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## ANOTHER HOSEIERY MILL FOR MARION

Expect to Have Plant in Operation by February 1 — 53 Machines to Be Installed.

McDowell County announces its third new hosiery mill during the past five months. The new concern is to be known as the McPar Hosiery Mill, and will operate 53 machines to manufacture 260 to 300 dozen men's half hose daily. The building for the new plant is now under construction and work is being rushed for completion January 20 when the machinery will be installed.

The first unit of the building will be 36x74 feet of standard mill construction. The owners say that they expect to have the plant ready to begin operation by February 1st.

Those of Marion interested in the new project are: C. R. McCall, president; E. W. Parker, secretary and treasurer; and Reid McCurry, factory manager. Mr. McCall will not have an active interest in the plant but will continue to devote full time to his undertaking business. Mr. McCurry has had 21 years experience in hosiery mill work and will have charge of production.

C. F. James, prominent hosiery mill man and vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce, was largely responsible for securing the new project for Marion.

## ANOTHER DAIRY FOR McDOWELL COUNTY

Announcement is made that John Ray Jameson is making arrangements to engage in the dairy business on the J. E. Jameson farm four miles west of Marion on highway No. 10 and 104. This is considered the best located dairy farm in McDowell county.

Mr. Jameson has had considerable experience in the dairy business for the past eight years. After specializing in dairying during his four years course at the N. C. State College, Raleigh, N. C., he accepted work with the Forsyth and Davie County Dairy Association, testing milk at the various dairies scattered over four counties. During his one and one-half years of work with this association he had considerable experience with some of the leading dairies of this state.

In order to get more experience along this line he accepted work as city food and milk inspector at Weldon, N. C. During two and one-half years work there, he studied the sanitary conditions of milk from every angle before it reached the consumer.

Mr. Jameson, it is announced, is planning on a modern dairy, in the near future, that will produce a high grade of sanitary milk.

## JURORS ARE DRAWN FOR FEBRUARY TERM OF COURT

At the meeting of the board of county commissioners this week jurors were drawn for the February term of Superior Court as follows:

**First Week**  
G. C. Fisher, G. D. Pyatt, J. B. McEntire, J. C. Bradley, J. B. Huskins, Ernest Morris, J. M. Hensley, J. R. Walker, S. M. Robinson, J. D. Walker, C. W. Huskins, T. A. Norman, Chas. M. Reed, J. G. McCall, S. N. Biddix, B. F. Seagle, Chas. McD. Burgin, Frank Sisk, L. J. Reel, N. H. Bowman, J. R. Hollifield, L. C. Parks, I. H. Gibbs, C. A. Pitman, F. W. Lawing, John Fry, W. S. Hoyle, S. F. Price, D. W. Toney, P. W. Proctor.

**Second Week**  
C. S. Poteat, W. L. Morris, C. H. Simons, A. Burgin, J. M. Sisk, T. W. Goforth, Sam P. Marlowe, T. Y. Epley, G. N. Carter, Geo. M. Lentz, C. T. Steppe, J. H. Lowery, F. P. Lytle, J. B. Hicks, S. M. Avery, B. Clayton Stevens, W. C. Mangum, Irvin Mason, E. N. Walker, H. W. Hensley, W. P. Elliott, C. M. Hemphill, Harvey James, Tom B. Burgin, C. Y. Banning, A. P. Curtis, W. C. Burgin, W. M. Allison, J. H. Eller, C. L. Crawley.

Everybody likes BEBE DANIELS. She will be at Oasis Theatre on Friday, with NEIL HAMILTON in "WHAT A NIGHT!". Bebe is the newspaper reporter who makes all sorts of blunders, and Hamilton is the crack reporter on the paper.

## YOUNG CASE SETTLED BY SUPREME COURT

The State Supreme Court has handed down its decision affirming the judgment of the Superior Court of McDowell County in the W. H. Young case, awarding his administratrix, Mrs. Sallie K. Young, \$23,500 damages for his death. He was killed by being knocked from the top of a concrete bridge pier about one hundred feet high when struck by a big metal concrete bucket being operated on a cable over the top of the pier, by the bridge contractors, E. A. Wood & Company, while building a state highway bridge in Henderson county.

The case was very hotly contested by Attorneys W. R. Chambers, J. W. Ragland, and W. T. Morgan, for the plaintiff, and the firms of Pless & Pless and Winborne & Proctor for the defendant.

This is the largest verdict heretofore returned by a McDowell county jury in a personal injury or a death case, though in other counties in the state much larger amounts have been awarded as damages by juries. In the case of Finch against the railroad, tried not long ago in Davidson county before Judge Oglesby, the jury rendered a verdict for \$140,000.00 damage on account of the wrongful death of a man killed by a train at a crossing.

The verdicts of juries in death and personal injury cases are much larger of late years since wages and the money value of everything else has increased so much. It is now generally known, too, that employers of labor, in most cases, are insured by insurance or indemnity companies, who have to pay the damages recovered, and that may be one reason that larger verdicts are of late generally given by juries in such cases.

## MISS MARGARET WINSLOW IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

On last Saturday morning Miss Margaret Castex Winslow's passing brought sorrow to this entire community. She was the daughter of Captain and Mrs. J. D. Winslow of Goldsboro. Her body was taken to rest beside that of her father and mother in Goldsboro.

"Miss Margaret" will be sadly missed by many friends who deeply sympathize with her beloved sister, Mrs. R. F. Burton, and her niece, Miss Julia Burton, in their bereavement.

Miss Winslow possessed many rare qualities of mind and heart that endeared her to those who best knew her. She was indeed a true gentle woman and besides being lovable and charming she was capable and dependable and so was often called upon in worthwhile undertakings.

The children whom she taught could hardly fail to profit by her high ideals. Many a girl and boy will be better because of her fine influence in their young lives.

She was a true friend, one who rejoiced and was glad with a friend in time of joy, and who was sympathetic and tender when her friends suffered.

During her long illness she was patient and smiling when she must have suffered, and the time must have been most tedious. She never failed to show her appreciation of the slightest act of kindness shown her. There are not many who will be missed as Miss Margaret will be missed for hers was a rare spirit.

## A. P. ARTZ REAPPOINTED MEMBER HIGHWAY BOARD

The McDowell County Highway Commission held its regular monthly meeting at the court house Monday. Besides the regular routine of business, A. P. Artz, whose term had expired, was re-appointed a member of the commission. The other members of the board are R. V. Wilson, chairman, and W. C. Morris. J. L. Martin will continue with the board as county highway engineer.

## A CORRECTION

The dance following the Masonic banquet on New Year's night had no connection whatever with the banquet, but was a subscription dance given by some of the young people of Marion. Because it happened to follow the banquet it was confused with it in last week's Progress. This correction is made in justice to the banquet committee. Neither the Masonic Order nor the banquet committee had anything to do with giving the dance. We take pleasure in making the correction.

## BANK OFFICIALS ARE RE-ELECTED

First National and M. & F. Banks Hold Annual Meetings—Report Good Year.

The stockholders of the First National Bank held their regular annual meeting at 3 p. m. Tuesday, January 8th. The meeting was well attended and the report of the cashier indicated a very satisfactory year. After paying the usual dividend a considerable sum was carried to the undivided profit account. A rising vote of thanks was given the officers and directors for the splendid showing made during the past year.

The following directors were unanimously re-elected to serve for the ensuing year: J. L. Morgan, J. E. Neal, W. R. Chambers, D. E. Hudgins, J. Q. Gilkey, J. Yancey, W. L. Morris, W. C. Smith and T. W. Wilson.

Immediately after the adjournment of the stockholders meeting the newly elected directors met and re-elected the following officers: J. L. Morgan, president; D. E. Hudgins, vice-president; J. E. Neal, cashier; H. D. Hoover, assistant cashier. The other employees are to continue: J. N. Morris, teller; W. F. Wood, note teller; R. D. Bird, bookkeeper; Miss Rowena Neal, assistant bookkeeper; Miss Browne Giles, collection clerk and stenographer.

The annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Merchants & Farmers Bank was held in the banking rooms on Tuesday afternoon, January 8th. The meeting was well attended and the report of the cashier showed that the bank had had a very prosperous year. A dividend of six per cent was paid to the stockholders for the year 1928 and approximately \$2,000 added to the surplus and undivided profits.

Officers and directors were re-elected for the coming year, and J. H. Beaman was elected as a director of the institution.

The officers are as follows: J. D. Blanton, president; Geo. C. Conley, vice-president; W. F. Grant, cashier; C. S. Finley, assistant cashier; W. T. Morgan, attorney. Miss Celia Nanney will continue as bookkeeper.

The directors are S. L. Copeland, Geo. C. Conley, J. D. Blanton, J. E. Decker, E. J. House, Dr. G. S. Kirby, C. A. Workman, W. S. Shiflet and J. H. Beaman.

## BOARD OF HEALTH ELECT COUNTY PHYSICIAN MONDAY

At a meeting of the County Board of Health to be held next Monday at the court house, a county physician will be elected to serve for the next two years. The County Board of Health is composed of five members. Under the law, the Mayor of the Town of Marion, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners and the County Superintendent of Schools are members of the Board of Health. These members are required to meet on the first Monday in January every two years and select two medical members. Complying with this law, a meeting was held last Monday, composed of J. D. Blanton, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; H. H. Tate, Mayor of Marion, and N. F. Steppe, County Superintendent of Schools, and elected Dr. J. F. Miller and Dr. R. B. Butt members of the board.

The entire board is called to meet next Monday to select a county physician, county quarantine officer and to transact any other necessary business. Dr. G. S. Kirby has been county health physician for a number of years. Dr. J. B. Johnson has been county quarantine officer for some time.

## MAJOR C. M. M'CORKLE, 54, DIES IN NEWTON

Newton, Jan. 4. — Major C. M. M'Corkle, 54, died suddenly at his home in Newton this morning following a heart attack.

Major M'Corkle, who was chairman of the Catawba County Democratic Executive Committee during Smith-Hoover campaign, served in the Spanish American War and as a major in the World War. Until July, 1927, he was a major in the regular army, attached to the Treasury Department in Washington.

His widow and five children survive.

## SUPERIOR COURT OPENED MONDAY

Term Has Long List of Minor Cases on Criminal Docket—Judge Finley Presiding.

The January term of McDowell County Superior Court opened here Monday morning with Judge T. B. Finley presiding and Solicitor J. Will Pless prosecuting on behalf of the state. Judge Finley delivered a strong charge to the grand jury, and the court got under way. R. O. Wylie was made foreman of the grand jury with T. B. Conley as officer in charge.

There are no capital cases on the docket, which is made up of a large number of minor cases. The term is for one week only, for the trial of criminal cases.

The following cases have been disposed of:

John Reel, manufacturing whiskey, sentenced to twelve months in jail to be assigned to work on public roads.

Andy Hogan, manufacturing whiskey, sentenced to twelve months on roads.

Clarence Mackey, George Fleming, George Brown, Thos Fleming, Andrew Whitesides and F. D. McGabe, gambling, each fined five dollars and taxed with one-sixth of the cost.

John Lackey, driving car intoxicated, fined fifty dollars and cost.

Vernie Hall, transporting and possessing whiskey, six months on the roads.

Willard Jimmerson, transporting and possessing whiskey, fined \$25 and cost and sentenced to six months on the roads.

Horace English, carrying concealed weapon, two cases, fined fifty dollars and cost in each case.

Carl Braswell, transporting whiskey, fined \$25 and cost.

David Arrowood, transporting and possessing whiskey, fined \$25 and sentenced to three months on roads.

Heaton Hooper, manufacturing whiskey, 12 months on roads.

Herman Russau, larceny and breaking in house, sentenced to the state prison in Raleigh for nine months.

W. H. Brown, driving car intoxicated, fined \$50 and cost.

Memphis Barnes, violating prohibition law, fined \$25 and cost.

Carl Lewis, violating prohibition law, fined \$50 and cost.

J. H. Walton, c. c. w., fined \$50 and cost and sentenced to four months.

Walt Mooney, violating prohibition law, 12 months on roads.

John Williams, driving car intoxicated, three months on roads.

## PROPOSE SALES TAX TO FINANCE 8 MO. SCHOOLS

An indirect tax on sales of soft drinks, tobacco products, cosmetics, hydro-electric power and other items was held up as the means whereby North Carolina can finance an eight months school term and at the same time reduce property taxes in the report of the North Carolina Educational Association published last week.

The report estimates the potential revenue from the taxes mentioned as 10,590,000. A schedule is suggested as follows:

Tobacco products, 10 per cent, \$2,229,000; beverages, 20 per cent, \$1,500,000; theater admissions, 10 per cent, \$500,000; candies, 10 per cent, \$800,000; chewing gum, 20 per cent, \$160,000; perfumes and cosmetics, 10 per cent, \$400,000; hydro electric power, two-fifths of a mill on each kilowatt hour, \$500,000.

Other possible sources mentioned without estimated rates or yields, radios, jewelry, and mineral and forest products.

## FATE BURNETT, OF McDOWELL, PAROLED

Governor McLean Wednesday announced the parole of eight prisoners and the commutation of the sentence of another.

Among those paroled was Fate Burnett, of McDowell county, convicted September, 1927, of larceny and sentenced to from three to five years in the state prison.

The governor stipulated in the paroles that the men must be of good behavior and engage in gainful occupations.

## S. A. HENSLEY, AGED 90, DIES AT HARMONY GROVE

Mr. S. A. Hensley, an aged veteran of the Civil war and well known citizen of McDowell county, died at his home near Harmony Grove last Saturday evening, January 5th, after an illness of only about ten days. He had been in very good health until about two weeks ago when he became ill.

Mr. Hensley was ninety years of age. He was born in Rutherford county November 17, 1839, being a son of the late James Hensley. He came to McDowell county in the year 1867 and married Miss Nancy Malissa Jamerson, who preceded him to the grave twelve years ago. He is survived by two sons and three daughters, as follows: J. M. Hensley of Harmony Grove and J. A. Hensley of Muddy Creek; Mrs. S. A. Bowman of Harmony Grove, Mrs. J. N. Norton of Marion, and Mrs. W. W. Huskins of Garden City.

Mr. Hensley professed religion and united with the Harmony Grove Baptist Church in early life and remained a consistent member until the end. He had a host of friends and was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

He served four years in the War Between the States. He went out with the first volunteers and served as a loyal soldier until the surrender.

The funeral was conducted at the Harmony Grove Church, Monday, Jan. 7, at 2 o'clock by Rev. A. P. Sorrells of Gilkey and Rev. Hicks of Marion, his present pastor. The remains were laid to rest in the Harmony Grove cemetery in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. Floral designs made beautiful the body's last resting place.

## NORTH CAROLINA GIVEN \$1,716,919 TO CONSTRUCT ROADS

Apportionment of \$73, 125,000 to the States has been made by the Secretary of Agriculture as federal aid in road construction for the fiscal years which begins next July.

The funds will be expended in accordance with past procedure, the cost of construction on roads designated as part of the federal system to be borne almost equally by the States and the federal government. During the last fiscal year, improvements were completed on 8,184 miles of federal aid roads which had not been previously improved, the Secretary of Agriculture announced in connection with the apportionment. Advanced stages of improvements were completed on 2,014 miles.

Sums apportioned various states included North Carolina \$1,716,919; South Carolina \$1,061,447; and Virginia \$1,433,05.

## TOBACCO IS STILL N. CAROLINA'S MAJOR MONEY CROP

Tobacco again led cotton as North Carolina's principal money crop this year, according to an estimate made by the State Department of Agriculture. Production and value of North Carolina's leading crops were as follows:

Tobacco, 475,000,000 pounds; \$94,863,000.  
Cotton, 840,000 bales; \$78,625,000.  
Corn, 40,830,000 bushels; \$48,830,000.  
Wheat, 5,150,000 bushels; \$7,823,000.  
Strawberries, 16,659,000 quarts; \$1,999,000.  
All varieties of tame hay, 756,000 tons, \$15,318,000.  
Peanuts, 199,500,000 pounds; \$9,775,000.  
Irish potatoes, 10,545,000 bushels; \$6,664,000.  
Sweet potatoes, 7,840,000 bushels; \$6,854,000.

## THINKS WOMEN LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO FLU

Raleigh, Jan. 2.—Dr. Charles O. H. Laughinghouse, state health officer, believes that women are less susceptible to influenza than men because they wear less clothes.

"Too many clothes cause a person to become easily overheated and lowers the resistance," Dr. Laughinghouse said today.

"Nobody can say that the women wear too many clothes and it has been my observation that they have greater freedom from colds and flu than the men."

BEBE DANIELS in her latest picture, "WHAT A NIGHT!", at Oasis Theatre Friday. This is a most entertaining story, full of fun and pep, and you'll enjoy it.

## HISTORIC HOMES NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. Avery Gives Interesting History of Pleasant Gardens and Quaker Meadows.

(By Alphonso C. Avery, former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.)

The historic interest of homes centers in the families who found, occupy and adorn them, and connect them with the stirring legends and important events in the annals of the country. Amongst the earliest settlers in the valley of the upper Catawba, in the old county of Burke, where Joseph McDowell the elder, a grandson of Ephriam, the founder of the family in Virginia, Kentucky and our own state, and his cousin, known as "Hunting John", who was near the same age. They migrated somewhere about the year 1760 and during the French-Indian war, from the old home of Ephriam McDowell, in Rockbridge county, Virginia, and, because the country west of the Catawba was rendered unsafe by roving bands of Cherokee and Catawba braves, went with their families through Rowan and Mecklenburg counties to some point in South Carolina, near the northern boundary line. Their sturdy Scotch-Irish friends had already drifted from Pennsylvania, where they, with the thousand of Germans, were first dumped by the English land agents upon American soil, to upper South Carolina, and had commemorated their first American home by naming the three northern counties of that state York, Chester and Lancaster. Ephriam McDowell was born in the North of Ireland. When only sixteen years old he distinguished himself as a soldier in the siege of Londonderry. He emigrated to America at the age of sixty-two, and, after a short sojourn in Pennsylvania, moved with his sons to the old McDowell home in Rockbridge county, Virginia. He was descended from Someril, Lord of the Isles, through his son Dougal, who founded the clan of McDougald. Ephriam married Margaret Irvine, also of Scotch descent. His son, Captain John McDowell, fell in repelling a Shawnee incursion and was the first white man killed by the Indians in the valley of Virginia. His daughter Mary married James Greenlee and was the mother of Grizzell or Grace Greenlee. She first married Captain Bowman, who fell at Ramseur's Mill, and after the war, her cousin, General Charles McDowell of Burke, who had inherited Quaker Meadows in 1775, at the death of his father, Joseph McDowell the elder, the first settler on that place.

"Hunting John" McDowell, so called because of his venturing into the wilderness so far from the white settlement in pursuit of game, probably first took possession of his beautiful home, Pleasant Gardens, in Catawba Valley, in what is now McDowell County, about the same time when his cousin Joseph settled at Quaker Meadows. I have not been able to ascertain the maiden name of the wife of "Hunting John", nor of the lady who married Joseph McDowell the elder; but there is abundant evidence that both had improved the advantages of being raised near Lexington, the Scotch-Irish educational center of the Valley of Virginia, and made their homes attractive to the most refined and cultured people of their day. They were doubtless religious, for we find that the first Presbyterian minister who ever made his home in old Burke reported to Synod in 1777 as the pastor at two points, Quaker Meadows and Pleasant Gardens.

According to tradition the Quaker Meadows farm was so called long before the McDowells or any other whites established homes in Burke county, and derived its name from the fact that the Indians, after clearing parts of the broad and fertile bottoms, had suffered the wild grass to spring up and form a large meadow, near which a Quaker had camped before the French-Indian war and traded for furs. On the 19th of November, 1752, Bishop Spaenburg recorded in his diary (Vol. V. Colonial Records, Page 6) that he was encamped near Quaker Meadows, and that he was "in the forest

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