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FIRE THURSDAY AT CLINCHFIELD

Several Buildings Destroyed—
Total Damage Estimated at
\$20,000 to \$30,000.

At 1:45 this morning fire was discovered in J. D. Buff's store at Clinchfield. The fire had made considerable headway when discovered. The alarm was immediately given and the Marion Fire Department responded promptly and did excellent work to check the fire, but owing to the high wind and falling snow their work was seriously handicapped. Buff's store and warehouse were burned with practically the entire contents; the Black Cat Cafe, Stott's millinery store and a part of the stock of goods; apartment house belonging to Beaman Lumber Co., and Seagle's barber shop were also destroyed, and Foster's grocery store was partially destroyed. The buildings were owned by J. R. Gray, the Beaman Lumber Company and Foster, who had recently purchased the store and stock of goods from Mrs. M. E. Greene. The damage is estimated to be between \$20,000 and \$30,000. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Morgantown Fire Department came to the assistance of the Marion men at 3:30 o'clock, but the fire was then under control.

STATE INCOME TAX MAN HERE FEB. 27-28

C. R. Hamrick, Deputy Commissioner of Revenue, will be in the court house at Marion, N. C., on February 27th and 28th, and at the Bank of Old Fort in Old Fort on March 1st for the purpose of assisting those desiring help in filing State income tax returns.

All single persons with income over \$1000.00, all married persons with income over \$2000.00 and all partnerships and corporations regardless of amount of income must file a return before March 15th.

SHIPMENT OF POULTRY BRINGS IN \$1084.46

Poultry shipments from Marion are being successfully made every two weeks and bring the farmers of the county a neat sum in cash. On Wednesday, Feb. 13th, 3,772 pounds of heavy breed hens were sold at \$932.53; 345 pounds of light breed hens at \$81.02; 109 pounds heavy chickens at \$21.80; 40 pounds broilers at \$12.00; 228 pounds cox at \$22.70; 21 pounds of ducks at \$3.15; 41 pounds turkeys at \$10.68, making a total of 4,556 pounds which brought \$1084.46.

The next poultry loading will be made from Marion on Wednesday, February 27th.

BLANTON SELLS INTEREST IN CHEVROLET COMPANY

Mr. Albert Blanton, who has been engaged in the automobile business here for some time, has sold his interest in the Marion Chevrolet Company to A. K. Weaver and H. W. Stauffer. Mr. Weaver, who will succeed Mr. Blanton as manager, has been engaged in the automobile business for several years and has a large circle of friends throughout the county. Mr. Weaver will have associated with him H. W. Stauffer who for several years held a position with the A. Blanton Grocery Company. Both are capable and well known business men. The business will be continued at the present location on West Court street.

SPECIAL BENEFIT PICTURE FRIDAY

On Friday, February 22, the Oasis Theatre will present a special program for the benefit of the Marion High School Athletic fund. The entire receipts for the day will be turned over to the high school athletic association to defray the expenses of the teams and much interest is being manifested in the entertainment. "Win That Girl," a comedy-drama of college life, and a one-reel comedy, "Fully Equipped," will be presented. The cause is worthy and all who are interested in the success of the school teams are urged to attend the entertainment.

Whooping cough kills more children in America today than scarlet fever.

LONON-PARROTT WEDDING SATURDAY

The following account of the Lonon-Parrott wedding last Saturday is taken from the Kinston paper:

A marriage of marked impressiveness and simple beauty was that of Miss Helen Rountree Parrott and Mr. John Yancey Lonon, of Marion, solemnized at noon Saturday at the Gordon Street Church of Christ. The edifice was beautifully decorated. A background of cedar and first breath of spring was bordered by trailing smilax and flanked by imposing groups of cathedral candles. Calla lilies and palms stood at either side. Tall urns of pink roses and snapdragons contributed a touch of color in the choir loft three groups of miniature pine trees and a simple arrangement of pear blossoms and pyrus japonica on the organ set off by single candles on either side, formed artistic decorations.

Preceding the ceremony, Mrs. Warren McCullers, talented lyric soprano, of Clayton, a cousin of the bride, sang "All For You" and "The Sweetest Story Ever Told." Mrs. McCullers possesses a voice of unusual sweetness. She was accompanied by Mrs. T. V. Moseley, who played as organ selections, "O Thou Sublime Sweet Evening Star," "Venecian Love Song," and "Love Duet from Faust. During the ceremony "Hearts and Flowers," the same as played at the wedding of the bride's parents, was rendered. Mendelsohn's "Wedding March" and the march from Lohengrin were played.

Misses Martha Andrews and Leone Hines Parrott, ribbon girls, dressed in rose taffeta and small rose felt hats, with miniature arm bouquets, preceded the bridal party, forming an aisle with streamers of flesh tulle. Messrs. Frank Parrott, brother of the bride, and Sam Yancey, of Marion, both students at the University, ushers, were first to enter. Miss Helen Lonon, of Marion, sister of the groom, and Mr. W. D. Lonon, a brother, bridesmaid and groomsmen, followed. Messrs. W. F. Ward, of New Bern, and J. B. Hill, of Raleigh, ushers, came next. Miss Lisbeth Parrott, sister of the bride and maid of honor, descended the aisle alone, followed by Master Alfred Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ward, as ring bearer. Miss Parrott's dress was of rose chiffon, made with becoming bertha and flounced skirt, worn with close fitting rose hat of straw and felt, and rose satin slippers. Miss Lonon's dress, of lighter shade, was made with chic shoulder bow across the back and snug hip yoke. Her accessories were similar to those of the maid. They carried arm bouquets of Columbia roses, blue sweetpeas and yellow daisies, daintily showered with silver ribbons.

The groom, accompanied by his brother, Mr. D. N. Lonon, as best man, was joined at the altar by the bride, escorted by her father, Dr. A. E. Cory, the bride's pastor, performed the ceremony. The bride wore a silk lace dress of bluebird blue, caught at the side neckline and in front with rhinestone ornaments. Her hat was a small model of blue straw edged with lace, her slippers a matching shade of blue satin. She carried a bride's bouquet of butterfly roses with valley lilies and variegated shower.

Following an informal wedding breakfast for members of the bridal party at the home of the bride's parents, the couple left for Washington and New York. Upon their return they will make their home at Marion. For traveling the bride wore a spring ensemble of rose beige with harmonizing accessories.

Mrs. Lonon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Parrott, a descendant of a family identified with the early history of Lenoir county. She is a graduate of Randolph Macon Woman's College, at Lynchburg, Va., and has taken post-graduate courses at Columbia University, completing her education with a European tour. For the past year and a half she has taught at Raleigh. She is a young woman of numerous accomplishments and personal charm. The groom was educated at Wake Forest. He is practicing law at Marion, a member of the firm of Lonon and Lonon. He is a direct descendant of the Yanceys and comes of families prominent in the Piedmont section. Numerous friends and associates hold him in high esteem.

A series of attractive social courtesies have marked the period of the engagement.

Shop with home merchants.

TERM CIVIL COURT IS STARTED HERE

Judge T. B. Finley Is Presiding; Judgments Granted in Two Cases—Two Divorces.

The February term of McDowell Superior Court for the trial of civil cases was started here Monday with Judge T. B. Finley presiding. Several cases on the calendar have been continued until the June term.

In the case of H. D. Smith against W. H. Hawkins and W. O. Ledbetter judgment was awarded the plaintiff in the sum of \$3,860.00.

In the case of W. S. Burgin against Jasper Davis judgment was granted the plaintiff in the sum of \$395.75.

Two divorces have been granted, that of C. N. Krause against Cora Krause, and L. O. Vess against Bertha Vess.

CITIZENS' TRAINING CAMP OPENS JUNE 13

Applications for attendance at Citizens Military Training Camps which will be held between June 13 and July 12 will be received by Captain H. F. Rathjen, Cavalry, Executive Officer, 309th Cavalry, Buncombe County Court House, Asheville, N. C., beginning March 1st.

The camps were so popular last year that many who applied to go, could not be accepted as their applications were received after the quota had been filled. So it is urged that applications be sent in early.

The Government pays expenses of those attending, consisting of transportation to and from camp, uniforms, food and medical attendance.

There are four courses of instruction, Basic, Red, White and Blue. The basic course is for physically fit male citizens of the United States 17 to 24 years of age. Previous military training not required. This course provides preliminary military training, including physical development, athletics, school of the soldier, squad and company drill, camp sanitation, first aid, hygiene, rifle marksmanship, military courtesy, meaning of discipline and studies in citizenship. Those taking this course will be given an opportunity to qualify for the next higher or Red Course.

The Red Course is for male citizens between the ages of 17 and 25 years. Applicants must be graduates of the basic course or have had military training equivalent thereto.

The White and Blue Courses are for male citizens between the ages of 18 to 28 and 19 to 31 respectively. White Course applicants must have had training in the Red Course and Blue Course applicants must have had training in a White Course, or training equivalent thereto.

Applicants accepted from McDowell County will be sent to Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Full information concerning the camps and application blanks may be obtained by writing Captain Rathjen or Mr. L. M. Abernethy, Marion, N. C., County Representative for McDowell County.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RECEIVES CERTIFICATE

The Marion Chamber of Commerce received a certificate Tuesday from the Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the promotion of aeronautics in recognition of services rendered by the organization in getting Marion properly marked with aerial signs as an aid to aerial navigation.

Marion now has two large aerial signs with letters fifteen feet high. One of the signs is on the A. Blanton Grocery building, and was placed there through the courtesy of the local branch of the Standard Oil Company. They did an excellent job on the sign with three coats of paint which will make it somewhat permanent. The second sign is on the Marjanna Hotel and was put there by the Airport Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

A great many of the pilots who have visited Marion have commented on the signs, as well as the general "air mindedness" of the city.

At Oasis Theatre on Friday an entertaining college story, "WIN THAT GIRL," as well as Pathe News and a one-reel comedy, BENEFIT for the High School Athletic Fund.

BOUNDARY FARM LOAN EXTENDED

McDowell Is Added to Territory—Twelve Farmers Make Applications for Loans.

McDowell County has recently been added to the territory of the Proffitt National Farm Loan Association, Rutherfordton, N. C., as a local organization of the Federal Land Bank, of Columbia, S. C. This arrangement has been made so that the farmers of McDowell county might take advantage of the long time farm loans as offered through the Federal Land Bank. W. L. Smarr of Marion, N. C., has been appointed as local investigator, and he will be glad to give information about how to secure loans, conditions, terms, etc., and assist in making applications for loans.

Twelve farmers have already made applications for loans through this organization. Roy J. Wall, Federal Farm Loan Appraiser, is in McDowell county this week making appraisals for the first applicants.

The government has provided the farm loan system to make loans to farmers at a reasonable cost and at a low rate of interest. The Federal Land Bank at Columbia, S. C., is prepared to make loans promptly through the above organization.

Loans may be secured for purposes as follows: "To purchase land, to buy implements, to purchase fertilizers and lime, to purchase livestock, to provide and repair buildings, to provide improvements such as fencing, terracing, drainage, and to pay debts.

The expense of securing a loan depends on the amount. Based on a loan of \$7,000.00 the expense would be from \$45.00 to \$65.00. A deposit of ten dollars is required with the application as an appraisal fee, and the balance of the expenses can be paid when the loan is closed. The borrower must take stock in the association to the extent of \$5.00 on each \$100.00 which he borrows. This is refunded at face value when the loan is paid.

The rate of interest is 5 1/2 per cent with 1 per cent added to apply on the principal, making the payments \$31.25 payable semi-annually. The first year the principal is reduced ten dollars and each year thereafter the amount paid on the principal increased and the interest decreases. The time required to close a loan is from 40 to 60 days.

To the farmer having a mortgage on the farm or handicapped for lack of finances, this is an opportunity to obtain the necessary money to operate the farm more profitably. Those having obligations to meet are urged to file applications now and the association will have the money ready to accommodate those applying for a loan.

MRS. SARAH J. SIMMONS DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Sarah J. Simmons, widow of the late Powell H. Simmons, died at the home of her son, Reuben L. Simmons, on Spring street, last Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock after a lingering illness. Mrs. Simmons formerly resided at Sugar Hill but for the past four years has made her home with her son in Marion. She had been a member of the Baptist Church for over forty years and had many friends in her home community who will regret to learn of her passing.

Mrs. Simmons was 86 years of age and is survived by three sons, B. A. and Reuben, of Marion; P. R., of Sugar Hill; two daughters, Mrs. J. R. Hawkins and Mrs. Victoria Reel, of Marion, and twenty-seven grandchildren and twelve great grand children.

The funeral services were conducted from the First Baptist Church in Marion on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. P. D. Mangum and Rev. D. J. Hunt and interment made at Pleasant Grove cemetery near Sugar Hill.

MARION GIRLS SWAMP VALDESE SEXTETTE

Marion High School's girls team won an overwhelming victory over the Valdese sextette here Friday night, the score being 56 to 5 when the smoke blew away. Franklin and Roper made 20 points each for the winning team.

MARION MAN DISCUSSED FOR LIEUT. GOVERNOR

Raleigh, Feb. 16. — Despite the present legislative turmoil, time is being found for long distance political prognostication, confined at present for the most part to picking possible candidates for governor and lieutenant-governor in 1932.

The first name to be mentioned as a potential candidate for lieutenant-governor four years hence, and the only one so far, is that of D. F. Giles of Marion.

It has been known for some time that there are four men already potentially in the race for governor. Dennis G. Brummitt, at present attorney-general; General Albert L. Cox, Raleigh attorney; J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Elizabeth City attorney; and Richard T. Fountain, present lieutenant-governor. There is also some talk that J. Will Bailey may enter the race again.

But the report that Giles will be a candidate for lieutenant-governor is brand new, and is lending new interest to the 1932 prospectus.

Giles is no newcomer in North Carolina politics by any means, and is generally credited with being of the type that rarely makes a move without being sure of his ground in advance. Consequently it is felt here that Giles has already laid his ground work and is sure of certain definite support from particular sources, or he would not permit the report to get out that he will be a candidate for this office. For while Mr. Giles will not as yet confirm the report, neither will he deny it, thus virtually admitting its truth.

By getting in on the ground floor, and being the only candidate in the field so far for lieutenant-governor, and with four years in which to carry on his campaign and get his lines laid, a number of observers feel that Giles has an excellent chance at the office. For in addition to being close to Governor O. Max Gardner, whose political support he quite possibly can count upon four years hence, Giles has two terms in the State senate to his credit, in 1915 and 1923. His first term he was chairman of the senate committee on education, and in 1923 was chairman of the important committee on appropriations. He is already a seasoned campaigner and it is generally conceded that, at this distance, his chances are good.

"SEVENTEEN," HIGH SCHOOL PLAY, MAR. 1

"Seventeen," a four act play by Booth Tarkington, will be presented by the Senior Class of the Marion High School at the school auditorium on Friday evening, March 1st. An all star cast has been chosen from the senior class.

"Seventeen" is a story of youth, love and summertime. It is the tragedy of William Sylvanus Baxter that he has ceased to be sixteen and is not yet eighteen. Baby, child, boy, youth and grown-up are definite phenomena. The world knows them and has learned to put up with them. Seventeen is not an age, it is a disease. In its turbulent bosom the longings of a boy are at war with the beginnings of a man.

In his heart, William Sylvanus Baxter knows all the tortures and delights of love; he is capable of any of the heroisms of his heroic sex. But he is still sent on the most humiliating errands by his mother, and depends upon his father for the last nickel of spending money.

Silly Bill fell in love with Lolo, the Baby-Talk Lady, a vapid if amiable little flirt. To woo her in a manner worthy of himself (and incidentally of her) he stole his father's evening clothes. When his wavings became a nuisance to the neighborhood his mother stole the clothes back, and had them altered to fit the middle-aged form of her husband, thereby keeping William at home in the evening.

But when it came to the Baby-Talk Lady's good-bye dance, not to be present was unendurable. How William Sylvanus again got the dress suit, and how as he was wearing it at the party the negro servant, Genesis, disclosed the fact that the proud garment was in reality his father's, are some of the elements in this charming comedy of youth.

INCOME TAX MAN COMING

A representative of the U. S. Internal Revenue Department will be at the Merchants & Farmers Bank in Marion on Wednesday, February 27, to assist taxpayers in making out their income tax returns for 1928.

SENATE PASSES GAS TAX MEASURE

Adds Cent a Gallon For Consumers — Provides \$3,000,000 Fund For County Roads

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—With only one dissenting vote, cast by S. C. Williams, Republican of Yadkin, the senate today passed the house highway bill, providing an increase in the gasoline tax from four to five cents a gallon.

The measure was not amended by the senate. It awaits formal ratification only before becoming a law. The vote was 49 to 1. If ratified, the law will take effect April 1.

In his inaugural address Governor Gardner urged an increase in the gasoline tax and the highway bill is considered an administration measure. It was drawn by the house committee on roads.

A fund of \$3,000,000 will be set aside under the provision of the bill to be apportioned among the counties of the state for road purposes, in an effort to reduce the ad valorem road taxes. An estimated revenue of \$2,500,000 will accrue from the extra tax, and \$500,000 will be drawn from the regular fund to make up the three million dollar quota.

In addition to this sum, another \$500,000 will be taken from the regular taxes and used by the state highway commission as an equalizing fund irrespective of county or district lines.

The money will be given to the counties on equal basis of population and area. Its expenditure is in the hands of county authorities, subject to the approval of the state highway commission.

Another state measure passed today would empower cities, villages and counties to establish and operate landing fields and airports, carrying with it the power of condemnation proceedings. It was passed 36 to 6.

FLU EPIDEMIC STILL HAS COUNTRY IN GRIP

Washington, Feb. 13.— Surgeon General Cummings of the public health service said today that while influenza prevalence and mortality in the United States are still decreasing, there is as yet no indication that the predicted second and more severe wave of the disease will not materialize.

Reports from 41 states, the District of Columbia and New York City today showed a total of 16,612 new cases during the week ending February 9. Compared with 25,129 in the same territory during the preceding week.

"This is a substantial decrease," Dr. Cummings said, "but with more than 16,000 cases reported in one week, it is impossible to believe the epidemic has subsided to near normal conditions."

Information he has received from Europe indicates that the outbreak there is widespread and in some places serious, he added.

"The vigilance with which the public in this country," he continued, "has observed precautionary measures probably has saved scores of lives."

DUKE POWER COMPANY REDUCES POWER RATES

Charlotte, Feb. 15.—Textile plants of the Carolinas will profit approximately \$500,000 annually by a recent reduction in power rates made by the Duke Power Company, it was learned here yesterday.

About 95 per cent of the textile plants of this section using Duke power share in a reduction in rates amounting to 15 to 20 per cent for heavy consumers of power, according to the new schedule of rates announced by the company.

The new schedule of rates affects textile plants of 100-kilowatts (approximately 104 horsepower) and greater, it is understood. The more power a plant uses the cheaper the rate will be. It gives an average rate, it is understood, of one cent per kilowatt for consumptions of 1,000,000 kilowatt hours per month.

This reduction gives the Carolinas some advantage in its bid for more textile industry.

The Swedish government has adopted an American machine gun for its army.