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## MARION LANDS

### ANOTHER MILL

**Lake City Hosiery Mill Company Formed and Will Begin Operations Here Soon.**

Announcement was made on last Saturday of a new hosiery mill for Marion. It will be known as The Lake City Hosiery Mill Company and the first unit of 24 machines will begin operation about February 10th. The plant will be located in the Hudgins building on Railroad street near the Southern depot.

The new concern will start with a capital of \$20,000, later to be increased. It will have a daily output of 250 dozen pairs of girls' golf hose. The value of the finished product will be \$250,000 per year, and the plant will employ about 30 persons. J. H. Tate, a Marion business man, will be secretary and treasurer. J. M. Lithy will be superintendent and president of the new mill. The new concern was secured through the efforts of the industrial committee of the Marion Chamber of Commerce.

### NEGRO JAILED FOR SHOOTING HIS WIFE

Joe Davis, 30-year-old negro, is held in jail after being arrested Saturday night shortly after shooting and killing his wife about 9 o'clock.

The shooting occurred on Main street on the bridge across the railroad and in the presence of several passersby and those standing near the scene.

Davis and his wife had not lived together for some time and they met on Main street Saturday night and had an argument that resulted in his killing her. He fired four times and she died almost instantly.

Immediately following the shooting Davis made his way up Main street where he was met by Policeman Nichols who arrested him and escorted him to jail.

### PENDER STORE VISITED BY THIEVES SATURDAY NIGHT

The Pender store located on West Henderson street was entered by robbers last Saturday night. The manager of the store was unable to estimate the value of goods taken but stated the loss would probably run about \$200 or \$300. The robbers took mostly cigarettes and sugar. Entrance was gained through the ventilator over the front door. Officers noticed the back door open about 4 o'clock Monday morning. No trace of the robbers could be found.

### KIRBY RE-ELECTED COUNTY PHYSICIAN

At a meeting of the County Board of Health on Monday, Dr. G. S. Kirby was re-elected county physician for the next two years and Dr. R. B. Butt was elected quarantine officer, succeeding Dr. J. B. Johnson.

The County Board of Health is composed of five members: J. D. Blanton, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; N. F. Stepp County Superintendent of Schools; H. H. Tate, Mayor of Marion; Dr. J. F. Miller and Dr. D. M. McIntosh.

### JOHN PRESNELL PASSES

Mr. John Presnell, an aged citizen of Clinchfield, died at the home of his son last Friday. Mr. Presnell was 90 years of age. His wife died about 21 years ago. He is survived by two sons and three daughters, James and Peter Presnell, of Marion; Mrs. W. E. Coe and Mrs. John Wilson, of Marion; Mrs. Julia Helton, of Newton, and a number of grand and great grandchildren.

The funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon by Rev. J. N. Wise and interment made at Proctor cemetery.

### LONE STAR SERVICE STATION BURGLARIZED

The Lone Star Service Station on East Court street was broken into and pilfered by unknown robbers last Monday night. A quantity of cigarettes and a few other articles amounting to about forty or fifty dollars were carried off. A small amount of change left in the cash drawer was not bothered. Entrance was effected through a window.

## MORGANTON MERCHANT DIES AFTER OPERATION

Morganton, Jan. 19.—The funeral of W. P. Becker, 49, well known and highly respected Morganton merchant, who died in a Charlotte hospital Friday night, will be held at 3:30 Sunday afternoon at the First Methodist Church here. Mr. Becker was a member of the board of stewards of this church and took an active interest in its affairs. The immediate cause of his death was an abscess on the bladder, this with other complications having followed an attack of influenza. He was taken to Charlotte last Sunday for an operation, from which he failed to rally.

Seven sisters and a brother, practically all of whom live in New York, where Mr. Becker was born and reared, survive in addition to his wife and two children. The Beckers had been living in Morganton for 10 years, coming here from Lexington. During that time they had established and successfully operated variety stores in Morganton, Marion, Valdesse, and Granite Falls.

## PLAY AT EAST MARION NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT

On Saturday evening, Jan. 26th, at the East Marion school house the play, "Over the Hill," will be given for the benefit of the community and school libraries. The East Marion school is a standard school with a very fine library. The community library, of which the people of the community are very proud, is not thoroughly organized yet it has a collection of six or seven hundred books which are being used quite extensively. However, there is a demand for more. Therefore the people of the community are giving this play. The cast of characters is as follows:

Samuel Crawford, --- Jessie Price  
Robert Post --- Roy Queen  
Walter Conrad --- Orvil Fender  
Dr. Jimmie Reed --- Juanita Poteat  
Salamander Alexander John Henry Jones --- Carl Baldwin  
Mrs. Davis --- Rosa Holland  
Ruth Conrad --- Mrs. Lovella Smith  
Flo Gray --- Ruby McGee  
Lutie --- Annie Moore  
Zuzu --- Mrs. W. A. Fender

## BAND CONCERT NEXT THURSDAY EVENING

A musical program will be given by the Marion High School Band at the High School auditorium on next Thursday evening, Jan. 31, at 8 o'clock. A varied program consisting of band selections, vocal and instrumental solos and duets, quartet selections, etc., will be rendered. The proceeds will go to the band for current expenses. The band has a membership of twenty and is making fine progress under the leadership of Mr. J. L. Greene. A delightful musical program is promised and it is hoped that all who are interested in this organization, which means much to the town, will attend.

## TO THE AMERICAN BOY

I take off my hat to the American boy—dirty, filthy, grimy—of the earth, earthy. He is the composite of the wildcat and the dove, lion and the lamb. He is the autocrat at the breakfast table, the dinner table and the supper table.

He is a walking encyclopedia of family secrets, thumb-indexed and automatic. He relates without prejudice or personal bias. You can't stop him. He talks right on.

He runs with the gang. He plays hookey to follow the parade. He is full of adventure. He is a hero worshiper. His interests center around things and men in action. He is the pride of his mother, the terror of his big sisters, and the hope of the future.

He carries the destinies of the future up his sleeve and wears the purpose of the race on his countenance. He will make and unmake empires and kingdoms to his liking. He will build the future after his own ideals.

You can't discourage him, for he has the courage of his convictions. You can't befuddle him, for he does his own thinking. You can't gain say him, for he knows and knows that he knows. He carries the wealth of the Nation in his pocket.

Go easy with him. Be patient. He is a man in the cocoon. He may be a plodder or a genius—one is as important as the other. He may be a pauper, a prince, or a president. I take off my hat to the American boy. Who knows but that destiny has picked him for a winner?

## PYTHIANS OUTLINE PLAN OF ACTIVITY

**Local Lodge Has Entered Into Campaign Outlined by the Supreme Advisory Board.**

Under the leadership of E. P. Foy, lodge deputy, the local lodge of Knights of Pythias has entered into the campaign outlined by the Supreme Advisory Board and will make an effort to win a portion of the \$5,000 cash awards announced under the plan of activity issued by the Supreme Lodge officers. The goal set by the plan of work is fixed at more than 100,000 members or an increase of ten per cent net for all of the 6,000 lodges of the United States in Canada.

The program, nation-wide in its scope, will be directed by officers of the grand lodges. The grand domain will be divided into districts, each in charge of a grand lodge officer, who will direct the work to be done by the deputy in each lodge. The plan includes the holding of frequent divisional meetings, institution of new lodges, reorganization of defunct lodges, organization of dramatic teams for ritual ceremonies and the institution of the order's auxiliaries in lodges where practicable.

The program of activity will cover the entire year and awards will be made to grand lodges at the close of the year upon credits earned. The prizes range from \$1,500 down to \$100 and nine awards will be made to the fifty-five grand domains.

The Supreme Advisory Board is composed of Supreme Chancellor Alva M. Lumpkin, Columbia, S. C.; Supreme Vice Chancellor Leslie E. Crouch, Portland, Oregon; and Harry M. Love, supreme keeper of records and seal, Minneapolis, Minn. The Grand Chancellor of each domain is in charge of the work in his jurisdiction.

"The plan of activity outlined in the program is the most constructive ever attempted by the local lodge," according to G. N. Carter, who was recently installed chancellor commander. "It not only contemplates the increase of membership in the lodge but extends its field of action into many channels. The social side of the organization will be emphasized. Efforts will be made to develop closer contacts with the membership and their families. A number of social events of various kinds will be given by the lodge.

"The lodge will also make contact with some welfare activity for the advancement of the community. The organization will sponsor some movement in civic welfare or will support some plan undertaken by the city as a whole for beautification of the city or development of some community spirit. The program also includes the organization of auxiliary sections recognized by the Supreme Lodge. This work will include organization of a Pythian Sister Temple and perhaps the Princes of Syracuse, the organization for boys and the establishment of an Insurance Section in the lodge by obtaining members for the Insurance Department."

The committee in charge of carrying out the program in the local lodge is composed of the following members: J. C. Burnett, P. C.; G. N. Carter, C. C.; E. P. Foy, R. F. Barnes, W. L. Smarr, W. W. McConnell.

## 1,713 VIOLENT DEATHS IN N. C. IN PAST YEAR

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—One thousand seven hundred and thirteen persons met violent deaths in North Carolina during 1928, state health department officials said late Thursday in giving out their yearly report. Of this number 251 were homicides.

Causes and number of deaths follow:

Burns, 278; automobile and railroad, 35; automobile accidents, 561; drowning, 146; railroad accidents, 83; homicides, 251; suicides, 182; accidental gunshot, 62; gunshot, doubtful, 99; lightning, 16.

"Squire" Flack, a well known colored citizen of this place, died at the home of his son, Frank Flack, near Stroutdown on Tuesday and was buried at Piney Ridge, Rutherford county, Wednesday. He was 94 years of age.

## POULTRY BRINGS FARMERS BIG SUM

**Shipments During the Past Year Bring Farmers of McDowell County \$11,462.92.**

(By W. L. Smarr, County Agent.)

During the past year the farmers of McDowell county sold through the co-operative car shipments of live poultry 59,597 pounds of poultry for which they received \$11,462.92. During the year 1927 the co-operative sales of poultry at the cars amounted to 30,225 pounds of poultry. During 1927 the McDowell Produce Company, of Marion, paid out \$4,882.90 for poultry, while during 1928, \$5,562.44 was paid out by this company for poultry. None of the above figures include sale of eggs.

Since February 29th the poultry car has been in Marion on Wednesday every two weeks. The poultry car was in Old Fort once each month during February, March and April.

The co-operative car shipment has provided a satisfactory market for all the poultry produced, and has brought thousands of dollars into the county that otherwise would have gone to other sections for poultry.

Before the co-operative car shipment of poultry was put into effect, there was not any satisfactory local market for poultry. The farmer produced just about what he wanted for home consumption, and gave no thought of producing poultry as a cash crop on the farm. Poultry brought to town went begging, and very often no offer was received and the poultry was hauled back home. Then, too, at that time much of the poultry had to be traded for goods. The co-operative car shipment pays the highest market price in cash at the car door.

Not only has the co-operative shipment of poultry stimulated the production of more poultry, but has stimulated interest in better poultry. The buyers of poultry from this county state that they are getting poultry of much better quality now than they secured during the beginning of car shipments of poultry, and much better quality than some of the poultry being received at this time from other counties in Western North Carolina.

Last year it seemed as if every incubator in the county was put into operation, and several others were purchased. A large commercial hatchery was operated by the Burgin Hatchery, of Old Fort, which supplied chicks which helped to make the above records, and of course many baby chicks were purchased from commercial hatcheries from without the county and the state.

In order to make it possible to have a poultry car in Marion every two weeks, we must continue to produce poultry in volume enough to justify the expense of operating these poultry cars. The cost of purchasing one to two thousand pounds of poultry is just about as expensive as buying some ten to eighteen thousand pounds, thus with a larger tonnage, the purchaser can afford to pay the producer more.

Can we not double the tonnage this year? That would be 120,000 pounds. How about setting it at 100 thousand and you doing your part to put it across? I believe that we all should have from 50 to 100 hens on the farms, that we all should have a brooder house, a brooder, and a good poultry house. One bunch of chicks should be purchased during January or February, the cockerels and cull pullets being sold for broilers. Then about March and April you will have the same brooder ready to brood another bunch from which you should get your winter layers. The pullets from the first bunch will lay eggs during late summer and early fall, and probably most of them should be sold when they begin to molt and cease to lay some time during the winter.

Mr. L. G. Hollifield, of Nebo, Rt. 2, in reply to the question, "What do you think is the first requirement in the successful production of poultry and eggs on the farm?" said: "Well, the first requirement is that one must be interested in poultry to the extent of being willing to profit by the mistakes which he makes, and when he makes a mistake, not to blame it on the poultry business, but put the blame where it belongs, cor-

rect the mistake, find out from successful poultry growers and the County Agent the methods that are successful, and to put them into practice on his own farm." In order to find out where the loss and profit is, one should keep a record of his flock, which will give valuable information about the time of hatching, culling, feeding, and other factors entering into the poultry work.

You probably would not give that as your first requirement. Many would give "money" as being of first importance; others might say "good chicks", etc. You will not succeed with "money" and "good chicks" if they are not given the proper care and management, but of course we must have some money, and should have chicks of the very best quality. Where are we to get these chicks of good quality? I will write a short article on this to appear in these columns at an early date.

## PRUNING THE APPLE ORCHARD

(By H. R. Niswonger, Extension Horticulturist.)

The season for pruning is at hand. January and February are usually good months to do this kind of orchard work since there are often periods of good open weather. A systematic pruning every year is more practical than a pruning every few years. Do not let the "professional pruner" butcher your trees. Give personal supervision to the pruning as you are familiar with behavior of your trees. There may be some that do not need pruning while others do. You have already found this out at harvest time. The trees that have produced the most cull apples will need pruning most and they may also need fertilization. Pruning and fertilization are inter related. Study the fruiting habits of apple trees in this relation.

When pruning, small cuts are better than large cuts. The pruning should be a thinning process, removing the lops, or such branches crowding those bearing the best apples. In order to invigorate a weak fruiting branch that has the advantage of sunlight, cut it back to a side twig. The response to pruning is always back of the cut, consequently there is a renewal of growth in the old fruit spur or fruit twig.

The pruning of young apple trees should be associated with the fact that heavy pruning delays the formation of blossom buds. Do not bob the large scaffold limbs or the branches except where they are exceptionally long and have become top heavy by developing side branches at the tip. Cutting back a branch of this kind will induce formation of branches lower down. Give the young tree a chance to grow and in no way hinder it in its natural process of forming fruit wood.

## Dormant Spray of Apple Orchard

Make a New Year's Resolution like this: "I will grow the kind of apples that will please the dealer and consumer." The consumer wants an apple of good color, good size and free from blemishes. Spraying helps to make the trees healthy and should begin with the dormant spraying. This spray will destroy the San Jose Scale which during the growing season spreads to the fruit causing reddish circular spots on the skin of the apple. This insect also damages the small fruiting branches and fruit spurs. Thoroughness in your spraying is as important as the spray mixtures. You can't spray thoroughly unless you have good spray machinery.

Is your spray pump in good working order? Is it oiled? Have new plungers and packing been in stalled? Are all leaks stopped? Has it enough power to maintain a steady pressure? A barrel pump should have a pressure of 100 to 125 pounds, while a power outfit should maintain a constant pressure of 250 pounds with spray nozzles open.

Information as to the kind of spray mixtures to use for the dormant sprays can be had at the County Agent's office or by writing the Department of Horticulture, N. C. State College, Raleigh, N. C.

## DRUSILLA NEWS

Nebo, Rt. 1, Jan. 21 — We are having fine weather and farmers are getting ready to plant crops. Wheat is looking fine.

There are a number of cases of flu in this community.

The Sunday School at Drusilla Presbyterian Church is progressing nicely.

Mrs. Margaret Upton celebrated her 77th birthday with a birthday dinner Wednesday, January 16th.

## HISTORIC HOMES NORTH CAROLINA

**The McDowell Women—Carson-Vance Duel—Present Condition of the Old Homes**

(By A. C. Avery)

Mrs. Margaret Moffitt McDowell, says Dr. Harvey McDowell, was a beautiful and charming woman. After the death of her husband she returned to the Valley of Virginia and went thence to Kentucky. Amongst her descendants was a son, Joseph J., already mentioned, a member of Congress, and many other people prominent in public or social life, both of Kentucky and Ohio.

Mrs. Mary Moffitt McDowell was the mother of Mrs. Margaret McDowell, who married her cousin, Captain Charles McDowell, a son of General Charles, and was the mistress at the Quaker Meadows home, where she kept a house always open to her friends till her death in 1859.

Her oldest daughter, Mary, first married General John Gray Bynum in 1838, and subsequently became the second wife of Chief Justice Pearson in 1859. The late Judge John Gray Bynum was the only son. Another daughter, Eliza, was the wife of Nicholas W. Woodfin, one of the ablest lawyers of his day, and another, Margaret, married W. F. McKesson, and was the mother of the first Mrs. F. H. Busbee and of C. E. McKesson. Another daughter married John Woodfin, a prominent lawyer, who fell at the head of his battalion, resisting Kirk's invasion at Warm Springs. The only son who survived Mrs. Annie McDowell was Colonel James C. S. McDowell. He married Miss Julia, daughter of Governor Charles Manly. His first service was when, as second Lieutenant of Company C of the Bethel Regiment, he participated in the first battle of the war. Later he became Colonel of the Fifty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, and fell gallantly leading it in a charge on Mary's Heights in 1863.

James McDowell, his oldest son, married Margaret Erwin, and the father of Dr. Joseph McDowell of Buncombe and Dr. John C. McDowell of Burke, both of whom were members of the Secession Convention of 1861, and of Colonel William who was Captain in the Bethel Regiment and afterwards Colonel of the sixtieth North Carolina. Another son, John McDowell, was the father of Colonel John of Rutherford county.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Mary McDowell married Colonel John Carson and made her home at his mansion near the mouth of Buck Creek, on the Catawba. The name of Pleasant Gardens followed her and was applied to her new as well as her old home. Her oldest son by the second marriage, Colonel Samuel P. Carson, after serving in the Legislature of the State, served four terms in Congress. He was at first a favorite of Old Hickory, and was selected as the readiest debater in the House to defend the administration on the floor of that body. He afterwards became the friend of John C. Calhoun, and his defense of nullification estranged Jackson and led to Carson's retirement from Congress. The last service of Carson to the State was as one of the members from Burke to the Constitutional Convention of 1835. His father had been one of Burke's members of the Convention of 1789 when the Constitution of the United States had been ratified by the state.

In the writer's boyhood, older men spoke of Sam Carson as the most eloquent speaker and the most fascinating gentleman they had known.

In the early part of the year 1835, Samuel Carson went, with the view of finding a home, to the Republic of Texas, then struggling with Mexico for independence. It was during his absence that he was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1835. He migrated to Texas in 1836, which framed a constitution, and, upon the election of General Samuel Houston to the presidency of the young republic, was made Secretary of State. The efforts of Carson to receive recognition of the Lone Star State were potent in beginning the agitation which culminated in 1845 in recognition and

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