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## MARION PUBLIC SCHOOL FACULTY

### List of Teachers Completed for the Ensuing Year—R. J. Noyes Heads School Board.

The faculty for the Marion Public Schools as completed recently for the ensuing year is as follows:

First grade, Miss Nannie McCall of Swannanoa and Mrs. Lola Fleming; second grades, Mrs. M. H. Witherspoon and Miss Ellen Crawford; third grades, Miss Ethel Covington and Mrs. E. M. Crawford; fourth grades, Mrs. J. M. Carson and Mrs. I. A. Holland; fifth grades, Mrs. Nehrah Penny, and Miss Emily Hoof of Newberry, S. C.; sixth grade, Miss Bertha Moses of Kannapolis and Mrs. J. Y. Lonon; seventh grade, Mrs. G. B. Finley; public school music, Mrs. A. A. Morris.

High School: Miss Joyce Decker, Miss Vera Torrence, Miss Ethel Spratt, Mrs. M. F. Bradsher, Miss Kathryn Zimmerman of Lexington, N. C., Mr. H. F. Beam, Mr. E. C. Klontz, Mrs. Augusta Klontz, and Mr. M. W. Gordon, Jr., of Salisbury, principal.

Supt. F. R. Richardson announces that the school term will open Friday, August 30th, at which time all high school and grade pupils must register. Monday will be taken as a holiday and school will reconvene Tuesday, September 3rd. The school calendar adopted at a recent meeting calls for two days holiday for Thanksgiving, one for Easter Monday, and from December 20th to January 2nd for Christmas. This will close the school year of 180 days on May 21st, 1930, provided no unforeseen hindrances occur, such as an influenza or a measles epidemic.

At the last meeting of the school board Mr. R. J. Noyes was elected chairman of that body, and Mr. L. J. P. Cutlar was elected to fill the unexpired term of the late D. E. Hudgins. Resolutions were passed in memory of Mr. Hudgins.

The board has authorized Supt. Richardson to purchase an electric range for installation in the high school Home Economics department.

A few changes will take place in several phases of the school work, it is announced. One of these is that first and second grade children will be dismissed each day at 12:45, not being required to return for an afternoon session.

The first teachers meeting of the year has been called for Thursday, August 29th, at 5 p. m. in the school auditorium.

### W. R. CHAMBERS REOPENS HIS LAW OFFICE HERE

Mr. W. R. Chambers has reopened his law office which has been closed for more than a year. Early last year Mr. Chambers, under the advice of physicians, gave up work for a while and has been more or less inactive until the present. Having completely regained his health he announces that he now expects to resume his law practice with vigor and with singleness of aim. His clients will find him now in his office over Streetman's Drug store.

Mr. Chambers located in Marion ten years ago for the general practice of the law. During his practice here he has been conspicuous in the trial of many of the important cases in the state and federal courts. He was licensed by the Supreme Court of North Carolina in the year 1915. At that time he was at the head of the West Asheville schools and soon thereafter upon the extension of the Biltmore schools he assumed charge of the schools there where he remained until this country was drawn into the World War, when he resigned to enter the national service, and it was soon after the close of the war that he located in Marion for the practice of the profession he had originally prepared himself to follow. He is a graduate of Mars Hill College where he has been a trustee for many years, a graduate of Wake Forest College where he read law under Dr. N. Y. Guley and E. W. Timberlake, and took post graduate work at Columbia University, New York City.

E. L. Bryan of Durham county has contracted to sell his 3,000 bushel apple crop for \$1.50 per bushel.

## WILL CONTINUE FARM DEMONSTRATION WORK

When it became known that the board of McDowell County Commissioners had fully decided to abolish the office of County Farm Demonstrator, to take effect July 1st, the Marion Chamber of Commerce, feeling that this office was of the greatest importance to the town and the county at large, immediately took steps to raise the amount of the salary heretofore paid by the county to maintain this office; and in order to accomplish this, new memberships to the Chamber of Commerce were secured from the citizens of the town and county. The committee from the Chamber of Commerce appointed for this purpose visited all sections of the county and met with practically unanimous support from all those seen for the continuance of the office, and for the continuance of Mr. W. L. Smarr, the present farm demonstrator.

The success of the campaign is so far assured as to make the Chamber of Commerce feel justified in guaranteeing to the state the necessary amount for continuing the work. All farmers and others interested in the work that the committee has not been able to see are requested to mail in subscriptions, or call personally at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Mr. Smarr has served McDowell County as farm demonstrator or county agent for about seven years and has the work well established. The business men and farmers who take an interest in this work realized that if this office should be abolished all the benefits that have accrued during these years of establishing the work and bringing it up to the present status would be lost, and it would be extremely difficult to again establish it. A number of the counties of the state were waiting for the state to have sufficient funds to enable them to have a farm demonstrator, and had not the steps necessary to continue the office been taken quickly, McDowell county would have lost the appropriations from both the state and federal governments.

The Chamber of Commerce believed that it was of the greatest importance for the welfare and growth of the town to try to improve farming conditions in the county and bring about a better spirit of co-operation between the town and the rural communities.

Two years ago the Chamber of Commerce was instrumental in promoting the McDowell Produce Company, which has had a rapid growth, and has proven of great benefit to the farmers in furnishing an outlet for a large portion of their produce, poultry, and all other products of the farm.

The Chamber of Commerce recently made a survey of the county, looking to the establishment of a milk condensery, and it is hoped that this may be established in the near future.

This county, a year or more ago, began shipping small quantities of poultry and now that business has been worked up to around \$40,000 annually.

Much has been written about the amount of feedstuff, for both man and beast, imported into the state, and much is being done with the hope of reducing this, and it is believed that through intelligent effort and co-operation by the Chamber of Commerce with state and federal authorities, this county can become nearly self-sustaining.

### PYTHIAN SINGING CLASS GIVES SPLENDID PROGRAM

The Carolina Pythian Orphanage Singing Class gave their first entertainment in Marion at the high school auditorium on Wednesday of last week. The class consisted of 16 boys and girls under the leadership of Miss Mary Wyche.

The program consisted of songs, recitations, stunts, and closed with a short operetta. The manner in which the members rendered their part, the ease of their action on the stage showed that the class had been efficiently trained. There was not a dull moment in the entire program. A rather unique part of the program were the stunts given by the boys, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Marion will look forward with pleasure to a return visit next year.

The proceeds from the entertainment amounted to one hundred dollars.

## ANNUAL MEETING BUILDING AND LOAN

### Officers and Directors Re-elected—Chambers Elected Director and Attorney.

A meeting of the stockholders and directors of the McDowell Building and Loan Association was held at the court house Monday evening at 8:30, and was well attended. There are three hundred and seventy-five share-holders in the association, with more than five thousand shares of stock now in force. A majority of the stock was represented by those who were present at the annual meeting.

The meeting was called to order promptly at 8:30 by J. L. Morgan, president of the association. J. E. Neal, secretary and treasurer, read the minutes of the previous meeting, the same being unanimously approved.

Mr. Neal read resolutions of respect for the late D. E. Hudgins, a director of the association, one of the largest stockholders and attorney for a number of years. Mr. Hudgins was a charter member of the association and has been a strong factor in building up the institution. The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

On motion, W. R. Chambers was elected director and attorney to succeed Mr. Hudgins.

Mr. Neal submitted his report for the year just closed, showing the condition of the association to be thriving. The report was unanimously adopted and Mr. Neal, secretary and treasurer, and H. D. Hoover, assistant secretary, thanked for their untiring efforts to make the institution a success.

On motion the entire old board of directors was re-elected, their election being unanimous. The directors are: J. L. Morgan, J. E. Neal, William Sweeney, J. Q. Gilkey, F. M. Bradley, W. R. Chambers, Boyce Sprinkle, A. F. Hunt, E. H. Dysart, J. H. Tate and W. L. Morris.

After the transaction of routine business the stockholders' meeting adjourned. The board of directors met immediately, and elected the following officers: J. L. Morgan, president; J. Q. Gilkey, vice-president; J. E. Neal, secretary and treasurer; H. D. Hoover, assistant secretary; the secretary and assistant secretary to receive the same salary as during the past year.

Mr. Chambers then addressed the meeting, briefly, expressing his appreciation of having been made a director of the association and appointed attorney. He expressed great confidence in the officers and lauded the association, speaking of the great possibilities of such an institution, especially in encouraging habits of thrift and economy. Mr. Chambers said "The association aids in the building of homes and general improvements, as well as forming and strengthening habits of saving and thrift, greatly to be desired in any community."

Mr. Chambers expressed the hope that he might, at least in a measure, perform his duties as attorney for the association as well as the one whom he had the honor to succeed. Mr. Chambers said: "I feel that every stockholder in this institution should become enthusiastic and make an effort to increase the subscription to stock, and I believe by the proper use of publicity and personal effort it can be increased to a considerable degree."

### POULTRY SHIPMENT

Approximately 1700 pounds of poultry was purchased for the sum of \$410.00 at the poultry loading here Wednesday. The exact figures of the shipment, as well as the report for the loading at Old Fort on the same date, will be given next week.

### DEATH OF CHILD

Daniel Bright, one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bright, died Tuesday and was buried at Cross Mill cemetery Wednesday afternoon. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Brackett.

"THE MAN I LOVE", at Marion Theatre Thursday and Friday, is an all-talking story of a young prize fighter. RICHARD ARLEN, MARY BRIAN and BACLANOVA are the stars.

## S. S. CONVENTION TO MEET AT NEBO

### McDowell County Association to Gather for Day at Baptist Church August 9th.

The McDowell County Sunday School convention will be held at the Baptist Church at Nebo Friday, August 9th.

This convention is for all Sunday School workers of all denominations. It is under the auspices of the McDowell County and the North Carolina Sunday School Association. The convention slogan is, "The Jesus way of life taught in better Sunday Schools by more efficient leadership." All Sunday School workers are invited to attend. This convention will prove to be a great help to all Sunday Schools all over the county, if only the leaders will attend and listen and try to practice what they hear.

The program for the day will be as follows:

10:30 a. m. Devotional, Rev. A. A. Walker.

10:45 a. m. Developing Christian Character, Miss Daisy Magee of Raleigh, superintendent of Children Division of the N. C. Sunday School Association.

11:15 a. m. Business period. Reports of county and township officers.

12:30: Dinner at the church.

Afternoon Session

2:00: Devotional, Rev. P. D. Mangum.

2:15: Sunday School organization, Miss Daisy Magee.

2:50: The Teacher and the Method, Miss Flora Davis.

3:20: Discussion of Special Sunday School problems, led by Miss Davis.

3:45: Business Period.

4:00: Adjourn.

Night Session

8:00: Devotional, Rev. D. A. Lewis.

8:15: Worship in the Sunday School, Miss Flora Davis.

8:50: Presentation of Attendance Pennant.

9:15: The Young People of the Sunday School, Their Needs and How to Meet Them, Miss Daisy Magee.

9:30: Adjourn.

### PLAN TO START CREAM ROUTE IN THE COUNTY

F. R. Farnham, Dairy Extension Specialist, of Raleigh, was in the county on Monday conferring with W. L. Smarr in the interest of dairy work in McDowell county. Some preliminary work is being done in the interest of starting one or more cream routes in the county. Equipment necessary to be used in gathering cream at the farm gates, such as milk cans, scales, sample cream bottles, etc., have been ordered and when shipment is received, one cream route will be started. Besides gathering the cream, other farm products may be gathered such as eggs and probably other products. Just as soon as time and conditions will permit, it is proposed to work out cream routes so that the farmers in every township will be served by a cream route.

Mr. Farnham will return to McDowell county in the near future and work some four or more days in the interest of this work. Mr. Farnham expressed himself as very well pleased with the progress being made in dairying in this county, and said with the operation of cream routes, he felt sure that the production of milk would be such that the establishment of a dairy product manufacturing plant in Marion would be profitable and very possible. Mr. Farnham was accompanied by Ward C. Snarr, field representative of the American Jersey Cattle Club. They left for West Jefferson where the Craft-Phoenix Cheese Corporation is building a large cheese factory, where 15 months ago, the people of that section probably had no more cows than are in this section. But the people got together, got the cows and the milk, and are now getting the factory. Let's do what they have done and are doing at West Jefferson in Ashe county.

A cement sidewalk has just been completed from North Main street to the Marion Hospital.

## TEACHERS NEXT YEAR IN McDOWELL SCHOOLS

Teachers for the various schools in the county for the year 1929-30 have been announced by County Superintendent Stepe as follows:

Chapel Hill: Miss Edith Barnes. West Marion: William H. Noah, principal; Miss Mina Lou Young, Miss Jessie Bowman, Miss Eula Pyatt.

Eugene Cross: Mrs. Garland Williams, principal; Miss Hattie Taylor, Miss Pearl Bomar, Miss Jimmie Florence, Miss Bonnie Padgett.

Pleasant Gardens: R. B. Phillips, principal; Miss Juanita Lucile Erwin, A. L. Eggers, Miss Bertha Dygart, Miss Geneva Link, Miss Zelma Atwell, Miss Bonnie Burgin, Miss Helen Ramsey, Miss Lula Hicks, Mrs. R. B. Phillips, Miss Ola Wall.

East Marion: Miss Mamie N. Stacy, principal; Miss Elsie Staey, Mrs. W. H. Noah, Miss Lucielle Conley, Miss Blanche Turner, Miss Wilma Snoddy, Mrs. Lula S. McCurry, Mrs. Effie L. McCall, Miss Annie Little, Miss Genoise Flack.

Clinchfield: Miss Ruth M. Greenlee, principal; Miss Pauline Tipton, Miss Mamie Goforth, Miss Edith Robinson, Miss Anne Porter, Miss Connie Butt, Miss Hazel Brown, Miss Lena Spencer, Miss Lona Goforth, Mrs. Esther J. Snipes, Miss Katherine Bennett, Miss Hilda Baldwin.

Old Fort High: S. B. Smithey, Supt.; Mrs. Lula D. Sandlin, Miss Bula Kanipe, Miss Carrie Saunders, Miss Anna Plott, Miss Gladys Warren, Miss Annie Wall, Miss Emma Gassaway, Mrs. H. J. Rockett, Miss Laura Hicks, Miss Margaret Lytle, Miss Margaret Maness, Miss Laura Lipe, Miss Della Williams, Miss Mary G. Burgin.

Curtis Creek: Mrs. Annie B. McCall.

Oakdale: Miss Ruth Kincaid.

Cherry Springs: Miss Alma Gilliam and Miss Josephine Lindley.

Mt. Hebron: Mrs. Hugh Hensley.

Bethlehem: Miss Elizabeth Lindley and Miss Addie Lavender.

Piney Ridge: Miss Kate Ballew.

Catawba: Mrs. Lola A. Lonon.

Sugar Hill: Miss Alice Holland and Miss Clara Hemphill.

Morgans: Miss Fannie Nichols.

Curfew: Miss Thelma Holland.

White Pine: Miss Maude Stott.

Nebo High: N. L. Wessinger, principal; John Moore, Miss Rose L. Stacy, Miss Goodloe Haney, Miss Charline Brown, Miss Maggie Taylor, Miss Laura Moore, Miss Millie Kanipe, Mrs. N. L. Wessinger.

Fairview: Miss Lucile Hemphill.

Glennwood High: W. B. Harrill, principal; Mrs. W. B. Harrill, Miss Libby Franklin, W. C. Lattimore, Mrs. W. C. Lattimore, Miss Annie Spratt, Mrs. Bertha M. Hemphill, Miss Maude Ballard.

Armstrong: Mr. Hollifield.

Little Switzerland: Miss Pansy Hennessee.

North Cove Consolidated: Fred Abernethy, principal; T. W. Stacy, Jr., Miss Edna Brinkley, Miss Annie Laura Cannon, Miss Laura Hensley, Miss Elizabeth McGimsey, Miss Lenie Morris.

Dysartville Consolidated: Albert S. Noblitt, principal; Miss Jennie Lee Laughridge, Miss Inez Daves.

Pinnacle: Miss Lillie Pyatt.

Harmony Grove: Miss Ivaree Flack.

Macedonia: Miss Virginia Finley.

### H. B. CRAWLEY DIES AT HOME NEAR NEBO

Mr. H. B. Crawley, a well known citizen of the county, died at his home near Nebo last Monday morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Crawley was 74 years of age and had been in declining health for several months. Mr. Crawley was a member of the Methodist Church and was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends.

The deceased is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. V. M. Epley of Marion and Mrs. J. S. Pyatt of Nebo; four sons, William, John, Pinkney and Ivey Crawley, of Nebo; one brother, Alex Crawley, of Nebo, and 34 grand children.

The funeral services were conducted at Pinnacle Methodist Church Tuesday at 11 a. m. by Rev. H. E. Stimson, assisted by Rev. J. N. Wise, and interment made at Pinnacle cemetery.

Next Monday at Marion Theatre, a splendid talking feature, "THE CANARY MURDER CASE", a Vitaphone act, Fox News Reel, and a beautiful Color and Sound Classic. Prices: 15 and 35, and 15 and 40c.

## PARK BODY WILL FEATURE W. N. C.

### National Parks Tour Association Plans National Advertising of Scenic Route.

Hickory, July 27.—Plans for attracting millions of dollars in tourist trade into Western North Carolina and Virginia through a campaign of national advertising, were discussed here today when more than a hundred delegates gathered at a meeting of the Eastern National Parks Association. The Park-to-Park highway, with its 488 miles of scenic splendor, runs through the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia through Piedmont Carolina into the Great Smoky Mountain area in the extreme western portion of North Carolina.

Speakers on the program included prominent business men and chamber of commerce officials were: H. Brent Schaeffer, president of Lenoir Rhyne College; Clarence Kuester, manager of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce; J. M. Derr, Statesville president of the Eastern National Parks association; W. T. Ritter, secretary of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce; F. L. Adolph, field secretary of the association; R. P. Johnson, Wytheville, president of the Lakes-to-Florida highway; Verne Rhoades, Asheville, executive secretary of North Carolina Park Commission; June Beckner, Martinsville, Va.; W. E. Nattress, Statesville; and V. L. Robinson, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. A. M. Frye of Bryson City was elected a director of the tour association to succeed A. M. Kistler, Morganton, resigned.

A welcoming program during the dinner hour was in charge of the Hickory Chamber of Commerce, and C. T. Alexander, manager of Hotel Hickory. The meeting was presided over by J. M. Derr.

All of the talks stressed the splendor of the scenic highway and the possibilities of attracting a large tourist trade. The route which extends from Winchester, Va., to No. 10 highway through Winston-Salem, Statesville, Hickory, Morganton, Marion, Asheville, on to the Smoky Mountains, was declared to be unsurpassed for quality of roads, scenery and historic interest.

Officers and directors of the Eastern and National Parks association recently incorporated, are J. M. Derr, Statesville, president; A. T. Moore, Staunton, Va., and J. G. Stikeleather, Asheville, vice-presidents; L. F. Abernethy, Hickory, treasurer; W. T. Ritter, Winston-Salem, secretary; Roscoe Marvel, Asheville, T. G. Burch, Martinsville, Va., C. D. Shank, Harrisonburg, Va.; Fay M. Thomas, Roanoke, Va.; Eugene Branch, Winchester, Va.; J. Q. Gilkey, Marion; E. N. Brown, Endless Caverns, Va.; W. N. Martin, Canton; B. B. Fox, Roanoke, Va.; and Mrs. A. M. Frye, Bryson City.

### NEW YORK MAN PURCHASES ACREAGE ON LAKE JAMES

Thomas T. Townsend, of New York City, in the early summer passed through Western North Carolina and was so attracted with the scenic beauty of this immediate section, and especially Lake James, that he purchased from W. T. Morgan a sixty-five acre tract of his "Lake Shores" boundary, on Lake James. The acreage purchased has a long lake frontage, and embraces some grand building sites, overlooking the lake and commanding a sweeping view of the whole Blue Ridge Mountain Range.

Mr. Townsend intends to develop the property into a private estate for himself and probably others of his friends.

"THE CANARY MURDER CASE" will keep your interest to the very end in the thrilling unraveling of the mystery of the death of "The Canary", Broadway favorite. WILLIAM POWELL and LOUISE BROOKS are the stars.

### SCHEDULE CHANGES

Slight changes were made in the schedule of Southern trains Monday. Under the new schedule No. 12, eastbound, arrives at 4:25 p. m. instead of 4:05, and No. 35 on the Rock Hill division leaves Marion at 4:27 p. m. instead of 4:10.