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MARION LAWYER

DIES SUDDENLY

D. E. Hudgins, Prominent Lawyer and Business Man, Passes Away at Home Here.

Mr. Daniel Edward Hudgins, a prominent Marion lawyer and business man, died suddenly at his home "Lone Beech," about 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. His sudden passing was a great shock to his family and friends, though Mr. Hudgins has been in feeble health for several years. However, for the past several months his health apparently was improved and he was able to be on the streets and go to his office at times. He was down town Monday and greeted his friends in his usual cheerful manner. He had gotten up about his usual time and went into the bath-room to shave where he was stricken with a heart attack and died in a few minutes following a collapse.

Mr. Hudgins was prominent in Marion and McDowell County, as well as in this entire section of the State, as a lawyer, business man and civic leader. He was offered an appointment as superior court judge at the time of the death of Judge M. H. Justice, but declined, giving as his reasons his love of his home and the fact that personal business interests required his attention. Those who know him best know that his love of his home and family was the real factor that carried the most weight in making the decision.

Daniel Edward Hudgins was born in Warrenton, N. C., on October 9, 1869. He came to Marion shortly after having graduated from the University of North Carolina law school in 1892, and he practiced his chosen profession here until a few years ago, when he retired from active practice on account of the condition of his health. He has seen Marion grow from a small village into a thriving industrial center, and he contributed much to that growth.

A natural diplomat, Mr. Hudgins' willingness always to accept a wise compromise and his powers of persuasion in getting others to do likewise are credited with having had much to do with the marked absence of factional differences and fights of various kinds in the town and county affairs.

Recognized throughout this section of the state as an able lawyer, he has also been a moving spirit in the business life of the community. He was a charter member of the McDowell Building and Loan Association, he was especially active in the affairs of that organization. He was a director and large stockholder in the First National Bank of Marion; was a member of the boards of directors of a number of other business and industrial concerns in Marion and other towns of this section. He was one of the four men who organized, planned and developed the Lake Tahoma project several years ago. He was the senior member of the law firm of Hudgins, Watson & Washburn.

The public offices which Mr. Hudgins held have included membership on the town's board of aldermen, the board of trustees of the Marion Graded Schools, the board of education of McDowell and a member of the board of trustees of the First Methodist Church of Marion. He was also a member of the board of stewards of the Methodist Church; was a Kiwanian, a Mason, belonged to the order of the Knights of Pythias and was a member of the Woodmen of the World.

Mr. Hudgins was married to Miss Josephine Carter in the fall of 1898, who preceded him to the grave last December. Five children survive him as follows: Misses Mary and Mildred Hudgins, of Marion; Mrs. J. M. Oglesby, of Concord; Carter Hudgins and Daniel Edward Hudgins, Jr., of Marion. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Witherspoon, of Marion, and Mrs. G. M. Garren, of Raleigh, and one brother, John A. Hudgins, of Warrenton, N. C.

The funeral will be held today at the First Methodist Church at 3:30 o'clock p. m., conducted by Rev. W. O. Goode, pastor of the church. Interment will be made in the family plot in Oak Grove cemetery.

MISS WILLIE WATKINS WEDS MR. O. D. HAYNES

In a simple but most impressive ceremony Miss Willie Mae Watkins became the bride of Mr. O. Dennis Haynes last Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. T. Gaddis, grandmother of the bride. Rev. W. O. Goode, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Marion, was the officiating minister, using the beautiful ring ceremony.

Bridal music was played by Mrs. C. A. Stephens of Asheville at the piano accompanied by Mr. Stephens with violin. The only attendants were Miss Lily Wall, of Asheville, who was maid of honor; and Mr. Harlan Watkins, of Marion, brother of the bride, who was best man. Rhododendron and garden flowers were arranged about the rooms of the home.

Following a wedding breakfast the couple left by motor for a two weeks' trip to New York, Niagara Falls, and other points of interest. The bride's traveling costume was an ensemble of midnight blue with imported blouse and matching accessories.

After two weeks Mr. and Mrs. Haynes will be at home to their friends at Woodland cottage, Black Mountain.

Mrs. Haynes is the only daughter of Mrs. Bessie Watkins of Marion and was educated at the Marion High School. She later took a business course at Vance Business College, Asheville, and for some time has held a position with the Appalachian Public Utilities Company in Asheville. Mr. Haynes is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Haynes of Old Fort. He is a graduate of N. C. State College and is a young man of sterling qualities.

CAMP TERRA ALTA HAS ITS ANNUAL OPENING

A number of girls from a distance arrived last week for the opening of Camp Terra Alta for Girls for the summer season which took place last Wednesday. The camp has a limited enrollment of 40 girls, the management realizing that in order to have a camp with a select enrollment it must be limited. The camp provides a counsellor for every three girls.

Miss Nell Carroll of Winter Haven, Fla., and Miss Kate Quin of Meridian, Miss., are in charge of the camp, they having organized the camp which is known as the "Pioneer Camp of the Lake Region."

Miss Quin has spent the past winter in New York and has taken some work in junior programs for camp life and has some interesting features for the camp in "Indian lore." The camp has an exceptionally large enrollment of junior girls this year.

The eight weeks of camp will be full of interesting activities for the girls who come here from eight different states.

LINVILLE MAN WAIVES HEARING IN SHOOTING

Waiving the formality of a preliminary hearing, Walter Biddix, 35, is held in the McDowell county jail without bond on a charge of shooting and instantly killing George Ollis at the latter's home at Linville Falls Sunday and attempting to shoot Mrs. George Ollis.

Biddix, according to eye-witnesses entered the Ollis home while the family was eating Sunday dinner and shot Mr. Ollis in the face with a double-barrel shot gun. He then fired at Mrs. Ollis, who dodged to one side, the lead from the gun blowing a hole in the floor nearby.

Biddix was overpowered by men present, disarmed and brought to Marion where he was given over to the custody of the officers.

Little light could be shed upon the cause of the shooting. Bad blood, the officers said they learned, had existed between the two men for some time.

The defendant will be held here for trial at the next term of McDowell Superior Court.

COURT IN SESSION

The July term of McDowell Superior Court for the trial of civil actions opened here Monday with Judge John Harwood of Bryson City presiding. The calendar contains a number of cases but several have been continued or compromised. The case of Julia Williams against G. D. Williams was referred to a referee and Robt. Rider of Shelby was named as referee.

BLACK BEAR CAMP OPENS FOR SEASON

Sixty-Five Boys Enrolled For Eight Weeks of Life at Camp On Lake Near Marion.

The Black Bear Camp, located 9 miles north of Marion, on Lake James, opened for its fourth session last week with a larger enrollment than ever. Sixty-five boys are already enrolled and it is expected that by the last of the week that the number will be increased to 75.

C. W. Phillips, principal of the Greensboro High School, Greensboro, N. C., is manager of the camp this year and under his management it is expected that the boys at the camp will enjoy a pleasant summer.

The sports of the camp include swimming, boating, horseback riding, rifle shooting, target shooting, bow and arrow, foot ball, basketball, baseball, tracking, hiking, and many other sports.

The orchestra which was organized last year will be maintained this year. The boys will have nature study during the season and many other features will be given for their benefit and pleasure.

The directors of the camp are G. B. Phillips, Salisbury, president; T. W. Aullins, High Point, vice president; W. M. York, Greensboro, secretary-treasurer; R. H. Latham, Winston-Salem; Frederick Archer, New York; E. J. Coltrane, Roanoke Rapids; and Morris Reed, Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Va.

The season opened this year on July 2 and will continue eight weeks.

NEBO YOUNG LADY WEDS A ROCKY MOUNT MAN

Nebo, July 5.—An attractive old-fashioned garden wedding of beauty and interest to a wide circle of friends was that in which Miss Nellie Craig, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Craig, of Nebo, became the bride of Mr. Isaiah Andrew Watson, of Rocky Mount, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the home of the bride. Miss Margaret Givins, of Rock Hill, S. C., and Miss Charlie Mae Henline, Marion were the bridesmaids wearing yellow organdy and carrying daisies. Donned in pink organdies, the little Misses Ilene Sigman and Kitty Henline, of Marion, strewed petals before the bride and groom. The ring was in the lily borne by little Grace Corpening, of Nebo. The maid of honor was the sister of the bride, Miss Velis Craig, dressed in white with a wreath of forget-me-nots.

For a best man Mr. Watson had his brother, Edward, of Nebo. The groomsmen were Messrs. Lafayette Craig and Mr. Newton Craig, both of Nebo. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was beautiful in her wedding gown of white felt crepe. Her veil was caught with a coronet of orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of pink rosebuds and sweet peas.

Mrs. Watson having finished her high school education at Nebo took her college work at the state teachers college at Boone. She has not only been a very successful teacher in the Pleasant Gardens School, but also a very popular one. Mr. Watson graduated at the Nebo high school. For the past five years he has held a position with the Atlantic Railroad. Immediately after the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Watson left for their bridal trip to Washington, D. C., Baltimore, thence by boat to Norfolk, Va., to return to Rocky Mount where they will make their home.

Many of the other floats deserved special mention because of the time and expense their owners went to in preparing them. Even "Uncle Sam" himself was in the parade and greeted everyone as he passed down the street.

The drum and bugle corps from Charlotte gave a concert on the court house lawn at 2:30 o'clock and at 3 o'clock a ball game was played at the Cross Mill ball park between East Marion and Black Mountain. The threatening clouds and later the downpour of rain made it impossible to finish the game. At the close of the fifth inning the game was called with Black Mountain leading in the score.

Lee's riding devices were in operation all day and large crowds gathered there throughout the entire day and evening. The drug stores were open all day and refreshment stands were placed on Main street to accommodate the people.

At 8 o'clock a boxing tournament was held at the high school auditorium and a large crowd gathered for this exhibition. The first bout was between two 12 year old boys, Kid Dempsey and Young Tunney,

FOURTH AT MARION IS GALA OCCASION

Celebration Draws Throng of Over 10,000—Big Parade a Feature of Day's Program.

A crowd estimated at between twelve and fifteen thousand were in attendance at the Fourth of July celebration here last Thursday and joined in one of the most gala celebrations Marion has ever known, and despite the unfavorable weather during the day the larger part of the crowd remained throughout the entire day and entered into the program planned by the Marion post of the American Legion who sponsored the celebration.

Early in the morning the streets were crowded and by 10 o'clock Main street, which was roped off, was crowded, and it was through the throngs of people that the parade passed at 11 o'clock. The parade passed down Main street and up Garden street across Henderson and Logan and returning to the court house.

When the parade returned to the court house at 11:30 o'clock, State Commander R. Gregg Cherry of Gastonia delivered an address in which he held up the high standard of patriotism and exhorted the people to be loyal throughout the year. He told what the Legion stands for and what it is doing for the disabled ex-service men. He also commended the local post for the work they are doing under the direction of its Commander, Howard D. Hoover. The speaker was introduced by Solicitor J. Will Pless, Jr.

The Department Adjutant, J. M. Caldwell, of Gastonia, was also present and delivered a short address. The judges in the float contest rendered their decisions and Commander Cherry presented the loving cups to the winners. The loving cup for the best decorated float in the parade went to the Cross Mill. The Elizabeth James Mill won second place and was also presented with a loving cup. For the best decorated private car, the loving cup was won by W. W. Neal.

The parade was led by Chief Marshal D. F. Giles and assistant, Albert Blanton, on horseback and the drum and bugle corps of the Hornet's Nest Post of the American Legion of Charlotte. The local post of the American Legion marched in the parade. The parade consisted of more than 50 cars and floats besides the fraternal orders which marched in the parade.

A beautifully decorated float prepared by the Chamber of Commerce bore Miss Marion who was chosen by vote as the most popular young lady in a campaign conducted by the local Legion Post. Miss Dorothy Saunders was chosen and she will be given a trip to Raleigh to represent Marion at the State Legion meeting to be held there August 24. Miss Saunders is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Saunders on Garden street. She is a very attractive young lady of the brunette type, and has a winning personality. She is employed as bookkeeper at the Elizabeth James mills.

On the following day we visited the Bureau of Engraving, and the White House. We left for home about one o'clock, returning by way of Richmond, Va., where we stopped for a short while. We camped for the night at Beck's Beach. Then we proceeded to Raleigh, where we visited the state capitol and state penitentiary. Returning by way of Durham, Salisbury and Hickory, we arrived home about ten o'clock on the night of July 4, ending a trip of nearly six days which was thoroughly enjoyed. We are truly grateful to our scoutmaster, Mr. Snoddy, for this enjoyable trip.

Horace Norton, Scribe.

EXAMINERS TRAINING COURSE

Mr. Raymore S. Eaton will be in Marion August 19-20 to conduct an examiners training course in life saving. Mr. Eaton comes here representing the American Red Cross.

Anyone wishing to take the training course in life saving is requested to get in touch with J. S. Goode, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

who fought four rounds to a draw.

Red Walker and Alvin Finley fought the second preliminary and at the end of the fourth round Red Walker took the honors. The third preliminary was scheduled for six rounds between Joe Griggs and Eddie Wike, but Griggs knocked Wike out on the second round. Two colored men, Wild Cat Thomas and Jack Johnson, fought next in eight rounds. At the end of the bout Thomas was given the decision of the referee. A battle royal was made between five negroes and it ended when one fellow had knocked all the rest of the gang out.

Bad Bill Keeling, weighing 168 pounds, and Add Berry, 175 pounds, fought a real bout which ended in a draw. The entire ten rounds were interesting and full of thrills. First it looked like one would win and then the other, but at the end they stood even in points.

At 10:30 o'clock the coronation of "Miss Marion" was held in front of Tainter's new drug store on Court street. A large crowd gathered to see this. A platform was stationed on the street which was decorated with flags and flowers. The flower girls came first, then the maids of honor, and Miss Saunders was accompanied by her seat of honor by Miss Laura Tanner. Miss Tanner stood second in the contest. In a few well chosen words Mr. J. Will Pless presented Miss Saunders with the loving cup.

A cake walk was held on Main street following the coronation and at the close of the contest some cakes were auctioned off. Fireworks were displayed on the corner of Main and State streets following the cake walk, which ended the program for the day.

In the parade the Beaman Lumber Company exhibited a small model of a house which was presented to the Legion. Tickets were sold and it was won by Kenneth Weaver.

Music throughout the day was furnished by the Marion Band which was much enjoyed.

EAST MARION BOY SCOUTS VISIT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On June 29 the Boy Scouts of East Marion, composed of thirteen boys under the direction of Scoutmaster J. M. Snoddy, assembled at the Y. M. C. A. building at East Marion filled with the spirit of the Fourth of July in anticipation of a motor trip to Washington, D. C.

We departed at twelve o'clock, giving the homefolks a cheer as we left. We made the trip by way of the Linville road to Elizabethton, Tenn., stopping at Bristol for a few minutes. We camped near Marion, Va., the first night. We were off early the next morning again, stopping at Natural Bridge, Va., where we went in swimming. We went through the Shenandoah Valley and the Endless Caverns at New Market, Va., where we camped that night.

We left there early the next morning, reaching Mount Vernon, George Washington's home, about ten o'clock. After visiting Washington's tomb, we drove to Washington tourist camp, near the city, where we made our headquarters during our stay there. We visited Washington Monument, the National Capitol, and Lincoln Memorial. We also visited the zoo; the Smithsonian Institution where the "Spirit of St. Louis", Lindy's plane, was on exhibition; and the Unknown Soldier's grave.

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COMMITTEEMEN OF COUNTY SCHOOLS

School Committeemen Announced for the Various Schools of McDowell County

Appointment of the following committeemen for the various schools of McDowell county for the school year 1929-30 has been announced by Supt. N. F. Steppe as follows:

Marion Township
District No. 2, Chapel Hill — W. H. Proctor, chairman; G. P. Poteat and J. R. Hall.

No. 3, West Marion — G. W. Early, chairman; C. M. Pool and H. F. Nanney.

No. 4, Eugene Cross School — Eugene Cross, chairman; Fred Williams and J. B. Holcombe.

No. 5, Pleasant Gardens — J. C. Burnett, chairman; J. C. Rabb, J. E. Jameson, E. L. McDaniel, and Mrs. W. H. Greenlee.

No. 8, East Marion — S. L. Cope-land, chairman; A. F. Hunt and O. F. Adkins.

No. 8½, Clinchfield — T. H. Henderson, chairman; J. F. Miller and Boyce Sprinkle.

Old Fort Township

No. 3, Old Fort Graded School — J. M. Kanipe, chairman; J. N. Nesbitt, J. B. Johnson, W. W. LeFevre, and D. W. Adams.

No. 4, Curtis Creek — George Carver, chairman; G. B. Woody and Alex Silvers.

No. 6, Catawba — Will White, chairman; D. A. Beam and L. H. Crisp.

No. 7, Oakdale — Joe Hemphill, chairman; B. C. Miller and Alfred Carr.

Crooked Creek Township

No. 1, Cherry Springs — Bert Gilliam, chairman; I. L. Pyatt.

No. 1½, Mount Hebron — A. Burgin, chairman; M. C. Burgin and Lewis Noblitt.

No. 2, Belfont — J. A. Burgin, chairman; Jules Lavender and C. E. Gilliam.

No. 3, Bethlehem — N. M. Noblitt, chairman; Michael Reed and J. W. Hogan.

No. 4, Pines Ridge — H. W. Noblitt, chairman; G. B. Noblitt and J. S. Davis.

North Cove Township

No. 1, Armstrong — James Boyd, chairman; D. P. Burnett and R. C. Hoppis.

No. 3, Little Switzerland — James Hollifield, chairman; E. M. Hollifield and Waits Hollifield.

No. 6, North Cove Cons. — R. A. Lonon, chairman; C. W. Wiseman and J. E. Swafford.

Nebo Township

No. 1, Nebo High School — R. V. McGimsey, chairman; Vance Wilson, Coleman Dysob, Mrs. E. L. Tate, and George C. Conley.

No. 2, Fairview — Robert Holland, chairman; Ed. Toney and Walter Bailey.

Higgins Township

No. 1, Harmony Grove — Lee Fender, chairman; Tom Cuthbertson and James Pyatt.

Glenwood Township
No. 1, Glenwood High School — J. M. Brown, chairman; Claud Morris, Rex Wilson, John Morris and J. W. McCollum.

Montford Cove Township
No. 1, White Pine — M. R. Nanney, chairman; W. C. McCurry and Arch Wilkerson.

No. 2, Sugar Hill — Will Wilson, chairman; Will Haynes and James Bright.

No. 3, Curfew — J. T. Reel, chairman; E. L. Reel and Daniel Marlowe.

No. 4, Morgans — Ralph Goodman, chairman; Lester Reel and F. E. Lawing.

Dysartsville Township

No. 1, Dysartsville Cons. — W. M. Finley, chairman; J. B. Landis and G. H. Ellington.

No. 5, Pinnacle — J. S. Crawley, chairman; Bratcher Biggerstaff and A. H. Crawley.

Bracketts Township
No. 2, Macedonia — T. W. Arrowood, chairman; J. A. Gallion and Gus Watkins.

DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT

A dance will be given at Lake Tahoma Friday night, July 12. Music will be furnished by Jelly Leftwich and his University Club Orchestra.