair ground. One will be a novelty booth that will attract much attention. The other will be a booth where the innerman can be satisfied.

Watch this column for Fair news every week.

GLENWOOD HAS PROPERTY VALUATION OF \$239,789

There was a slight decrease in property valuation in Glenwood township this year, according to the returns of the tax assessor for 1922. The township has an aggregate value of real and personal property of \$239,789, as compared with \$251,123 last year. Solvent credits are given this year at \$3,418. Last year net solvent credits were listed at \$28,390. Twenty-five horses in the township this year have a valuation of \$1,485. Last year 33 horses were valued at \$2,120. The 77 mules listed this year are given a valuation of \$6,040. Last year 68 mules were listed at \$5,345.

The ice cream and box supper at Siloam school house last Saturday was quite a success. Sixty-two dollars was made. This will be used to purchase desks for the school.

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