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MARION HOSPITAL DEDICATED MONDAY

Banquet Given at Marianna Hotel Monday Evening; Dr. Rankin Principal Speaker.

On Monday, January 14th, occurred the formal dedication of Marion's new hospital—the greatest asset this or any community enjoys.

During the day, especially in the afternoon, a stream of visitors piled through the doors to inspect the building and its equipment, and many were the expressions of praise and appreciation of this great achievement of our community. Of especial interest was the room furnished by the American Legion, and tribute is due those who displayed such good taste and judgment in the selection of the furnishings. This room was beautiful with a wonderful display of both cut and potted flowers, which made of it a veritable conservatory.

At 7:30 Monday evening a banquet, to which all donors had been invited, was served in the dining room of the Marianna Hotel and one hundred were present. This banquet was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, and J. G. Beaman, its president, presided.

The invocation by Rev. J. S. Lockaby was followed by the eloquent address of welcome by R. W. Proctor. A short history of the hospital dating back to its inception at a meeting of the Kiwanis Club about four years ago and the culmination of its efforts in the magnificent building and institution of today was read by L. J. P. Cutler. Mr. E. H. Dysart then read a list of the donors, not mentioning the amount contributed by each, and the number of the names was astonishing; evidencing the almost universal interest and support given to the institution. Short talks were made by Dr. J. F. Miller, Dr. J. F. Jonas, Dr. G. P. Bingham, and by Dr. Baxter Haynes of Spartanburg, who spoke in high commendation of the hospital, its head and his staff, and its equipment and location. C. F. James spoke briefly on matters in general, and stated that in a short while we might expect our efforts to be called forth for the erection of a nurses home; as, from present indications, the hospital would before long become crowded.

Dr. G. S. Kirby then introduced his old friend, Dr. W. S. Rankin, of Charlotte, head of the Duke Endowment, and paid eloquent tribute to his past services as head of the State Health Department, and his present activities and noble work as head of the Duke Endowment. Tribute was also paid to the memory of Mr. Duke whose noble gifts to charity made this and other hospitals possible, most of which had they depended upon private subscriptions or bond issues would never have been built.

A man of charming personality and a wonderful gift of oratory, Dr. Rankin attracted to himself the attention and interest of everyone present during his entire address, which was the most eloquent and inspiring it has ever been our privilege to hear. Beginning with statistics and comparisons on birth rates and death rates in the nation, state and county, following with statistics on hospitals and diseases, he soon got into hospitals and their great work, and the part the Duke Endowment has been playing in their erection and maintenance; and how, by enlisting our sympathies and services we were made better Christians and citizens, following more closely the precepts of the Master. Concluding with the story of Otis Skinner and the wonderful change that came over him when, forsaking a life of selfish pleasure which brought him nothing but unhappiness, he essayed, and with the greatest success of his career, to play the role of "The man who played God"; he pictured the road to salvation as sacrifice and service to mankind. We wish we could secure and print this wonderfully inspiring address, which might more aptly be termed a sermon of the greatest beauty; whose statistics were not dry, and which lacked not humor.

The last speaker on the program was Rev. W. O. Goode, of the Methodist Church, who dedicated the hospital to the aid and comfort of suffering humanity.

Among the out-of-town visitors were Doctor Pruitt from South Car-

olina, and Dr. and Mrs. Able of the Waynesville hospital.

Only expressions of praise have been heard for the work of the hospital; the dinner, and program.

GAS TAX MEASURE IS INTRODUCED BY WOOD

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—Senator W. F. Wood, of Marion, has introduced his bill to extend the state highway system to take over the county highway systems by means of the revenue to be derived from an additional cent on the gasoline tax which is at present set at four cents.

"I am not at all sure that the bill will get through in its present shape," Senator Wood declared on a question that appears to me to be of paramount importance to the welfare of the state.

Senator Wood's bill reads as follows:

"A bill to be entitled an act to extend the state highway system by taking over certain county roads and increasing the tax on motor fuels for the maintenance thereof."

"Section 1. That on or before the first day of July, 1929, the road governing body of each of the counties within the state of North Carolina, shall cause to be prepared and submitted to the state highway commission, a map of said county showing the public roads therein, and shall specify upon said map by proper designation, a system of roads within said county connecting every township therein by the shortest practical route to the county seat, which said roads shall extend from and to the principal towns within such townships as may have cities or towns; Provided, said roads shall be limited to one main road through each township."

"Sec. 2. That such roads as may be designated and certified to the state highway commission by the road governing body of each respective county as provided in section one hereof, shall, on or before the first day of July, 1929, become a part of the state highway system, and the state highway commission shall thereafter take over the construction, maintenance and improvement of said roads in the same manner that is now in force respecting the roads now constituting the state highway system."

"Sec. 3. That section four of chapter ninety-three of the public laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the word "Four" in line one of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Five."

"Sec. 4. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed."

"Sec. 5. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification."

MRS. LETTIE HARRIS DIES AT EAST MARION

Mrs. Lettie Jane Harris died at the home of her niece, Mrs. Roy Burgen, at East Marion last Friday afternoon after a brief illness. Mrs. Harris became ill Friday morning and died that afternoon about 1:30. Mrs. Harris was probably better known as Mrs. W. C. Hogan, though both her husbands preceded her to the grave. She was 68 years of age and is survived by three sons and one daughter, Charles N. of Marion, James W. of Old Fort, Elisha N. of Grand Island, Neb., Mrs. Jesse Lackey of Narrows, Va.; one uncle, Thomas Ross, of Forest City, thirteen grand children and two great grand children.

Mrs. Harris had been a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church for 56 years.

The funeral rites were held at Bethlehem Church with Rev. C. L. Taylor, of Old Fort, in charge. There was a very large attendance. Two numbers were rendered by a quartette from East Marion, Rev. J. N. Wise and Rev. A. A. Walker of her community assisted in the funeral.

The sympathy of many friends goes out to the bereaved family.

TOTAL DEBT OF STATE ON DECEMBER 31, \$174,542,600

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—Total debt of the state on December 31, 1928, was \$174,542,600, a combined statement of the auditor and treasurer issued today, showed. A cash balance of \$11,934,988.72 was on hand at the end of the year. Of this cash balance \$360,675.92 was reserved for the general fund; \$11,101,581.72 for highway and other special funds, and \$472,731.09 for outstanding warrants.

GARDNER BECOMES GOVERNOR OF N. C.

Inaugural Ceremonies on Last Friday Marked The Beginning of New Administration

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—With a simple ceremony in the presence of 5,000 men, women and children, O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, was inaugurated as eighty-fifth governor of North Carolina here today.

Presented by his predecessor, Governor A. W. McLean, the 46-year-old former, banker, lawyer, and manufacturer, took the oath of office at 12:30 o'clock Friday afternoon in the city auditorium, the same building in which he was nominated six months ago by the Democratic state convention.

Chief Justice W. P. Stacy administered the oath of office, after other members of the new administration had been sworn in by the four associate justices of the court.

Immediately, the new chief executive launched into his inaugural address, pledging his administration to a continuation of a policy of advancement for the state on progressive but economical lines.

Makes Good on Pledge
Few suggestions were made for new legislation. The governor proposed, however, that the gasoline tax be increased from four cents to five cents a gallon, with a provision that the state take over certain county roads in order to relieve the counties of a portion of their tax burden. He advocated a substantial increase in the school equalizing fund, but opposed the eight months term by legislative enactment at this time. He made good on his campaign pledge to favor an Australian ballot system, and a revision of the primary laws.

After the inauguration, the new governor and the former governor reviewed a parade embracing military and civilian organizations, and retired to the state capitol where, in the chief executive's office, McLean formally turned the reins of state over to Gardner.

The inauguration program began at the executive mansion, where Governor and Mrs. Gardner were guests Thursday night. State officials assembled shortly after 11 o'clock to greet them, official photographs were taken, and the inaugural party proceeded to the auditorium by automobile.

Governor McLean and Governor Elect Gardner occupied the first automobile in the procession. An R. O. T. C. unit from State College, Gardner's alma mater, the cadets corps of Oak Ridge Institute, and national guard military units made up the parade.

In the auditorium, Lieutenant-Governor J. Elmer Long presided over the ceremonies, as presiding officer of the joint session of the general assembly.

After the governor's inaugural, Lee B. Weathers, publisher of the Cleveland Star and president of the State press association, presented the new governor with a souvenir volume of bound letters written by 4,000 citizens of his native county of Cleveland.

CALDWELL POULTRY SHOW SET FOR JANUARY 24

Lenoir, Jan. 5.—The fourth annual Caldwell County Poultry Show will be held in Lenoir on January 24 and 25, according to announcement by P. M. Hendricks, county farm agent. The birds will be cooped on January 23 and will be removed after 3 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The show will be a ribbon show altogether except the classification for boys and girls. Money will be paid for premiums for the boys and girls club exhibits, and these will be a special feature of the show this year.

LESS THAN THIRD OF SOLONS ARE EXPERIENCED

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—Less than one-third of the members of the 1929 general assembly, held seats in the general assembly of 1927. Thirty-three members of the 1927 house of representatives and nine members of the senate of that year, have returned for this year's session.

BUDDY ROGERS and **MARY BRIAN** in an entertaining comedy-drama "VARSITY" at Oasis Theatre on Friday.

FARM MEETINGS FOR THIS MONTH

Program of Agriculture and Work for Year To Be Discussed at Series of Meetings

A series of meetings have been arranged to be held throughout the county, a meeting for each township, to be held at the school houses during this month for the purpose as follows:

(1) To discuss and make out a program of agricultural extension work for the year 1929.

(2) To discuss and get more familiar with the milk survey which will be made in the county soon to determine whether or not we can produce enough milk to establish a cheese factory in Marion.

(3) To organize the Boys and Girls 4 H Club work.

Any other matters of interest may be discussed at these meetings. The meetings will be appropriate for men and women, and it is hoped that all the people will attend.

All meetings will be held at the school houses, and all will begin at 1:30 p. m., and will be held as follows:

West Marion, Friday, January 18.
Harmony Grove, Monday, Jan. 21.
Nebo, Tuesday, January 22nd.
Sugar Hill, Wednesday, Jan. 23rd.
Glenwood, Thursday, Jan. 24th.
Dysartsville, Friday, Jan. 25th.
Macedonia, Monday, Jan. 28th.
Cherry Springs, Tuesday, Jan. 29.
Pleasant Garden, Wednesday, January 30th.

North Cove, Thursday, Jan. 31st.

Old Fort, Friday, February 1st.

The first and probably the most important step in successful farming is, "to plan your work," and then to make a success, you must work your plan. Our plan should contain a system of farming which will improve the fertility of the soil which at the same time will allow the harvesting of crops at profitable returns. Following economical production, we must be able to have a satisfactory market for our crops. The apparent lack of a market is probably doing as much as any other one factor in holding back the agricultural development of McDowell county, yet in many cases we will find that those who are complaining about the lack of a market do not have anything to sell, or as has been said, "there is no one as far from the market as the man who has nothing to sell." We first must study the needs of the market, and then make our plans accordingly. The marketing of crops very often calls for co-operative effort on the part of the farmers, certainly this is true in the establishing and the operation of a cheese factory. If the farmers will get together and decide that they will produce the milk in sufficient volume, a truck will travel the principal roads every morning and collect the milk, but just a few farmers cannot produce enough milk to supply a cream factory with milk, or a creamery with butterfat.

We must meet together, talk together, plan together, and work together, if we are to make farming as profitable as it should be. Cut the above dates out for reference, or mark the dates on your calendar, especially the one for the meeting which you should attend.

W. L. SMARR, County Agt.

MRS. WILLIS DIES AT HER HOME AT PENLAND

Mrs. Elizabeth Willis, mother of Mrs. R. N. Ellis of this place, died at her home in Penland on Saturday, January 12th. Death was due to an attack of influenza followed by pneumonia. The deceased was 82 years of age. Funeral service was held Sunday at the Bear Creek Church, the deceased being a member there for about seventy years. Interment was made in the Bear Creek cemetery. The deceased is survived by her husband, John Willis, who is eighty-nine years old, one son and three daughters.

WOULD ABOLISH TREASURER

Representative J. B. Johnson has introduced a bill in the house to abolish the office of treasurer of McDowell county and allow the county commissioners to appoint a bank as official depository.

The province of Quebec is the world's chief source of asbestos.

POLICEMAN LASSITER KIDNAPED AND BEATEN

The Progress is in receipt of a copy of the Washington Times, Washington, D. C., of January 3rd, containing an article stating that Policeman Carl C. Lassiter was recently kidnaped and beaten up by a youth driving an Ohio car. Mr. Lassiter is well known in Marion where he was engaged in the real estate business about three years ago. He is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Frisbie of this place. The clipping from the Washington Times follows:

Police of three states and the District of Columbia today have a net out to catch the driver of an Ohio automobile who last night kidnaped and beat up Policeman Carl C. Lassiter, of the Traffic Bureau, when Lassiter attempted to arrest him for driving with dead tags.

The kidnaper drove the officer under cover of a gun to a vacant lot near the District Jail where he shot at him a couple of times, beat him over the head with the butt of a gun and then told him to run for his life.

A car believed to be that used by the kidnaper was found today on Third Street Northeast, between A and B Streets. It answers the description of the car in which Lassiter was kidnaped, except that its tag number does not quite correspond with the number reported by the officer, though it is an Ohio tag.

The policeman was on duty at Ninth and F Streets Northwest when the Ohio car came by and its driver asked how to get to Rhode Island Avenue. Lassiter told him to continue south on Ninth Street for half a block and then turn around and come back.

As the car started off the officer noticed that it had 1928 Ohio tags. When it came back he stopped it and asked the driver about his tags.

The man was unable to show a registration card or driver's permit but showed some papers for another machine which he said he had traded in at Baltimore for the car he was then driving.

He contended that the Ohio tags were still good, Ohio having an extension of time arrangement. Lassiter decided to check up on this part of the story and told the driver to wait while he called the Traffic Bureau. When he found out from the Traffic Bureau that Ohio has no time extension, he placed the driver under arrest and got into the car with him to drive him to the bureau.

As he got into the car the driver covered him with a pistol and ordered him to keep his right arm in the window, thus preventing him from getting to his own gun.

Then driving with one hand while he kept the officer covered with the other, the operator of the car drove to New York Avenue and then east on New York to Massachusetts Avenue and then to East Capitol Street.

Several times Lassiter tried to move his arm from the window but was warned by a prod of the gun. He also attempted to steer his abductor to Fifteenth and H Streets Northeast, where he knew another policeman was on duty, but the driver was suspicious.

"What are you going to do with me?" Lassiter asked the man.

"I'm not going to hurt you if you behave," was the reply.

Finally they reached the vacant lot near the jail. There the car driver removed Lassiter's gun from its holster and ordered him to take his tie off. The policeman was afraid he was going to be tied up and threw the tie to the ground.

The kidnaper stooped over to pick it up and as he did so fired once at Lassiter's feet.

Then, then, evidently abandoning his plan to use the tie, the youth told Lassiter to run. The policeman obeyed and as he turned away the kidnaper fired another shot in his general direction.

Then the unidentified man got back into his machine and drove off. Lassiter was picked up by D. A. McDonald, of Congress Heights, and taken to Casualty Hospital, where he was treated for lacerations on his head. After treatment he went back to the Traffic Bureau to report the affair.

Police immediately notified nearby states, and authorities of Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania are on the lookout for the car.

UPS AND DOWNS

Jones—How much do you charge for toboggan rides?

Proprietor—We have a sliding scale.—Life.

HISTORIC HOMES NORTH CAROLINA

The McDowells at Kings Mountain—Family History of General Local Interest.

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

Charles McDowell had organized the clans into a compact, formidable force. The proposed scene of conflict was in his district, and, under military rules then in force, he was entitled to command. When, however, it became apparent that jealousy might impair the efficiency of the little army, he cheerfully agreed to go to Mecklenburg or Rowan and invite General Davidson to take charge. After he had left on this mission, it was deemed by the council of war best to attack Ferguson before his force could be strengthened by Cornwallis, and the result indicated the wisdom of this conclusion.

Governor Shelby published an account in 1823, in which, after lauding General Charles McDowell as a patriot and a brave and able officer, he said that after it was decided to send to headquarters for a general officer to take command, Charles McDowell requested, as he could not command, to be allowed to take the message, and added that "he accordingly started immediately, leaving his men under his brother, Major Joseph McDowell" (Wheeler's History, Part II, page 59). It was Shelby who next day made the generous move to place Campbell in command to obviate the danger of delay. Within the next twenty years some of the lineal descendants of Joseph McDowell of Pleasant Gardens have insisted that the command of the Burke men at King's Mountain devolved on their ancestor, not on his cousin Joseph of Quaker Meadows. The writer would be rejoiced to be convinced that this contention is well founded, but is constrained to conclude that it is not Shelby had come over with Sevier, at the instance of Charles McDowell, under whose command he had previously fought with all three of the McDowells at Musgrove's Mill and other places. He must have known whether the brother or the cousin of Colonel Charles McDowell was next in rank to him, and he said it was the brother.

"Poor's Sketches of Congressmen" states that Joseph McDowell who was born at Winchester, Va., in 1756, and died in 1801, was elected a member of the third and also of the fifth Congress, had commanded a portion of the right wing of the army that stormed Kings Mountain. In a subsequent sketch of Joseph McDowell of Ohio, he says that he was born in Burke county, North Carolina, November 13, 1880, was a son of Joseph McDowell, member from North Carolina, and was himself a member from 1843 to 1847. The widow of Joseph McDowell of Quaker Meadows left North Carolina with her little children and went to Kentucky soon after her husband's death. Her home was on the banks of John's River, near where Bishop Spangenberg must have encamped when he declared that the land was the most fertile he had seen in Carolina. sketches have always been prepared after consultation with the member as to his precious history, and we must conclude that both father and son bore testimony to the truth of history—the father that he was in command, the son that such was the family history derived from his mother. Dr. Harvey McDowell, of Cynthia, Kentucky, who presided over the first Scotch-Irish convention at Nashville, Tenn., and who died at the ripe age of four score, a year or two since, had devoted much of his life to the study of family history, and had conversed with members of the family who knew Joseph of Quaker Meadows and Joseph of Pleasant Gardens and were familiar with their history.

Speaking of the agreement of Colonel Charles McDowell to go to headquarters, Dr. Harvey McDowell says:—

"He thereupon turned over the command of his regiment to his brother Joe of Quaker Meadows, who was thus promoted from the position of Major, which he had held in this regiment, to that of acting Colonel

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