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M'DOWELL HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN

County High Schools Begin Work With Largest Enrollment in History of County.

The high schools and large elementary schools of the county began the work of the school year on Monday morning, Sept. 2nd, with the fullest attendance and largest enrollment in the history of the schools, according to reports coming from the office of Supt. A. V. Nolan, who took up the work as head of the county school system on Sept. 1st, having been elected to succeed Mr. N. F. Stepp, resigned. Mr. Nolan reports the outlook for the year's work is very bright and that he has begun his work under propitious conditions, feeling that he has the support and co-operation of patrons, officials and principals of the various schools, as well as the entire corps of teachers of the county. Much interest and great pride in the schools were shown by the large attendance and apparent enthusiasm of parents and committeemen upon the opening of the different schools. Worthwhile and lasting results are expected of the schools this year.

The larger schools beginning work on Monday are: West Marion, Eugene Cross, Pleasant Gardens, Clinchfield, Nebo, North Cove Consolidated, Old Fort, and Glenwood.

West Marion is fortunate this year in having such a man as Mr. William H. Noah as principal. Mr. Noah is an experienced teacher and a real leader of young people and students. He reported a fine spirit of pupils and patrons. His opening was well attended and the year's work started off with interest and enthusiasm.

Eugene Cross, Marion No. 4, opened with a fine showing, with Mrs. Garland Williams again head of the school. Mrs. Williams has served this community for a long number of years, and Monday morning's opening gave further evidence of her place in the confidence of the school folks of Cross Mill village. A large enrollment was shown and a full attendance of children in all grades started the year's work at Eugene Cross School, with the hope and full expectation of doing splendid work during the term of 1929-30.

At Pleasant Gardens High School the beginning of the year's work was marked with a splendid spirit of interest and community pride. Mr. R. B. Phillips succeeds himself as principal and he is fortunate in having to work with him a strong corps of teachers. A number of patrons and interested citizens visited the school Monday, and the general spirit was one of interest, co-operation and enthusiasm. The school ground had been much improved during the vacation period, a large part of this work having been done by the community. A high grade of work is the goal of every department of this school—such being Pleasant Garden's record in the past and its ambition for the future.

Clinchfield, which is one of the county's largest elementary schools, started off the year with bright prospects and high hopes. Miss Ruth M. Greenlee, who has been principal of the school for many years, again heads the school, and with her usual force and well worked out program, began the year's work without a hitch. Much new equipment has been added to Clinchfield, many new books for the school library and equipment for the science department being among the most important. Prospects for fine work at Clinchfield School for this term are of the best.

Old Fort High School opened with Prof. S. B. Smitley as principal, he having been elected to succeed Mr. A. V. Nolan. Prof. S. B. Smitley was given a hearty welcome and assured that he would be given the whole-hearted support of the school folks of Old Fort, for a bigger and better high school for the entire community. Prof. Smitley comes to Old Fort from Robeson county, where he had successful experience as principal of a large high school. Much equipment has been added to the school, in the Science, Home Economics departments and many new books for the library. Extensive improvements have been made on

the grounds and the whole plant put in excellent condition for the beginning of school. A splendid spirit of pride in the school, co-operation with teachers and principal and enthusiasm for the work, were shown on opening day. A successful year's work is a foregone conclusion for Old Fort High School for 1929-30. Glenwood High School has at its head again Mr. W. B. Harrill, who has served the community a number of years. Mr. Harrill was again made to feel the interest and splendid school spirit that has always characterized the Glenwood community, on last Monday morning when he faced such a splendid gathering of students and interested patrons and school officials, to begin the year's work. Rev. J. M. Brown, a member of the committee, gave a brief, yet forceful talk on the subject "Vital Necessity of Real Co-operation Between the School and the Community." The enrollment at the Glenwood school was the largest in the history of the school.

North Cove Consolidated has as principal this year Mr. Fred Abernethy, and an able corps of teachers will assist him in the work of the school. Mr. Abernethy has been the principal of this school for one term and is popular with the students and patrons. He has been in the community for some time, supervising necessary repairs and improvements of the school building and grounds. The water system has been repaired and much done to make comfortable and attractive the entire school plant. The attendance and enrollment of the school showed considerable gain and the school year was begun with high hopes and bright prospects for much real work during the year.

Nebo High School, one of McDowell county's pioneers in high schools, opened its doors Monday morning, with Prof. N. L. Wessinger again in charge. The opening was well attended and a number of talks made by visitors, Rev. T. L. Klutz, of Marion, and Rev. H. E. Stimson, each speaking to the parents, teachers and pupils, and taking part in the devotional exercises of the opening. Mr. John Moore also made a brief address, which was to the point, and well received by all hearers. His appeal was especially to the young people, the boys and girls, whose great opportunity for fitting themselves for life's work is before them. Much interest and enthusiasm was shown by everyone present and fine work at Nebo High School is promised. The school plant has had some needed improvements, among them being the heating system recently installed; other necessary improvements have been made, and the people of Nebo feel a genuine interest and pride in their school. This should prove to be a banner year in the history of Nebo.

The county-wide school tax has been reduced ten cents, the rate now being 57c. Local taxes in most of the larger schools have also been reduced considerably. This was made possible by the State equalization funds being increased. The qualifications of the teaching staff for the county has been raised some

MARION BAR TO HONOR MEMORY OF D. E. HUDGINS

When court convenes next Monday, Sept. 9th, a portion of the day will be given to memorial exercises in honor of the late D. E. Hudgins. A committee consisting of W. T. Morgan, J. W. Winborne and J. Will Pless, Jr. has been appointed to present suitable resolutions, and it is expected that many of the members of the bar will speak of the life and works of Mr. Hudgins. He was for more than thirty years a civic leader in Marion and one of the most active practitioners in this section of the State. An unusual feature in connection with the exercises is that his two sons, Carter and Edward, Jr. will be presented and take the oath as practicing attorneys, both having recently obtained license to engage in the profession at the Bar Examinations held last month by the Supreme Court. It is likely that the exercises will be held immediately upon convening court for the afternoon session, unless an opportunity to do so arises after the Judge's charge to the Grand Jury in the forenoon.

"MOTHER KNOWS BEST", a splendid picture, with MADGE BELLAMY in it, will be shown next Wednesday at the Marion Theatre and on Thursday at Oasis Theatre.

MARION SCHOOL OPENED FRIDAY

Begin Year's Work with Large Attendance and Prospects For Successful Term.

The Marion city schools began the school year Friday morning, when the superintendent, corps of teachers, students and a number of interested patrons and friends of the school met at the high school building, to begin the organization of grades, classes, etc.

Mr. F. R. Richardson, the new superintendent, briefly outlined the program for the day, and gave necessary instructions to teachers and pupils. The high school auditorium was filled with students and visitors. A splendid spirit of enthusiasm and interest was shown and the new year starts off with fine prospects for good work during the present school term.

The work on the school grounds has added much to the appearance and convenience of the school. This work is still in progress and is a much needed improvement.

The enrollment is the largest in the history of the school, there being 250 enrolled in the high school department and 500 in the elementary department, making a total of 750 students.

The part-time Business School conducted in connection with the commercial department of the Marion High School, opened yesterday with a fine attendance. The part-time school is under the direction of Prof. E. C. Klontz.

The faculty for this 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. Neerah 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. H. C. Mawn, Mr. E. C. Klontz, Mrs. E. C. Klontz, and Mr. M. W. Gordon, Jr., of Salisbury, principal.

MISS POTEAT RETURNS FROM TRIP TO EUROPE

Miss Mary Poteat returned home Tuesday, after spending the summer traveling in Europe and studying at Oxford University, England. During the first half of the summer she was a member of a small party visiting France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, Holland, England, and Scotland. In England and Scotland she was especially interested in seeing places and things of literary and historical significance, attending a presentation of "Hamlet" at the theatre at Stratford-on-Avon, the home of Shakespeare, and a performance of the old morality play, "Everyman," at Canterbury Cathedral. She terms her travels in these two countries "a literary pilgrimage," and considers her stay at Oxford University where she attended the lectures on Milton by Professor Silincourt the most inspiring part of her trip.

Miss Poteat is a member of the faculty of Peace Institute, and after a few days' visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Poteat, she will return to Raleigh to resume her work as a teacher of English literature in that college.

NEGRO FATALLY INJURED IN SHOOTING SATURDAY

Sam Gardner, colored, was shot and fatally wounded by Jason Rhodes in the colored section of Marion last Saturday afternoon, as the result of an affray between the two negroes. Following the shooting Gardner was rushed to the Marion Hospital for treatment. He died on Sunday afternoon and was buried Monday in the colored cemetery.

Rhodes made his escape after the shooting and as yet has not been located.

MARION STRIKE CONTINUES QUIET

Troops Remain On Guard in Mill Village After Outbreak At Clinchfield Friday.

Marion's strike situation seems to be "in statu quo," and likely to remain so for some time, if the apparent attitude of the leaders on both sides means anything. In spite of the gloomy outlook and uncompromising declarations of the leaders, some hope is entertained by the more conservative that an adjustment will yet be reached.

Considerable disorder followed the adjournment of the conciliation conference here last Thursday, the climax coming Friday afternoon late when officers were called to Clinchfield village to protect a family of non-union workers, whose household goods were being unloaded near the mill, and whose presence was resented by strikers and their friends, it is stated. The Sheriff and his deputies encountered such resistance that the troops, which had been quartered at the court house for more than a week, were called out to quiet what had grown into a general riot. Warrants for about one hundred and fifty strikers, including the labor organizer, Alfred Hoffman, were issued and a large number of arrests made. Many of the men and one woman were placed in jail; most of whom later posted bonds and were released. Eight of the men are yet in jail, having failed to give the required bonds.

The Asheville and Morganton troops which were on duty in Marion are now in charge of the situation at both Clinchfield and East Marion villages, their numbers being augmented by two additional companies from Lincolnton and Statesville, the two later companies coming to Marion at a late hour on Friday night, following the riot at Clinchfield.

Among the most serious disorders since the adjournment of the conciliation committee was that of dynamiting the "opening room" of the cotton house at Clinchfield mill, which occurred at an early hour on Friday morning. The damage was estimated at between one thousand and fifteen hundred dollars, the loss being covered by insurance.

Many Marion people entertained fears of further disturbances and violence here on Labor Day but the day passed without disorder or disturbing events of any kind, the most noteworthy happening being the quiet passing through the streets of a caravan or motorcade of labor leaders and sympathizers, taking a supply of food and supplies to strikers, who apparently have resigned themselves to the task of continuing their fight for higher wages, shorter hours and recognition of the union.

The recent statement of President R. W. Baldwin, briefly outlining his position in regard to the East Marion strike, caused considerable comment and discussion. Mr. Baldwin repeated the substance of a statement given out by him several weeks ago, to the effect that he is ready to reopen the plant of the Marion Manufacturing Company as soon as a sufficient number of the old employees will return to work, with a distinct understanding that there will be no change in the wage scale and no discharged employes reinstated.

The attorney for the strikers who have been arrested on the charge of rioting and inciting to riot in connection with the Clinchfield Mill strike, has stated that a special term of court will be sought to try these men. Defendants in all these cases have waived preliminary hearings and are bound to superior court. The request for a special term of court was prompted by a belief that feeling aroused by the riot and occurrences preceding and following this incident, would prevent these men receiving a fair and impartial trial at this time. The special term, it is understood, will be asked to convene here the latter part of October or early part of November.

The four companies of troops continue to patrol the mill villages. Field kitchens have been set up for the troopers and preparations are apparently being made for an indefinite stay.

Adjutant-General V. B. Metts,

who is in charge of the troops here, ordered that the confiscating of pocket-knives and other small effects of the kind found on persons entering the mill villages be stopped, and the knives and effects already confiscated be returned to the persons from whom the same had been removed. All persons who have attempted to enter the mill villages, or strike areas without passes have been subjected to search.

Up to a late hour today everything remained quiet in the town and strike area, there being no further developments or change in the situation during this week.

INITIAL FOOTBALL PRACTICE YESTERDAY

The initial football practice at Marion High School for the 1929 season was held yesterday afternoon under the direction of Coaches Hawn and Beam.

Twenty-four candidates reported for action; however, a great number of familiar faces were missing from the ranks. The places of Howard, Hitchcock and Hawkins, backs; Kanipe, all western guard of last season; McCall, Duncan and Bowditch, linemen, will be hard to replace. With Dallas Duncan leaving his end position by graduation, and with Martin also leaving that position by promotion to the backfield, the coaches are up against a proposition for flank men. Kelley Gilkey will be primed for center, left vacant by the withdrawal of John Bowditch from school. Rabb or Ouzts will replace Howard at quarter.

A number of freshmen were noticed among the gridgers yesterday. If they develop several should be in the fight before the season is over.

Only fundamentals will be on the program for the first few days. Coach Hawn is giving his entire time to the backfield while Beam is mentor of the line. Conditioning exercises made up the bulk of the practice period in order to get the boys in shape for the hard grind to come later.

Among those out for the first practice were: Clay, Rabb, Gilkey, Smith, Mashburn, Ouzts, Roper, Frisbie, Finley, Poe, Hennessee, Green, Noyes, Glenn, Wall, Gibson, and others.

NEGRO ESCAPES FROM JAIL DURING PARADE

While the parade was under way here Monday, William Misher, negro, escaped from the second story of the county jail by means of a rope formed from a blanket. He tore the blanket into strips and tied them into a rope. As the negro ran through the back lot, B. L. Robbins, deputy sheriff, gave chase. Mr. Robbins was joined by Seagle Halliburton who arrested the escaped prisoner on the railroad fill near the Catawba Furniture factory. He was returned to jail here by Messrs. Halliburton and Robbins.

Misher was jailed Saturday on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

DIXON REUNION HELD NEAR DYSARTSVILLE

A large crowd attended the Dixon reunion held at the old Dixon home place near Dysartsville last Sunday. It is estimated that about four hundred relatives and friends were in attendance. A short talk was made by Rev. Sam Pyatt, after which dinner was served in the grove. The was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Relatives were in attendance from various points throughout North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Florida.

Among those in attendance were Mrs. L. G. Price and daughter, Lela, Jesse Price, and Miss Floy Morgan of Marion.

MARION STAR SOLD

Announcement was made in the Marion Star Tuesday that the paper has been sold, and that on account of changes the paper will be discontinued temporarily but at a date to be announced later will be published again. Misses Frances and Verna Slate, under whose management the paper has been operated since the sale of the plant by W. I. Ward, trustee, on August 12, state that their successors will announce their plans for the future at a later date.

The North Carolina State Fair is offering about \$3,000 in premiums to 4-H Club members who will make exhibits, give demonstrations and engage in judging contests.

BAPTIST FORM CHURCH GROUP

McDowell County Churches Plan to Form New Association Of County Wide Scope.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the steering committee at the First Baptist Church in Marion Monday night it was unanimously voted to organize a new district Baptist association to be composed of the Baptist churches in McDowell county and churches in adjoining territory that may wish to come into the new organization.

The committee decided to refer the question of a new organization to the several churches in the county for a vote of ratification. It is announced that three have already taken favorable action, these being Marion First Church, Clinchfield and Clear Creek. There are twenty-one churches in the county. Eleven churches were represented at the meeting here Monday night.

In the event the churches vote favorable on the proposition, the new organization will hold its first meeting at the First Baptist Church in Marion on Tuesday, October 1st, at 10 a. m., the Marion congregation having voted unanimously to invite the association to meet here this year and will entertain all who come. At this time officers of the association will be elected, and a constitution adopted.

As fast as the churches in the county vote to come into the new association they are requested to communicate with Rev. P. D. Mangum in Marion and apply to Rev. A. A. Walker, clerk of the Green River Association, for a letter of dismissal to join the new association. There will be only one day's session of the organization this year.

The pastors and laymen feel that this is the most forward movement the Baptists have undertaken in the county for a long time. They believe it will bring the churches closer together and be the means of bringing state workers to the county more frequently. At present, it is stated, the Green River Association lacks unity because it covers too much territory and it is too difficult for representatives to get together.

The Blue Ridge Association has been suggested as a name for the new organization.

MONROE ADAMS DIES NEAR UNION MILLS

Mr. Monroe P. Adams, age 72, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. M. Parker, near Union Mills, Thursday, August 29. His death was due to heart trouble. Mr. Adams has been making his home with his daughter since the death of his wife about five years ago. He was a member of the Baptist Church and was a prominent citizen of the community.

The deceased is survived by six daughters and three sons: Mrs. P. L. Coxe, of Gastonia; Mrs. J. R. Taylor, of Marion; Mrs. B. O. Smith of Alexander; Mrs. T. M. Parker, of Union Mills; Mrs. Walter Epley, of Rutherfordton; Mrs. Robert Connor of Ruth; Z. V. Adams, of Marion; M. H. Adams, of Mooresboro; and Thomas Adams, of Alexander. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Bartlett, of Black Mountain, and Mrs. Lou Morris, of Old Fort.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Huntley on Friday, and interment made at Montford Cove cemetery.

BICYCLE AND CAR COLLIDE

A man from Black Mountain, whose name was not learned, was riding a bicycle up Main street Monday about noon when he collided with Rev. J. S. Lockaby's automobile. The man was pitched onto the hood of the car and was bruised about the arms and body, but was not badly injured. Mr. Lockaby was going down Main street and was passing another car going in the opposite direction when the man suddenly from behind the car and darts in front of Mr. Lockaby's car.

Next Monday and Tuesday at Marion Theatre, a co-ed college story, "THE COLLEGE COQUETTE" with WILLIAM COLLIER JR. and RUTH TAYLOR.