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M'DOWELL FAIR PROVED SUCCESS

Exhibits Better Than Expected—Large Crowds Attend and Enjoy Holiday.

The McDowell County Fair passed off much more successfully than its most enthusiastic friends hoped for or expected. It was a real holiday occasion for all those who attended. The most unique fair ever undertaken, in that every attraction on the midway was local, with two exceptions. They all made good to the surprise of many and to the very great delight of others.

The exhibit was not as plentiful as it would have been, had it not rained almost incessantly all day Monday before the fair opened on Tuesday. A number of exhibitors could not get to town and a number in town could not get from home to the fair grounds. However, the agricultural exhibits were of a very high quality and the display was as attractive as could be expected from the limited space available and because of the hurry up way they were put together Tuesday morning.

The exhibit of cakes, pies, candy, preserves, jellies and canned goods was most attractive. Mrs. R. J. Noyes, as director of this department, took a great pride in arranging the exhibit attractively, and how well she did her work can be vouched for by those who took time to inspect her department.

The ladies' fancy work was hung as attractive as could possibly be with the limited show space available. Mrs. H. E. Noell, as director of this department, showed her great artistic taste in the arrangement of her exhibits. The display of McDowell county's fancy work was admired by hundreds during fair week. The poultry exhibit was very good but not near as large as was expected, less than one-half of the entries were brought in for show. This falling off was caused by the rain which preceded the fair.

What was liking in the poultry exhibit was made up by the most splendid arrangement and demonstration of poultry work arranged and directed by Mr. Smarr, county demonstration agent. All those who saw this department were greatly pleased and interested in Mr. Smarr's work and the girls and boys from every section of the county who were associated with him in it.

Some of the largest exhibitors at the fair were Mr. W. A. Houck with a general farm exhibit; Mr. T. O. Curtis with a general farm and garden exhibit; Mrs. Maggie Jones with a general exhibit of farm and garden produce. Especially attractive was her 31 varieties of beans and her old spinning wheel in operation. Mrs. Ella Dysart had a general farm, garden and pantry exhibit all of which was very attractive. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Cacaser had an exhibit of real merit. Mrs. D. R. Geer had an exhibit of canned fruits that was most attractive and unusual. Her exhibit came in late, it being no fault of hers, however, but attracted much attention after it was put on display. Mr. Jasper Yelton had a fine exhibit of fruits. There were a large number of other exhibitors whose names will be published along with the full premium lists that have not as yet been made up. It is the desire of the Fair Association that all exhibitors who do not get their premium awards promptly when they are given next week that they notify the secretary that he may correct any error or oversight.

The live stock show on exhibit which was held on Wednesday was much better than expected. McDowell county made a pretty good showing for the first year in all live stock, such as goats, sheep, hogs, cattle, and horses. Full list will be published next week.

The baby clinic, under the direction of Mrs. T. W. Bickett, of Raleigh, and Mrs. Hazel Beaman of Marion, was much more satisfactory than expected. A very large number of babies were tested, measured and scored. Mrs. Beaman put real enthusiasm and efficient work into the clinic and let the foundation for future work in this most important department. Because of the baby clinic held at the fair we will no doubt have others held in the county at a latter date at which time many

more babies will be brought in for an examination, and professional grading.

Singing Convention.

On Tuesday, the first day of the fair, the singing convention, under the direction and leadership of Mr. J. M. Kanipe of Old Fort, was pulled off successfully in every detail. A large number of choirs assembled for the convention, all wearing special badges. "Some of the best singing I ever heard," was the expression heard on every side.

Parade.

The parade which moved from the Episcopal church up Main street to the fair grounds was most beautiful. J. Q. Gilkey at the head of the parade as chief marshal handled it in a masterly way. It moved to the minute on schedule time. Following Mr. Gilkey was his escort of mounted marshals, then the soldiers in uniform, who were followed by the two heralds, Master William Story and Little Miss Jeanette Gilkey, marching side by side and in beautiful costumes. Just back of the heralds came a beautiful decorated automobile in which sat Miss Mary Hudgins, dressed as Princess Marion, representing the Town of Marion. She was surrounded by four pages who attracted much attention. Just back of her automobile came another just as attractively decorated, in which sat Roy W. Giles, local Post Commander of the American Legion, dressed as Prince, representing McDowell county. Back of these were other automobiles decorated, showing the spirit of co-operation that exists between the Civic organizations and business men of Marion. The school busses came in for rounds and rounds of applause. The Marion Fire department in the parade also attracted much attention. The Clinchfield Brass Band in uniform led the parade and brought to themselves much praise and applause.

Mrs. Vanderbilt.

Mrs. Vanderbilt stood on the balcony of the Marianna Hotel, surrounded by a social reception committee of men and women. Immediately after the parade passed Mrs. Vanderbilt and her committee were escorted to the pavilion on the fair grounds where Roy W. Giles delivered words of welcome and Miss Mary Hudgins in a most beautiful way introduced Mrs. Vanderbilt to the audience. Mrs. Vanderbilt's speech was well received and should have been heard by every one in McDowell county. Mrs. Vanderbilt was tendered a luncheon in the McDowell Hotel dining room on Wednesday.

Fiddlers Convention.

The fiddlers were here on Thursday and under the direction of A. H. Giles made most interesting music time and time again during the day. Friday the visitors began to say good-bye to each other and to promise that they would be at the fair next year and bring more of their friends with them. All in all it was successful from every view point.

D. F. Giles, as secretary, and J. K. Giles, assistant secretary, are to be commended for the way in which they handled all the departments. If we should undertake to publish a list of men and women who contributed to help make the fair such a great success it would be too long to be readable.

Shows and Attractions.

The Melody Kids' Show given in the swimming pool was unusually fine. Jumbo Jum's show, given by the Aid Society of the Baptist church was spicy, attractive and well attended. The minstrel given by the teachers and pupils of the Clinchfield school was great. The novelty and game booths conducted by the U. D. C. and Woman's Club were attractive and well patronized. Many other attractions on the fair grounds were worthy of personal mention but space forbids.

All in all the fair was a great success and will furnish inspiration for making next year's fair a great success.

136 DISTILLERIES CAPTURED.

Salisbury, Oct. 14.—Federal prohibition agents in North Carolina captured 136 illicit distilleries and 73,105 gallons of alcoholic liquors during the month of September, according to a report issued today by R. A. Kohless, federal prohibition director of North Carolina.

A total of 97 arrests were made while 190 prosecutions were recommended. Twelve automobiles were seized and confiscated. The total value of all property seized and destroyed was estimated at \$31,881.45.

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. 16.—Lawrence Snyder of Dillsboro has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Snyder and Mrs. William Allen.

J. S. Keener of Marion was in Old Fort Sunday.

Miss Mozelle Hunt spent the week-end with her parents at Casar, near Shelby.

Miss Mattie Tate was shopping in Marion last Saturday.

Mrs. A. L. Hicks and daughter, Miss Laura, spent the week-end in Forest City.

Several of the teachers of Old Fort were shopping in Asheville Saturday.

Mrs. John Parker of Clinton, arrived Friday to visit her daughter, Miss Pearl, who is teaching in Old Fort.

Joseph Atkins has moved his family into the house formerly occupied by James Young.

Mrs. A. C. Tate was shopping in Marion last week.

The following is a part of the honor roll omitted from last week: 1st grade A—Fred Connor, Donald Lee Turner, Bessie Holland, Margaret Jordan, Margaret Lanning, Eula Wilson, Donald Dover, Lawrence Mason. Second grade—Frances Grant, May Harvey, Eva Shehan, Mildred Wilkerson, Mozie Whitesides, Robt. Crawford, Chas. Hall. 9th grade—Rosa Turner.

C. S. Noblitt spent the week-end in Mitchell county deer hunting.

S. F. Mauney has purchased one of the mercantile businesses of Early & Noblitt and will continue business at the same old stand.

Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Mock and little daughter of Bryson City spent Monday night here. Mr. Mock was on his way to conference at Monroe. Mrs. Mock will spend some time visiting in the country at Tom Noblitt's.

Old Fort, Oct. 17.—G. W. Lytle has returned from Asheville where he has been visiting relatives.

Wm. Nichols motored to Biltmore Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Miller attended the fair at Charlotte and Hickory last week.

Charles Gibson made a business trip to Spencer Thursday. Forest Lytle of Biltmore was a visitor here Friday.

Miss Lillie Lytle attended the funeral of her cousin, Mr. William Porter, at Swannanoa, Tuesday.

Quite a large number of folks from this place attended the fair in Marion last week.

Sam Upton of Spencer was a visitor here Sunday.

Rev. Mr. McBride will preach at the Oakdale school house Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

There will be a social at the Oakdale school house Saturday night, Oct. 28. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of school. Everybody invited.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, Oct. 17.—Carson Jarrett was in Marion Sunday.

Cronje Laughridge was in Hickory on business the first of the week.

Mrs. John Daves has been to the Rutherford hospital for treatment recently.

Miss Alice Mangum of Marion spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Melvin Hutchins and family were visitors here Sunday.

Mrs. Carrah Denton has been ill with tonsillitis the last few days.

Mrs. D. H. Laughridge and two children are visiting relatives in Marion this week.

Thomas Glass and Max Satterwhite of Glen Alpine spent Saturday night and Sunday here.

Miss Inez Daves of Marion spent the week-end here.

A number of people from here attended the fair in Marion last week. H. B. Brackett and son, Charlie, of Forest City were visitors here the first of the week.

Friends will be glad to learn that Ernest Satterwhite is getting along fine after an operation at Sanatorium, N. C.

Mrs. Joanna Landis is at home af-

ter spending some time with relatives in Marion and Glen Alpine.

Miss Rejina Matthews has returned to her home in Rock Hill after spending the summer with relatives here.

Mrs. Will Jarrett is on the sick list.

Miss Hattie Cowan has returned home from Marion.

MONTFORD'S COVE

Union Mills, Rt. 1, Oct. 16.—C. M. Hall, who has been right sick, is fast improving.

Miss Ella Grant is visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. M. Hall.

Montford's Cove was well represented at the McDowell county fair last week.

Several from here attended the Rutherford county fair.

Born recently, to Mr. and Mrs. James Frady, a daughter.

Mrs. J. P. Williams has been right sick but is improving.

News was received here yesterday of the death of Uncle Jethro Nanney, of near Union Mills. His death was not unexpected.

Herbert Wiggins, who has a position at Salisbury, spent the week-end with his wife here.

Both the White Pine and Sugar Hill schools have opened.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harris have returned from Knoxville, Tenn., where they have been attending the fair and visiting friends. They report one of the best fairs yet held at Knoxville.

Farmers of this section are very busy making molasses, sowing grain, and gathering corn.

Arch Wilkerson, L. V. Harris and Toney Adams went on a fishing trip to Bridgewater last week.

Ezra Constant of Columbus and Miss Ethel Ledbetter of this place motored to Rutherford on Saturday and were married. Mr. Constant is a son of Mr. C. C. Constant of Columbus and is a young man of sterling qualities and holds an important position with the State highway commission. Miss Constant is a daughter of Mrs. Delia Ledbetter and is an industrious young lady. We extend congratulation to this worthy couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Fortune, with their daughter, Miss Bonjoe, spent Sunday at the home of G. M. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Nanney and Ralph Morris of Marion were visitors at G. M. Harris' Sunday.

The Montfords Cove singing choir is making preparations to attend the singing convention at Pleasant Grove the 5th Sunday.

The young people are looking forward to the show at Marion the 20th.

Mrs. Curtis and daughter, Rachel, of Rutherford are visiting relatives in the cove.

Miss Dovie Wilkerson of Alexander visited relatives here Sunday.

LAUREL HILL

Nebo, Route 1, Oct. 17.—Misses Wilda and Leafie Queen of Forest City were pleasant visitors in this community last week.

Prof. J. L. Street and son, Adam, of Bostic, spent a portion of last week visiting friends in this community.

Miss Myrtle Foster returned to Marion Sunday after spending several days here with homefolks.

Ellis Dixon, who holds a position at Marion, spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Misses Bertha and Marie England of Glenwood were the guests of Miss Biddie Price last Wednesday night.

J. M. Walker and Jesse Price made a business trip to Marion, Monday. Miss Biddie Price has gone to Marion where she has accepted a position.

CARLYLE

Nebo, Rt. 2, Oct. 7.—Mrs. James Childers and son, Ben, are visiting relatives at Spindale.

James Denny of Spruce Pine was a visitor here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Arrowood made a business trip to Marion last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Edwards visited relatives and friends at Hankins

Sunday.

Miss Addie Lavender was shopping in Marion last Saturday.

Mrs. Lizzie Green of Spruce Pine is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Edwards.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. J. W. Edwards, after a week's illness with pneumonia, is not improving.

The farmers of this community are progressing nicely with their fall work.

NEBO

Nebo, Oct. 16.—Mrs. J. J. Carswell and little daughter, who have been visiting relatives in the cove, returned home one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mason spent a few days last week with the latter's mother at Glenwood.

Miss Sudie Alexander, who holds a position in Marion, spent the week-end at home.

Tom Hemphill was in Marion one day last week on business.

There will be services at the Baptist church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

CONTRACT LET FOR SCHOOL BUILDING IN EAST MARION

The Board of Education in special session on last Monday, let the contract for the erection of the East Marion school building to Palmer-Spivey Construction Company, of Charlotte, N. C. There were a number of bids, but the Charlotte concern proved to be the lowest bidder.

The building when complete will be the largest and most modern in the county. It will comprise twelve class rooms, office, library, auditorium of 800 seating capacity, domestic science and manual training departments, etc. The building is to be steam heated and modernly equipped in every respect. The letting of this contract Monday marked the culmination of a campaign in this district for the past several months for a modern school building. An election was called a few months ago on the issuance of \$60,000 bonds, and on election day the people of the district turned out in full force and voted for the school building one hundred per cent strong—lacking one vote.

Work on the new building is to begin at once and it is to be completed and ready for use of the school next year.

HOME BUILDING ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Home Building Association held its annual stockholders and directors' meeting at the court house Tuesday night. A large majority of the stock was represented at the meeting, which was a very enthusiastic one.

The books of the association have been audited by Pullen, Henderson Company and the figures show that the association is in a very healthy and substantial condition. The report was approved and made a part of the association's permanent record.

The election of directors was held. The following were elected for the ensuing twelve months: J. D. Blanton, J. W. Winborne, R. I. Bush, W. W. Guy, O. F. Adkins, S. L. Cope-land, Dr. M. L. Justice, William Treverton, W. C. Smith, H. H. Tate, J. C. Rabb.

The following officers were elected: J. D. Blanton, president; W. W. Guy, vice-president; R. W. Giles, secretary and treasurer; G. W. Giles, assistant secretary and treasurer; J. W. Winborne, attorney.

The association now has on its books nearly 4000 shares; about 500 new shares were added at the Tuesday meeting. A campaign will be waged for new members, and it is expected that the membership will be largely increased by reason of this campaign.

TO FINISH ORGANIZATION OF THE WESTERN DIOCESE

Asheville, Oct. 14.—Organization of Western North Carolina diocese of the Episcopal church, authorized by general convention of Protestant Episcopal church at Portland, Oregon, several weeks ago, will be perfected at a meeting opening in Hickory, October 18. Bishop Junius M. Horner, chosen bishop of the new diocese at the general convention, will preside.

Officers for the diocese will be elected, and various details arranged that are necessary in the conduct of a diocese. It is expected that the first annual meeting will be held in Morganton, April 10-12, 1923.

MANY VETERANS ATTEND REUNION

"Buddies" Again, They Hold Many Reunions in New Orleans—Fight The War Over Again.

New Orleans, La.—World war veterans here to attend the fourth annual convention of the American Legion laid aside the cares of business to indulge in reunions—to be "buddies" again—verbally.

They had heard their national commander, Hanford MacNider, reaffirm at the first business session of the convention the determination of the legion to make the welfare of the disabled veterans its chief interest. They also had listened to the report of their rehabilitation committee, which charged that the government's handling of the disabled veterans, from the time the armistice was signed down to the present, had been a series of "tragic mistakes, policies, blunders and blunders," and heard a defense by Col. C. R. Forbes, of the veterans' bureau.

The lighter side of the meeting now appealed to them. They held no sessions during the afternoon, the veterans spending the rest of the day and far into the night in impromptu reunions in the hotel lobbies, on the sidewalks, or wherever they met, as the strains of "Mademoiselle from Armentiers" (the lady who hadn't been kissed for 50 years) drifted through the music of dozens of bands—army, navy and civilian.

Others journeyed to the historic Jackson Square, in the heart of the French quarter, where they attended a fete in honor of the visiting veterans. The delegates from Belgium, France, Great Britain, Rumania, Italy, Serbia and Czechoslovakia also were guests at the entertainment held on the spot where Jackson mustered his forces to fight back the British when he won the battle of New Orleans in 1815.

The "buddies" eager to give expression to their sentiments, repeatedly cheered the bronze equestrian statue of "Old Hickory."

Regimental mascots of all descriptions—dogs with war records, and mules adopted for the occasion—were led through the streets by the cheering veterans.

The fun, however, was good natured and orderly.

Various athletic events in which Legionnaires from the different state departments took part, featured the afternoon's set program, and boxing exhibitions drew the attention of many veterans.

The great navy planes from Pensacola, here as a part of the naval program flew over the city.

DEMOCRATIC SPEAKING.

Congressman Weaver will speak at Dysartsville Friday evening, Oct. 20th at 7:30 o'clock. He was formerly billed to speak at Clinchfield, but owing to the fact that a number of requests have come for him to speak at Dysartsville, and that a show will be in town on the 20th, it was decided that the county candidates and the Congressman will fill the date at Dysartsville. The Clinchfield Band will furnish music for the occasion.

Congressman Weaver will also speak at Old Fort Tuesday night, Oct. 31.

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.

COMMUNITY SINGING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22
There will be a singing convention at Harmony Grove Sunday, October 22. All choirs are cordially invited to be present and sing. Dinner will be served on the ground. The Progress announced last week that the convention would be held on the 29th. This was an error, the date being the fourth Sunday, the 22nd.

WEATHER REPORT.

Thos. McGuire, local government weather bureau observer, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion for the week as follows:
Maximum, 72 degrees; minimum, 36 degrees; rain, 0.20 of an inch; sunshine, per cent, 42.

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