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ANNUAL CONTESTS COUNTY SCHOOLS

Recitation Contest at Clinchfield Tonight; Declamation Contest at Old Fort.

The schools of the county will give their usual Spring contests beginning Wednesday evening of this week when the contest in singing will be held at East Marion auditorium, beginning at 8 o'clock. All the larger schools of the county will be represented in both elementary and high school departments.

On Thursday evening at the Clinchfield auditorium the recitation contest will take place. This will include representatives from all the schools in both elementary and high schools. Everything is in readiness for the contest, which promises to be full of rivalry and interest.

On Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Old Fort auditorium, the declamation contest will take place. The boys in this contest have been undergoing much training during the past week and the young declaimers promise an evening of pleasure to those who attend this program.

The athletic contests will occur some time next week. Practically all the elimination contests are over and it remains only for the schools to play the champion games.

BELOVED WOMAN OF DYSARTSVILLE PASSES

Mrs. W. H. Taylor died Sunday evening, March 31st, at her home at Dysartsville from pneumonia. Mrs. Taylor was taken seriously ill just a few days before her death. Pneumonia developed and the end came quickly.

Before her marriage Mrs. Taylor was Miss Emma Carroll, of Clover, S. C. She was born October 31, 1868. On March 14, 1893, she was married to William H. Taylor of the Dysartsville section and moved to this community, the home of her husband, where they have lived happily ever since.

In church membership Mrs. Taylor was a Presbyterian. She was loyal to her church and a consecrated Christian woman.

The funeral was held from the home of the deceased Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock. A large number of loving friends and relatives were present to pay their highest respect to the memory of this good woman. In charge of the funeral was Rev. J. M. Brown, assisted by Rev. D. J. Hunt of Glenwood. The body was laid to rest in the village cemetery at Dysartsville.

Mrs. Taylor had just returned home a few days previous to her death from Charlotte where she had been in attendance in the illness of her husband who had undergone a very serious operation at a Charlotte hospital. Her last days were given to ministering to her sick husband to whom she had been devoted throughout her entire married life. They have always remained as two lovers and their home life was very beautiful.

Mrs. Taylor was known to the entire community and was loved by everyone. Her home was always open to her friends and to strangers. Hospitality of the old true Southern kind was always extended to the visitor in her home. The news of her passing brings sadness and sorrow to all who knew her. The sympathy of many friends goes to the grief stricken husband and other relatives in their hour of great grief.

MRS. NORMAN D. AYERS DIES IN ASHEVILLE

Funeral services were held at Scott Creek Baptist Church near Sylva on Monday afternoon for Mrs. Norman D. Ayers, of Asheville, who died at 12:30 Sunday at the Mission Hospital after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. Ayers, who before her marriage was Miss Margaret Bryson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bryson, of Sylva, was well known in Marion where she had many friends, having made this place her home for several years. She was a sister of F. L. Bryson and Mrs. Dean Tainter of this place.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Ayers is survived by one daughter, Mary Louise, four brothers and four sisters.

POULTRY SHIPMENT BRINGS \$4,150.86

McDowell County farmers broke all former records in the shipping of poultry through the co-operative car sales last week when they loaded 15,244 pounds of poultry for which they received \$4,150.86 in cash, according to the report of W. L. Smarr, County Agent.

The poultry car was in Old Fort on Tuesday, March 26th, at which time the farmers of that section of the county sold 5074 pounds of poultry and received \$1,330.70 in cash, while 10,170 pounds of poultry was loaded in Marion on the following day for which the farmers received \$2,820.12 in cash. F. O. Stott of Marion received the largest check for poultry culled from his flock, the amount being \$296.59. The second largest check went to W. M. Wilson, Marion, R-2, for \$100.38 for poultry culled from his flock. J. C. Rabb, Marion, received the largest check for a single bird, the check being for \$2.43 for a 9-pound Rhode Island Red hen. About 175 farmers participated in the sale.

The co-operative car shipments of poultry has done much in stimulating poultry production in this county. During 1927, 30,000 pounds was sold through this method, while during 1928, 60,000 pounds was sold. During 1929, the goal is set for 75,000 to 100,000 pounds.

Before the beginning of the above shipments there was practically no market for poultry, only a very limited amount being sold in Old Fort and in Marion, while hucksters picked up any surplus on the farm at their own price. Very often poultry found no cash market locally, but would be exchanged for goods.

Modern poultry houses and brooder houses are being built throughout the county, and many farmers are becoming interested in poultry as a side line in the operation of their farms. Many farmers are co-operating with the County Agent and the Extension Poultry Department of the State College in giving poultry on the farm a better chance by practicing the best known methods of keeping poultry. Flocks are being established under the supervision of the above agencies, proper attention is being given to the different phases of poultry work, and accurate records kept of several of the flocks. Local hatcheries are helping to supply part of the demand for baby chicks, while others are being supplied from other hatcheries recommended in this state. Of course others are ordered from outside of the state, but the farmers are becoming more interested in getting their chicks nearer home.

The poultry car is in Marion on a regular schedule on Wednesday every two weeks, and once every four weeks in Old Fort on Tuesdays. With this arrangement and the farmers co-operating, we hope to see the time when the poultry car will be in Marion every week, when every farmer will have a modern brooder house, a brooder, a modern poultry house, a flock of from 50 to 100 hens of some pure-bred breed, and practicing the most up-to-date method in caring for poultry on the farm.

MARION HIGH WINS FIRST TWO GAMES

The Marion High School baseball team defeated Central High School of Rutherfordton in the first game of the season at Rutherfordton last Friday 8 to 2. The second game was played in Marion Tuesday, when Marion defeated Valdese 12 to 2. Features of the game Tuesday was the pitching of Arrowood and hitting of Murray and Howard.

Newton will play Marion here Friday afternoon. Newton has not been beaten this season and a hard game is expected.

ERECTING LIGHT PLANT

H. B. Croom, of Crooked Creek township, was in Marion Monday and announced that a power plant is being erected on the Croom property on Hodges Creek which will supply a lighting system for the home of Mr. Croom, Marvin Bird and W. L. Bradley. The plant will have a capacity of 100 lights and will also generate power for other purposes. It is planned to have the plant in operation within two weeks.

"INTERFERENCE", with CLIVE BROOK in the leading role, is reported everywhere as one of the finest of the talking pictures yet produced. It is all-talking, and excellently done.

MEETING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Road Commissioners Appointed for North Cove and Higgins—Tax Listers Named.

The board of county commissioners were in session Monday and Tuesday morning. A large number of bills were presented for approval and much routine business was transacted.

A petition was presented on behalf of the citizens of the lower part of Dysartsville township asking that a change be made in the boundary line so as to give a small portion of Dysartsville to Nebo township with a view to providing better road and school facilities to the people of that section of the county. The matter was taken under consideration to be acted upon later.

Road commissioners were appointed for a period of two years in North Cove and Higgins townships as follows:

North Cove—Sam H. Yancey, W. E. Brown and J. H. Boyd.
Higgins—Furman Pyatt, John Hensley and Charles Haney.

TAX LISTERS

Tax listers for the various townships, with Mrs. Chas. M. Burgin, county accountant, as county tax supervisor, were announced as follows:

Brackets—Mrs. Miles P. Flack.
Crooked Creek—C. E. Gilliam.
Dysartsville—J. C. Goforth.
Glenwood—A. P. Hunter.
Higgins—C. D. Wacasser.
Marion—T. B. Conley.
Montford Cove—M. R. Nanney.
Nebo—E. L. Tate.
North Cove—S. M. Avery.
Old Fort—E. T. Burgin.

RESOLUTION

Resolutions extending sympathy to Mr. W. H. Taylor, a former county commissioner, were passed as follows:

"Whereas, information has come to the board of county commissioners of the death of Mrs. W. H. Taylor, wife of former County Commissioner W. H. Taylor, now, therefore, be it resolved: That the board of county commissioners of McDowell county in regular meeting assembled extend to Mr. W. H. Taylor the sincere sympathy of the board and its several members in his great loss and grief. It is further resolved that a copy of resolutions be sent to Mr. Taylor by the clerk."

SKYLAND HAS PICTURE OF LINVILLE GORGE

Several weeks ago the editor of the Carolina Skyland, a community magazine of Western North Carolina published at Hendersonville, visited the Chamber of Commerce here and secured a number of pictures of scenery in this vicinity for publication at intervals.

The April number of the Carolina Skyland carries a cover picture of Linville Gorge, looking down the river toward Hawk's Bill mountain. The spring flowers that grow in profusion along the steep sides of the gorge can be plainly seen in the picture.

The wonderful scenery over highway No. 105 must be seen to be fully appreciated. No sight-seer will ever regret making the trip over this beautiful route.

MARRIAGE BANNS LAW CAUSES QUESTIONING

Raleigh, March 28.—Judging from the number of inquiries received at the Secretary of State's offices, there are quite a few matrimonially inclined persons in North Carolina. All want to know when the marriage banns law takes effect. The date is July 1.

Couples marrying in June will be free to do so without publishing banns, but five days notice will be required of all minors seeking wedlock after the conventional month of brides.

Notice of intention to marry may be given through announcement in the press or posting notice of register of deeds in the county where application for license is to be made.

Next Monday and Tuesday at Oasis Theatre, an extra good program. An ALL-TALKING picture, "INTERFERENCE", and two Vaudeville acts.

PINNED UNDER CAR, YOUNG MAN DROWNS

E. J. Mills of East Marion Dies as Car Overturns into Excavation at Bridgewater.

Pinned underneath his automobile, Ed James Mills, 23 years old, drowned in two feet of water at Bridgewater Monday, in the opinion of physicians who examined his body after the wreck. They could find no sign of injury suffered.

Mills was turning the car around on the highway at the east end of the Bridgewater bridge Monday night, according to his brother-in-law, Cleo Odum, who was in the car when he backed into a 20-foot hole where grading recently had been done. Water about two feet deep was standing in the excavation.

The car overturned and pinned Mills under it. He died before help could reach him. Odum was unhurt.

Mills, the son of Mrs. Mollie C. Mills, of East Marion, was an employe of the Marion Manufacturing Company.

Funeral services were held at his home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with interment in the East Marion cemetery.

NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDING FOR DEAF

Morganton News-Herald.

When the general appropriations bill finally passed the Legislature during the closing days of the session last week it carried a provision of \$50,000 for the special purpose of a new primary school building for the North Carolina School for the Deaf at Morganton. In making the announcement of the appropriations and the plans Superintendent E. McK. Goodwin said in the Deaf Carolinian issued last Saturday:

Our school is to be congratulated upon the appropriations made by the recent legislature.

We are granted \$50,000.00 for a new primary school building. This building is to have 20 class rooms and a large assembly hall and recreation room, with necessary office and rest rooms, with lavatories and play rooms.

This new building is to be fire-proof and modern, and will add greatly to our facilities and should enhance our efficiency.

We get \$150,000.00 annually for maintenance. Our per capita cost is much below the group of the best schools.

It is hoped that the new building will be completed by September 1st and ready for occupancy.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors at the school last Thursday Superintendent Goodwin was instructed to prepare for the building operations.

W. W. Neal is chairman of the Building Committee, and Mrs. R. B. Boger was made a member of the Building Committee, to co-operate with Superintendent Goodwin in the building operations.

The Superintendent was instructed to enlarge the Goodwin Hall dining room and to accommodate about 60 more children. This addition is independent upon the allotment allowed by the Budget Commission.

ANOTHER AERIAL SIGN

Marion has another aerial sign to guide aviators over the "Lake City of the Mountains" and Spring will no doubt bring many pilots to this section of the country where they can see the earth's ruggedness from the sky. During the past week a number of planes have passed over, one being a Ford tri-motored plane. The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey is responsible for the third and newest marker for Marion, which is located on their plant near Gray's corner. It will be remembered that the Standard people painted the huge sign on the entire length of the A. Blanton Grocery Company building near the depot. The third sign on the Marianna Hotel was painted by the Airport Committee of the Chamber of Commerce shortly after the airport movement was launched here, and a fourth sign will be painted this summer on the roof of the McDowell Motor Company, which can be seen by automobile tourists as well as air tourists.

Murphy will soon have a \$100,000 new hosiery mill.

REUNION OF HUNTER FAMILY AT NEALSVILLE

Nealsville, Apr. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hunter, of Nealsville, were greatly surprised for Easter, when all their children came home, forming a re-union. None of the children knew this was to happen, and it was the first time all the children had been home together in many, many years.

Mrs. Hunter began dinner for the few that had arrived, but before dinner time the crowd kept increasing until all the eight children had arrived—twenty-eight in number with grandchildren. So it took quite a bit of time to complete dinner with so much merriment and excitement.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. George Hunter of Charleston, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Vance Hunter and son, of Charlotte; Bert Hunter, of Lyman, S. C.; Charlie Hunter, of Columbia, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Holland and family, of Sugar Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Carl McCurry, of Marion; Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Hunter and family; Mrs. Lillian Justice and son Carl, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hunter and Miss Jennie Hunter, all of Nealsville.

During the day the smaller grandchildren enjoyed three egg hunts.

FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE AT RUTHERFORDTON APR. 8

A Fellowship Conference has been called to meet with the First Baptist Church of Rutherfordton on Monday April 8, at 11 a. m. All the pastors and leading laymen and women of the Green River Association have been invited to this meeting, the purpose of which is to foster fellowship and to increase interest in the denominational program.

This is one of a series of such conferences that Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Raleigh, general secretary, and Rev. Walter M. Gilmore, Raleigh, mission secretary of the Baptist State Convention, are holding at this time throughout the state.

"These conferences," says Mr. Gilmore, "have been well attended thus far and considerable stimulus has been given to the work of the denomination." Continuing, Mr. Gilmore says: "The Baptist denomination in the South is now confronting serious problems, the solution of which will determine very largely the future progress of the denomination. At these conferences these problems are freely discussed and every one given the privilege of expressing his or her opinion or of asking any question in regard to the work. The meeting will last about two hours."

MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETS IN ASHEVILLE APRIL 10

The Tenth District Medical Society will hold its semi-annual meeting at the Battery Park Hotel in Asheville on April 10, beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, it was announced Tuesday by Dr. D. M. McIntosh, of Old Fort, secretary of the society.

The meeting will open with the invocation by the Rev. Dr. R. J. Bateman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Asheville, and will be followed by the address of welcome by the Hon. Gallatin Roberts, mayor of Asheville. The response to the address of welcome will be made by Dr. F. M. Davis of Canton.

Following the response, the president's message will be delivered by Dr. W. Burdett Robertson, of Burnsville, president of the society.

During the afternoon a number of interesting papers will be presented. The program contains a paper by Dr. R. B. Butt of Marion.

A banquet will be served at the Battery Park Hotel at 7 p. m., followed by addresses by Dr. Charles O' H. Laughinghouse, State Health Officer, of Raleigh, and Dr. L. B. McBrayer, secretary-treasurer N. C. State Medical Society, of Southern Pines.

TOWN ELECTION MAY 6

At the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen on Tuesday evening an election was called to be held in Marion on Monday, May 6, for the purpose of electing a mayor and five aldermen. Guy S. Kirby, Jr., was appointed registrar, and J. S. Cowan and Wm. Sweeney named as judges.

No candidates of any of the offices have announced as yet.

The "talking" Vitaphone equipment at Oasis Theatre is now working perfectly, and you can Hear and See all the new pictures at home.

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS

T. W. Stacy Continues Chairman; N. F. Steppe Re-elected County Superintendent.

The County Board of Education was in session Monday at the County Superintendent's office and reorganized by re-electing Mr. T. W. Stacy as chairman. Mr. Stacy has been a member of the board for more than 15 years, and for the past 12 years has been chairman. Mr. S. L. Copeland and Mr. Geo. C. Conley, who were appointed by the last session of Legislature, were unable to serve and Mr. W. W. Neal and Mr. W. L. Morris were elected to fill the vacancies. Messrs. Neal and Morris are leading citizens and business men of the county. They are both interested in education and their addition to the board will add to its strength and management.

Mr. N. F. Steppe, who has been engaged in school work for more than 20 years in McDowell county and has been County Superintendent for the past 12 years, was unanimously elected superintendent for the coming two years. When asked by a representative of The Progress concerning the plans of the schools for the coming year, Mr. Steppe stated as yet no definite announcement could be made owing to the fact that the recent legislation is not fully understood by school officials. The County Superintendent and the chairman of the board will attend a meeting in Raleigh during the latter part of the month when the recent legislation will be studied and interpreted. Mr. Steppe stated that it would at least be the purpose of the school officials to give close attention to the matter of efficient instruction in the class room and economical management of expenditures.

Other matters of routine nature were passed upon.

BURKE CITIZEN, SERVING TIME FOR MURDER, PAROLED

Raleigh, April 2.—Aaron Wiseman, 67, of Burke county, serving a 30-year sentence commuted from one of death, was paroled today by Governor Gardner.

Wiseman was convicted in 1920 for the murder of Dr. Arthur Hennessey, of Spruce Pine, at Glen Alpine in 1919. The case was removed for trial from Burke to Caldwell county where he was found guilty of first degree murder and sentenced to be electrocuted, but Governor Bickett changed his sentence to one of thirty years imprisonment.

Edwin B. Bridges, who investigated the case reported that Wiseman had been convicted on circumstantial evidence and said there was doubt of his guilt.

Prison officials here said that Wiseman had been a "model prisoner" during the nine years he served. He will be allowed to leave the state under his parole. Governor Gardner was told that Wiseman intended to go to Ohio and live with a brother.

TRAFFIC CASES SHOW DECREASE LAST MONTH

Raleigh, March 26.—A report issued today by the highway commission showed that the number of convictions for traffic violations in February was 58 less than in January.

The convictions for February were driving while intoxicated 58; speeding 27; reckless driving 26; assault with a deadly weapon 9; violation of light law 14 and miscellaneous offenses 31, making a total of 165 cases against 223 during January.

MT. IDA LODGE HOLDS INTERESTING MEETING

Mt. Ida Lodge No. 58, Knights of Pythias, held a very interesting meeting on last Thursday night at Castle Hall. A visiting committee of the Caldwell Lodge at Lenoir composed of J. C. Gire, Dr. A. B. Goodman, and John Ingle, was present and each made an interesting talk for "the good of the order". This was followed by talks on the same subject by members of the local lodge, after which refreshments were served.

Work will be done in the third rank at the next regular meeting on Thursday night of this week.