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M'DOWELL FAIR IN FULL SWING

Had Successful Opening on Tuesday; Large Attendance and Good Exhibits; Big Parade Yesterday.

The McDowell County Fair now in progress is proving to be a great success. In fact had it come to a close at the end of the second day it would have been the greatest event ever held in McDowell county.

The first day, Tuesday, brought a good crowd to Marion. Tuesday night the attendance was good. Wednesday brought people from every section of McDowell county. The day was fine and the fair ground were in good shape. The program of Wednesday began with a large parade starting at the lower end of Main street and extending practically all the way to the fair grounds. The many industries and enterprises were well represented in the parade. At 11 o'clock Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, president of the State Fair Association, spoke to the largest crowd ever assembled in Marion. Mrs. Vanderbilt spoke interestingly for several minutes. The large crowd was much impressed with Mrs. Vanderbilt's speech.

The exhibits are proving of much interest to the throngs of people who visit the fair grounds. All are products of McDowell county.

Mr. D. F. Giles, secretary and treasurer, has done a great piece of work and has received many congratulations for the able manner in which he has pushed the fair to a great success.

The program for Thursday and Friday follows:

Thursday, October 12th.
8:30 a. m. Gates to fair ground open.
9:30 a. m. Brass band concert.
10:00 a. m. String band concert.
10:30 a. m. Fiddlers and Banjo pickers convention open.
11:00 a. m. Mid-way shows give morning performance.
12:00 noon. Everybody swing and change.
2:00 p. m. All shows open for afternoon performance.
4:00 p. m. Announcement of prizes for fiddlers and banjo pickers.
4:30 p. m. Free attractions.
7:00 p. m. The minuet on the pavilion.
7:30 p. m. Night shows open.
10:45 p. m. Gates to the fair ground closed.

Friday, October 13th.
9:00 a. m. Gates to fair ground open.
9:30 a. m. Brass band concert.
10:00 a. m. Shows give morning performance.
11:00 a. m. Announcement of all premiums and awards.
2:00 p. m. Shows and concessions.
4:00 p. m. Exhibits moved.
7:30 p. m. Grand assemble.
8:00 p. m. Marshals give grand promenade and crown the queens.

COLORED PEOPLE END AGRICULTURAL FAIR

Asheville Citizen, 8th.
Eighth annual exhibition given by the Colored People of Western North Carolina was brought to a successful close last night. The exhibits on display at Oates Park, were the largest in the history of the association.

To the colored farmers of Rutherford county went the first prize for truck products, while Buncombe came second and McDowell third. Exhibits were on display from nine counties. Lower Swannanoa was awarded the first prize for the rural school exhibits. In the fancy school work contest, McDowell County school, Old Fort, gained all honors.

Sweet potatoes weighing one to six pounds, were shown as well as many stalks of fine corn. For the best molasses, Rutherford came first and Buncombe second.

Plans are now on foot to incorporate the fair association and purchase grounds to hold the annual event on. The last week in September of 1923 has been set aside for the next exhibition.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

There will be a pie supper and Halloween social at the Oakdale school house on Saturday night, Oct. 28. Proceeds to be used for school. Everyone cordially invited.

J. L. PADGETT OF NEBO DIES; FUNERAL HERE THURSDAY

Mr. Jos. L. Padgett, prominent citizen of Nebo, died Wednesday at Asheville at the Mission hospital, after a lingering illness. Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Padgett's health had been in a rather precarious condition for some time, his death came as a shock to his many friends and relatives throughout McDowell county.

The remains were brought to Marion Thursday morning and the funeral was conducted at the Baptist church by Rev. J. M. Brown and Rev. J. T. Bowden. Interment was made at Oak Grove cemetery.

The deceased was about 62 years of age. He was born and reared in McDowell county. For a number of years he had been engaged in business at Nebo, where he was held in very high esteem.

Mr. Padgett was one of the best citizens of McDowell county. His influence was always for anything that meant for the betterment of his community. He was active in his home church at Nebo, being one of the deacons of the Baptist church at that place. For a number of years he was a member of the county board of education and did everything in his power for the elevation and up-building of the public school system of the county. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and lived up to his obligations in every respect.

Beside a host of friends Mr. Padgett is survived by a wife and five children, as follows: Mrs. Homer Beaman, Mrs. Ernest Beaman, Everett, Boynie and Joe Padgett.

Many expressions of sympathy for the sorrowing family have been heard in all circles, and the sympathy of many friends is extended to the bereaved family in their great hour of affliction.

NUMBER OF FIRE WARDENS IN COUNTY INCREASED

With the drought in western North Carolina bringing on an early fall of leaves thus advancing the danger season in forest areas, the school of instruction for fire wardens in Caldwell and McDowell counties was a timely one. C. H. Burrage, district fire warden of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey, believes.

Mr. Burrage spent a few days last week in McDowell and Caldwell counties getting the wardens lined up for the danger season.

Three new wardens were added in McDowell county. These were H. H. Tate, mayor of Marion; A. B. Burgin and W. J. Porter. In McDowell county, which is co-operating with the state in raising forest protection funds, there are 10 wardens, including the three recently added. These are Robert A. Brinkley, Dewey G. Brown, Charles M. Hemphill, Ransom C. Nanney, M. R. Nanney, George F. Rhom, J. L. Waters, H. H. Tate, A. B. Burgin and W. J. Porter.

C. D. ELLIOTT DIES AFTER PROTRACTED ILLNESS

Mr. Champ D. Elliott, a well known citizen of this place, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mills Hendley, in Marion last Friday, the 6th, after a protracted illness. Mr. Elliott was 68 years of age on the date of his death. The deceased is survived by nine children: Mrs. R. L. Yount of Rocky Mount, Mrs. S. E. Cline of Claremont, Crosswell Elliott of California, Harvey Elliott of Kentucky, Mrs. Geo. Turner of Virginia; Mrs. Mills Hendley, Will, Ben and Frank Elliott of this place.

The funeral services were conducted from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Mills Hendley Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. J. P. Hipps and interment made in Oak Grove cemetery.

GEO. W. HYAMS NOMINATED FOR COUNTY TREASURER

The vacancy on the Republican ticket due to the resignation of Frank Elliott as candidate for county treasurer has been filled, according to an announcement of W. R. Chambers, chairman of the county Republican Executive committee, by the nomination of Geo. W. Hyams of Old Fort. Mr. Hyams, the new nominee for county treasurer on the Republican ticket, is well known in McDowell county and has a wide circle of friends.

The alumni of the University of North Carolina will hold a smoker at the Marianna Hotel, tonight at 7:00. All Carolina men are invited to be there.

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, Oct. 9.—Quite a number of Old Fort boys attended the Older Boy's conference at Morganton. The conference lasted from Friday until Monday. The boys enjoyed it very much and think that the conference has accomplished a great deal of good. Those attending were: William Trevorton, Bernard Tate, Franz Strickland, Clifford Nesbitt, Charlie Stirewalt, Fred Grant, John Steppe, Findley Fortune, Royce McDaniel, Edgar Hensley, Ralph Harris, Garnet White, Birch Allison, Garland Steppe, Bernard Steppe, Paul Hughes, Charlie Canon. In the Field Day exercises at the conference the following Old Fort boys were successful: Fred Grant won the fifty yard dash. John Steppe won the baseball throw. Fred Grant, Charlie Canon, Franz Strickland, John Steppe, won the relay race.

Quite a number of people from Old Fort went to Mt. Mitchell Sunday.

Miss May Jordan gave an ice cream supper at Siloam Saturday night which was enjoyed by all present. The rain prevented many from attending. The proceeds went to the school.

Mrs. Lee Jordan and children spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Jordan's parents, near Greenlee.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Graybeal, who were married recently, have taken rooms at the Roughton house.

Two U. S. Forestry service men, Yomell and Denman, of Asheville, were in Old Fort some-time last week.

Mrs. Chas. Dunn left Sunday for a visit to relatives.

Charlie Horton of New York will spend the winter in Old Fort. Mr. Horton is connected with the tannery.

The graded school honor roll for the month of September follows: 1st B—Ruby Arrington, Mary Allison, Royce Burgin, Pauline Gosorn, Myrtle Harvey, Agnes Noblitt, Billy Nesbitt, J. C. Silver, Jr., Garland Williams. 3rd grade—Emmett Burgin, Horace Dover, Lytle Steppe, Lucy Allison, John Rickman, John Robinson, Selma Finch, Daisy Gibson, Evelyn Gilliam, Beatrice Freeman, Julia Padgett, Hazel Swann. 4th grade—Sallie Mae Owenby. 5th grade—Elaine Mashburn, Carolyn McIntosh, Eunice Wilkerson, Wilbert Danner, Francis Mauney. 6th grade—Aaby Robinson, Elizabeth Strickland. 7th grade—Allie Steppe, Blanche Lewis. 8th grade—Josephine Luedey. 9th grade—Dennis Haynes, Myrtle Lytle, Rosa Turner. 10th grade—Pearl Turner, Janie Parker. 11th grade—Elizabeth Sherrill, Estelle Lavender, Lizzie Lindley, Sallie Epley, William Trevorton.

NEBO

Nebo, Oct. 6.—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Pless Gray died Thursday after several weeks of sickness.

Carl Morrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Morrow, was killed by a train in Virginia during the week.

Mrs. H. F. Teague was called to Hickory last Friday on account of the death of her father, J. B. Beard.

Mrs. H. M. Wellman and children of Weaverville are visiting the former parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilson.

Miss Ella Wilson of Iowa is visiting her father, Tom Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Becton of Virginia are visiting relatives here.

Nebo, Oct. 10.—J. L. Padgett of this place died at the Asheville hospital last Wednesday and was buried Thursday in Oak Grove cemetery at Marion.

Carl Morrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Morrow, was buried at the Nebo cemetery last Wednesday.

Walter Graham had a serious accident near Clincheross last week. His friends will be glad to know that he is rapidly recovering from the injuries he received.

The Ladies' Aid Society gave an ice cream supper here Saturday night, which proved very successful. The amount raised was \$23.00 which will go for the benefit of the Methodist parsonage.

The people are asked to come to the church here next Saturday morning for the purpose of cleaning off

the cemetery. Everybody is invited to come. Dinner on the ground.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, Oct. 10.—Misses Hat-tie and Maggie Taylor of Nebo spent the week-end with relatives here.

W. A. Carswell and son Ralph were in Marion on business Thursday.

J. C. Goforth was in Marion last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will England of Gilkey were visitors here the first of the week.

Miss Frances Carswell left last Friday to attend school in Glen Alpine.

Misses Lona and Mamie Goforth of Clinchfield were visitors here the last of the week.

Miss Elsie Daves is visiting relatives in Marion this week.

R. L. Cowan of Marion was here Sunday.

Misses Ethel and Daphne Spratt of Marion spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Carswell were in Glen Alpine Friday.

McKinley Hutchins of Spindale was a visitor here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Landis and brother, Edwin, were visitors here Sunday.

Miss Mary Alice Laughridge of Marion spent the week-end with friends and relatives here.

A number of people attended the birthday dinner at George Spratt's Sunday.

CURFEW

Old Fort, Star Route, Oct. 9.—Mrs. R. D. Parker has been right sick for the past week.

Bruce Brown and son, Charlie, Mr. Berry and Willie Jones, all of Spartanburg, S. C., are visiting Jethro Parker, who has been right sick.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reel and children visited relatives on Crooked Creek Sunday.

W. W. Parker made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Morgan visited Grayson Pendergrass near Greenlee last Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. Gibson spent the week-end in Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Parker and children of Marion were the guests of J. M. Gibson Sunday.

Elisha Gibson has returned home from a visit in Caldwell county.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES BEGIN CANVASS OCT. 14

A full schedule of appointments for the democratic candidates has been worked out. Dr. Kirby, Democratic Chairman, expects to have the candidates speak in every precinct in the county. A full list of speaking engagements by the democratic candidates is as follows:

Broad River, Saturday, Oct. 14, 3 p. m.

Montford's Cove, Tuesday, Oct. 17, 7:30 p. m.

Buck Creek, Garden City, Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7:30 p. m.

Brackets, Vein Mountain, Thursday, Oct. 19, 7:30 p. m.

Marion Mill, Saturday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p. m.

Cedar Cove, Ashford, Monday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p. m.

Turkey Cove, Sevier, Tuesday, Oct. 24, 7:30 p. m.

North Cove, Pitts, Tuesday, Oct. 24, 3 p. m.

Higgins, Wednesday, Oct. 25, 7:30 p. m.

Crooked Creek, Friday, Oct. 27, 7:30 p. m.

Clinchfield Mill, Saturday, Oct. 28, 7:30 p. m.

Glenwood, Monday, Oct. 30, 7:30 p. m.

Old Fort, Tuesday, Oct. 31, 7:30 p. m.

Nebo, Wednesday, Nov. 1, 7:30 p. m.

Dysartsville, Thursday, Nov. 2, 7:30 p. m.

Marion, Saturday, Nov. 4, 7:30 p. m.

The annual production of radium during the last five years has averaged 35 grams, at approximately \$120,000 a gram.

GALLERT, WEAVER AND COX TO SPEAK IN MARION

Hon. Solomon Gallert, of Rutherfordton, will open the campaign in McDowell county on Oct. 14th, when he is scheduled to speak at the court house at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. Gallert has been active in democratic politics for many years. He is an able speaker, and it is expected that a large crowd will hear him discuss the issues of the day on the above date.

On October 20th Hon. Zebulon Weaver, Congressman from this district, will speak at the Clinchfield school auditorium. Congressman Weaver promises a lively discussion of the issues in the present campaign. The public is invited to hear him on the above date and place.

Col. Albert Cox, of Raleigh, who is well known in McDowell county, having spoken here in previous campaigns, will address the people of this section at the court house on Oct. 26th, at 7:30 p. m. Col. Cox is one of the ablest speakers in North Carolina, and it is hoped that a large crowd will turn out to hear him.

The Clinchfield Band has been engaged for these appointments and will furnish music for the occasions.

STATE AGENT AFTER PARTIES BURNING BUILDING

Mr. Frank Jordan, special agent of the Fire Prevention and Insurance Department of North Carolina, was here last week investigating the burning of the Hemphill building on the land of the Power Company on Lake James about two week ago. This was a valuable building and some parties entering it, built a fire, which caused the destruction of the building. The State is following such matters and starting prosecution so as to prevent people, not only from setting fires willfully, but allowing them to be set carelessly. So many fires are being set and valuable property destroyed by carelessness in building camp fires that stern laws have been made against it and the State is sending out officers to enforce these laws. Mr. Jordan has learned who the parties are who set fire to the building named and preparations are being made to prosecute them.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES SOLICIT NEW MEMBERS

The Associated Charities has not made an appeal to the people of Marion for sometime past, but now there is need of renewing memberships. A good many have kept their dues paid and every one is asked to become a member. The dues are small and for convenience will be collected each month. There are calls at this time and as the winter advances the urgent needs cannot be taken care of without funds. Supplies have been furnished many sick and needy families. A blanket has been requested for a sick woman. Any one who can supply this need will please let it be known at once.

Solicitations will be made for membership by the following: Mrs. J. H. Tate, Johnston street; Mrs. E. H. Dysart, North Main street; Mrs. Joseph Reid, South Main street; Mrs. J. E. Neal, West Main street; Mrs. W. A. Conley, South Garden street; Miss Lucy Davis, North Garden street; Mrs. C. L. Self, East Court street; Mrs. L. J. P. Cutlar, Logan street; Mrs. Clifton McCall, Henderson street; Miss Nell Shepardson, Morgan street; Mrs. E. H. Bomar, Sweeney Hill; Mrs. R. S. Clay, Park Hill.

WILL LET CONTRACT FOR SCHOOL BUILDING

The County Board of Education will be in special session Monday, for the purpose of receiving bids for the construction of a school building in East Marion School District. The building is to be strictly modern, and when complete will be the best in the county. A number of contractors have secured plans and are figuring on the construction of this building. It is expected that a number of bids will be filed.

FEDERATED CLUBS TO CONVENE AT LENOIR

Hickory, Oct. 4.—Mrs. A. L. Coble of Statesville, president of the eleventh district of federated clubs, has announced the annual meeting of the district at Lenoir for Tuesday, October 17.—The Lenoir Betterment association will be hostess to the women of the district, comprising clubs at Lenoir, Hickory, Statesville, Newton, Albemarle, Ansonville, Morganton, Marion, Salisbury, and Forest City.

SEEK LOCATION FOR ELKS CAMP

Location to Establish Camping Grounds Near Marion Is Being Given Favorable Consideration.

(By Hubert Holloway)

Marion, "The Home of Opportunities," situated at the entrance to territory cited by world-travelers as among the most beautiful in America, located on two railroads with valuable manufacturing plants at every hand, and backed by progressive citizenship, may spring into national prominence through proposals of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to establish a camping-ground for members, and the tentative selection of property on the C. O. & O. railroad, within striking distance of the city.

The Pebo Camp Company, composed of members of the B. P. O. E., now in process of formation, has been offered an option and is making plans to secure valuable property in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains for the purpose of establishing the camp grounds where members of the order may spend their vacations at a moderate cost. The move is started by Northern members familiar with this section.

The present idea is to secure a location in the mountains, preferably in Western North Carolina, where the altitude is from two to three thousand feet, on the railroad so as to make it accessible to all and on convenient to a good fishing stream and there build club houses, swimming pool and other attractions that would add to the pleasure of the members.

The camp ground would be owned by Elks throughout the country as individuals and not by lodges and would bring thousands of members to Western North Carolina each Summer.

The location which is now being given favorable consideration is on the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio and Southern Railroads, in the vicinity of Marion and covering a large area in the heart of this rugged and picturesque country, which has been hailed by prominent tourists as among the most beautiful in America.

Located between Marion and Johnson City, Tenn., the tract would be served by the Southern Railway at both Marion and Johnson City and the C. C. & O. for intermediate territory.

Altapass, Spruce Pine, Green Mountain, Erwin, Unaka Springs and Toecane are in close proximity to the location and would give the Elks one of the most attractive camping grounds in America.

Shares in the enterprises are being offered to Elks at \$25 per share and it is planned to sell at least 2,000 shares before the camp option would be taken up and the movement to build up the camping grounds started.

Several Elks who have expressed interest in the project have stated that possibly members of the lodges in various cities would erect huts and camp houses to be used by members from these cities.

INCREASE IN ENROLLMENT.

Approximately 60,000 more children attended the public schools of North Carolina during the term 1921-22 than during 1920-21. That is to say at a rough estimate, something like 443,000 children between the ages of 7 and 14 were in public schools in this State last year as against 383,000 between the ages of 8 and 14 enrolled the year preceding. These figures are based upon those from 65 counties reporting to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. In these 65 counties there has been an increase of 40,000 children enrolled since the extension of the age limit of the period of compulsory school attendance from 8 to 7 years.

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