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## "SEE AND LEARN TOUR" TUESDAY

McDowell Farmers and Business Men to Make Trip Through Four Counties.

Farmers and business men of McDowell county will make a "See and Learn Farm Tour" through McDowell, Burke, Catawba, and Lincoln county on Tuesday, August 13th. The purpose of the tour, as stated above, is to "see and learn" what some of the successful farmers are practicing in an effort that we might better improve our agricultural practices. Poultry, dairying, and soil improvement work will be the three major subjects studied, though other crops will be noted while on the tour.

The tour will start from No. 10 highway and the Main street of Marion, to head on No. 10 opposite the McDowell Motor Company, the tour to start at 8 a. m.

The first stop will be at the farm of L. G. Hollifield near Marion, where poultry, dairying, pastures, and alfalfa will be the chief subjects studied. R. L. Sloan, County Agent of Burke County, will meet us at his county line and will have charge of the tour through his county. One or two stops will be made to study some of the work being done in that county. J. W. Hendricks, County Agent of Catawba county, will meet us at his county line and will escort us through his county. The first stop will be made at the Howard-Hickory Nursery Company's plant, then to the Catawba Creamery in Hickory.

The dairy farm of R. L. Shuford near Newton will be the stop for the noon hour and lunch. While here some of the fine Jersey cattle of this farm will be seen and their records told by Mr. Shuford. Short talks on dairying will also be on the program at this farm. Lunch will be served "picnic style". Be sure to have your picnic lunch basket filled when you leave home.

J. G. Morrison, County Agent of Lincoln county will meet the tour at Shuford's farm and will direct the tour through Lincoln county. T. A. Warlick's farm, near Lincolnton, will be visited. Here we probably have one of the best examples of diversification to be found anywhere in the state. Pure-bred Jersey cattle hogs, sheep and poultry, and a system of crop rotation being practiced that improves the soil and yields a profit to the owner at the same time. Another stop will be at the home of M. S. Rudisill, near Lincolnton and Crouse. Here no doubt we will find one of the best systems of crop rotations to be found in the state, and one so simple, and so inexpensive—almost fool-proof—that anyone, no matter how scarce his money, can put it into practice. Sometimes we hear a farmer say that he would like to follow some of the instructions of the County Agent, but he is not able to buy the seed. Mr. Rudisill is growing considerable Hubam Sweet Clover, and he began several years ago when he was able to get only 50 clover seed of that variety, yet today he has fields of it.

I will not attempt to tell you what you will see on this tour. I want you to come along and see it. I have visited some of these farms as many as three times this year with the view of having this tour, and I can promise you that the trip will be worth hundreds of dollars to you; yes, I will say thousands. While we must have money to carry on our farm operations, we must know how to manage our soils, our livestock, our plants, in order to make a success.

We are taking some of our first steps in getting the production of milk in McDowell county produced in such a volume that we can have a creamery, a cheese factory, or some kind of a dairy product manufacturing plant in Marion. One or more cream routes will be started during this month. It is very important that we get a greater vision of the dairy industry. Many of our farmers have never seen a cow that will produce 1200 pounds of butter within a year, or 20,000 pounds of milk, yet we are within an hour's drive of such a cow, and many others that are producing four or five times as much as our average cows are producing. On this tour, we will learn more about dairy cows, pastures,

grazing crops, feeds, crop rotation, hogs, as well as other farm crops.

The tour will be made in one day. The length of the tour will be from 150 to 175 miles. If you have a car, take along your family, or if you have some extra room, invite some of your neighbors or friends to go along with you; they will be glad to pay for the gas and oil.

Remember the date, Tuesday, August 13th, to leave Marion at 8 a. m.

W. L. SMARR, County Agent.

## MARION'S PUBLIC LIBRARY

Little is ever said and therefore the general public does not know much about one of Marion's most important and really worthwhile institutions—the Florence Thomas Library. This library is maintained and conducted under the general control and direction of Marion Woman's Club. The room where the library is housed is on the second floor of the court house, just to the right of the auditorium or main court room. This location was chosen because it was thought to be accessible to the general public, and the use of the room was given free of rent.

At this time there are more than five hundred volumes in the library, consisting of history, biography, travel, poetry and fiction, both standard and current literature. New books are purchased and added to the library each year, the dues from memberships being used for this purpose. There are books in the library written and given by former Marion residents, one of which is a book by Miss Alice Day Pratt, formerly of Marion, who now is living in the far West; and a book of verse by Mrs. Mary Chase Cornelius, a former Marion resident. Mrs. Cornelius' book is called "Flowers from the Pothills," and is dedicated to her mother, the late Mrs. Emma P. Chase. Both these volumes should be of special interest to the Marion readers.

Membership to the library is now small and the officers of the Woman's Club are anxious to increase this membership, and thereby have a large sum for the purchase of additional books. The annual membership fee is one dollar; six months, fifty cents; three months, 25 cents.

Mrs. R. F. Burton is in charge of the library, her salary being paid by the Woman's Club. The library is open for two hours in the afternoon twice a week, namely: Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, at which times books may be obtained from the library by anyone who has been enrolled as a member.

Every citizen of the town who enjoys reading and wishes to avail himself of the opportunity to obtain good literature should become a member of the Florence Thomas Library. The members of the Woman's Club will greatly appreciate your interest and co-operation in this really important matter.

## MAN IN STRIKERS ROW BOUND OVER TO COURT

Robert Loudermilk, loom fixer employed by the Clinchfield Manufacturing company, who was arrested late Thursday following an encounter with strikers of the Marion Manufacturing company, given a preliminary hearing here Friday afternoon before magistrate W. H. Hill on a charge of an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, waived the hearing and was bound to superior court.

He was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Lawrence Hogan secretary of the local textile union. It was charged that he fired his shotgun into the air several times. Loudermilk is not a member of the local union. Although he received injuries about his head and face on Thursday evening when, it is alleged, he interfered with strikers from East Marion, who were parading near the Clinchfield mills, by driving his automobile through the parade, knocking down Mrs. Annie Wilson, one of the marchers. Loudermilk is unable to state who struck him or inflicted the cuts which he received, and he has sworn out no warrants against his assailants up to this time.

In publishing the list of teachers for the Marion Public Schools last week H. C. Hawn was omitted by error. Mr. Hawn was re-elected as a member of the high school faculty.

Oasis Theatre has an ad in this paper calling attention to another change in their program. Hereafter they will be open three days a week matinee and night.

## S. S. CONVENTION AT NEBO FRIDAY

Prominent Speakers on the Program—Record-Breaking Attendance Expected.

All indications point to a record-breaking attendance at the Annual McDowell County Sunday School convention which is to be held on Friday, August 9. The convention will be held with the Baptist Church at Nebo. The opening session will be held at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning.

According to announcement made by the officers of the County Sunday School Association, the program has been prepared with the idea of having "a convention for the discussion of practical Sunday School plans and problems," the plan being to have something in the convention that will help workers in all departments of the Sunday School.

Among the prominent speakers on the program will be Miss Flora Davis, Raleigh, general superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, and Miss Daisy Magee of Raleigh, Children's Division Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association. During the convention these workers will discuss various phases of Sunday School work.

As has been previously announced an attendance pennant will be awarded to the Sunday School having in the sessions of the convention the largest average attendance of representatives, sixteen years of age and over, according to miles traveled. Attendance records will be taken at each session of the convention. The contest is open to all the Sunday Schools in the county, except the Sunday School with which the convention is held and others within one mile. The pennant will be presented at the close of the session on Friday night.

An interesting program has been announced for the day.

## COMMISSIONERS MEET; JURORS FOR SEPTEMBER

The county commissioners were in session at the court house Monday. The entire day was taken up with routine matters.

A delegation of citizens appeared before the commissioners requesting a change in the Dysartsville-Nebo township line, but action on the matter was postponed by the commissioners until a later date.

Jurors were drawn for the September term of McDowell Superior court as follows:

First week—L. M. Shirlen, Geo. D. Taylor, A. Herbert Finley, Geo. Shuford, Wm. F. Tisdale, Lester R. Simmons, J. Gilkey Seagle, Jas. L. Arrowood, C. C. Nanney, Thos. S. Upton, Sandy Allison, Wm. T. Miller, Robert L. Foster, John L. Staton, J. M. Carpenter, J. B. Biddix, Jas. C. Upton, Lee H. Whitener, Fred Lawing, E. W. Huskins, J. H. L. Miller, Ellis R. Wells, Joe G. Brown, L. M. Robbins, G. B. Marlow, J. R. Smith, H. O. Smith, Marion E. Kelly, Marion Morgan, D. A. Bowman, Fred Murray, C. B. Harris, Virgil P. Silver, George R. Cooper, J. Luther Elliott, James Chapman, Thos. W. Carswell, Lee Lackey, Will A. Hensley, John W. McCormick, L. E. Broome, T. M. Flack, John A. Thomas, J. F. Turner, Joe R. Steppe, C. B. Landis, Leonard B. Dalton, C. W. Wiseman.

Second week—Robert B. McNeely, A. V. Setzer, M. C. Morgan, W. E. Morgan, John W. Lawing, W. J. Jaynes, Jas. N. Lonon, Carl Laughler, Fate Lentz, J. W. Hollifield, Marion F. Parker, Grover C. Tabor, John B. Walker, John P. Morrow, Joe F. Miller, Geo. G. Moore, A. H. Mitchem, M. West Lewis, Clay McKinney, Alvin G. Rader, W. R. McGee, R. H. Allison, Avery Padgett, C. B. Noblitt, John M. Cuthbertson, Chas. E. Reed, Chas. E. Poteat, D. A. Ayers, Jas. H. Henline, Wm. A. Proctor.

The musical comedy "SYNCOPE" will provide you with real entertainment. It has a cast of Broadway favorites, with the famous band Fred Waring's "Pennsylvanians" providing the catchy and beautiful music. There are good dancing, sparkling humor, romance, and a number of songs in it.

## DO AND DON'TS FOR MOTORING PUBLIC

North Carolina State Highway Patrol Offers Timely Suggestions to Motorists.

There are a few regulations in the operation of vehicles on the highway that every driver should be familiar with. Although these laws have been in effect for years and the public has been warned through various sources, there seems to be still a continued disregard of "Safety Rules," as laid down by the North Carolina laws.

The North Carolina State Highway patrol has been in operation nearly a month and thousands of people have been cautioned and warned by the patrolmen, and a great many violators have been hailed before the courts for various infractions of the safety regulations. Yet, some people persist in ignoring the simple rules that are laid down for their safety, and the safety of others. Therefore it seems to be necessary that more drastic measures be resorted to in order to impress upon the users of the highways that the laws and regulations governing the use of the highways shall be obeyed, so, in the future, less warnings will be given and more arrests made. The patrolmen, up to this time, have been instructed to be very lenient and indulgent in the enforcement of these laws, thus to educate the people to obey the traffic laws.

In the future, the instructions of the patrolmen will be to let the courts give the warnings in the willful and careless violations of the traffic laws. It will save inconvenience, embarrassment and money for the people if they will acquaint themselves with these laws and abide by them.

The following are a few things that the users of the highways must do and a few more that they must not do:

**Things You Must Do**  
Have the proper title and license for your car. Make application to the Motor Vehicle Bureau for title and license as soon as you purchase car.

Carry your license plate securely bolted on in the proper place—in plain view.

Carry your pocket registration card with you.

Keep license plate clean. See that license plate is illuminated at night.

Have two good brakes, foot and emergency (either one sufficient to stop car.)

Have two good headlights and a rear light, showing red in rear and lighting up license plate clearly. Always drive to the right of the center of the road. That is the side the law allows you.

Ever be cautious, especially in approaching curves, intersections, bridges, and in meeting other vehicles.

Always stop before entering a highway from a side road or private drive.

Whenever it is absolutely necessary to park along a highway, get all four wheels off the hard surfaced portion or mainly traveled portion of the highway.

Keep your under absolute control at all times.

Always look in all directions and give proper signals when stopping, starting, or turning.

**Proper Signals**  
Proper signals—given with left hand and arm from and beyond the left side of the vehicle.

Left turn: Hand and arm horizontal, forefinger pointing to left.

Right turn: Hand and arm pointing upward.

Stop: Hand and arm pointing downward.

Always give the other fellow at least half of the road.

Have a good horn and in perfect working condition.

Sound your horn when passing another vehicle and on sharp curves.

Drive at a reasonable rate of speed.

Horse drawn vehicles must carry a light at night on the left side of vehicle.

People riding horseback at night must carry a light.

Bicycles must carry a light at

night. Always give right of way to police cars and motorcycles. When you hear the siren or see them approaching in pursuit, pull to the extreme right of highway and stop. The sirens are placed on police machines and fire department vehicles for the purpose of commanding the right of way.

It is unlawful for a private car to be equipped with siren or exhaust whistle, so when you hear one give the right of way—the officer may be after a desperate criminal.

Always stop when signalled to do so by an officer. To fail to do this is a serious offense.

Always stop when approaching a school bus that has stopped to let off passengers.

Give your attention to the highway when you are driving and thus avoid accidents.

Acquaint yourself with the motor vehicle laws and observe them. Be sure you are right. Help us to make the highways safe.

**Things You Must Not Do**  
Never operate a car on the highways until you have made application to the Motor Vehicle Bureau for proper license and title.

Never buy a car without receiving at the time a title and never sell a car without delivering at the time a title.

Never drive without good lights at night—two headlights and rear light.

Never drive with blinding (glaring) headlights.

Never drive a car without good brakes—foot and emergency.

Never drive on left hand side of road. Keep to the right of the center line. If everyone will stay on their right hand side of the road, we will not experience any more head-on collisions.

Do not straddle the center of the road.

Never "straighten out" curves. Stay on the right.

Never pass another vehicle going in the same direction where the view is obstructed for a distance of five hundred (500) feet.

Never disregard the approach of another vehicle because you think you have the right of way. The fact that you may have the right of way will not prevent an accident.

Never enter a highway from a side road without stopping.

Never turn across the highway to the left without being sure that it is perfectly safe to do so and that no one is approaching from the front or rear.

Never swing out to the left of the center of the road when you are about to make a right turn. Slow down to a speed where you can turn without doing this.

Never drive a car with a "cut out" or straight exhaust, siren or exhaust whistle.

Never pass a school bus when it has stopped to discharge passengers.

Never park your car on the highways without getting entirely off of the hard surface or mainly traveled portion of the highway and never park on a bridge.

Never drive a private car with a dealer's license plate.

Never allow a child under sixteen years of age to drive a car.

The careful observance of these simple Do and Don'ts will probably save the life of someone.

The disregard of these safety rules may result in embarrassment and expense to yourself.

## SURASKY CHAIN STORES BUYS THE BRYSON STORE

The Surasky Chain Stores has purchased The Bryson Store and announced the business will be continued at the present location. The new management announces that buyers are now in New York purchasing new goods which will arrive soon.

They will carry a full line of ladies, men's and children's ready-to-wear and furnishings, also a complete line of dry goods and shoes. The store building is being re-arranged and improved awaiting the arrival of new goods.

Announcement is made that Mr. Fred L. Bryson and Mrs. A. C. Leonard will continue with the new firm and that patrons will be given the same courteous treatment as heretofore.

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## WEEK SET APART FOR HOME-COMING

Governor Gardner Proclaims Week of October 14-19 as State Home-Coming Week.

The week of October 14 to 19 was officially set aside as "North Carolina Home-Coming Week" in a Governor O. Max Gardner.

The text of the proclamation follows:

"Whereas, the state of North Carolina in the first quarter of the twentieth century has made an astounding record of progress which should now be reviewed by our citizens and made known to all interested Americans. Not in a spirit of pride or boasting should this be done but in a spirit of thanksgiving, aspiratio nand dedication to the far greater tasks that lie yet ahead of us. We must make 'That which we have done but earnest of the things we shall yet do.' And

Whereas, in this spirit the last general assembly of North Carolina provided for the state-wide observance of the week of October 14-19 as 'North Carolina Home-Coming Week' with the request that all native sons and daughters of North Carolina now residing outside of the state be invited to return that week and participate in a great state home-coming celebration at the state capital and in local celebrations in every progressive county of the state where such meetings can be arranged for.

Now, Therefore, I, O. Max Gardner, as governor of the state, in accordance with this act of the legislature, do hereby proclaim the week of October 14-19 as 'North Carolina Home-Coming Week' and call upon all officials, citizens and the press of the state to co-operate in promoting this progressive movement.

"Of paramount importance will be the dedication that week of the new state-owned North Carolina state fair grounds with the most comprehensive exhibits of our present-day progress and possibilities ever yet presented, with addresses by eminent Americans and returned North Carolinians broadcasted by radio to every corner of the state. During the Home-Coming Week every North Carolinian now living outside the state is asked to see this exhibit of the state's resources at Raleigh and to visit again his native county and section.

"To this end I call upon every citizen to send in the names of all relatives and friends outside the state who should be invited to this celebration and I earnestly request the press of the state to co-operate by inserting blanks which will be sent for this purpose.

"I also call upon editors of the local papers in each county, the secretaries of the local chambers of commerce, the county farm and home agents, and the county superintendents of education, associating with themselves such other persons as they may desire, to meet and organize county home-coming celebration committees to supplement the major activities at the state capital."

## HIGHWAY PATROLMEN TO BE SHIFTED ABOUT

Effective next month, all patrolmen of the new state highway patrol will be changed to new districts for a period of two months, it was announced today by Capt. Charles D. Farmer.

Under the plan the three patrolmen of the ninth district will take up work in the first, those in the first will go to the second, the third in the second to the third, and so on.

This plan was adopted at the time the patrol was inaugurated and a shift will be made every two months.

Numerous highly complimentary letters, both in regard to the work the patrol is doing and for the courteous treatment accorded motorists by individual patrolmen, are being received by Captain Farmer, who said today he was highly pleased with the reports reaching him from every section of the state in regard to the general co-operation of the public with the patrol.

You will enjoy "THE FLYING FLEET". It is reported as an extra good picture. At Marion Theatre Thursday and Friday.