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## FATAL OUTBREAK AT MARION MILL

### Four Lives Lost and Many Injured When Workers Call Walkout—Troops on Duty.

Four dead, three or four believed to be in a dying condition and several others painfully injured in the hospital, brought state troops to Marion last night for the second time in two months to put a stop to textile strike troubles.

One man was killed outright and three others died later as the result of a fight at the gates of the Marion Manufacturing Company's cotton mill in East Marion Wednesday morning. Who fired the first shot is a question of dispute, leaders of the United Textile Workers union asserting that it was fired by sheriff's forces, and the sheriff himself asserting that a striker fired first.

The mill was the scene of a strike of nine weeks duration which was ended on September 11 in an agreement whereby the East Marion mill and the Clinchfield Manufacturing Company's mill were re-opened on an open shop basis. Members of the textile union claimed that the agreement was not being lived up to by the East Marion mill management, and at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning a number of workers of the night shift walked out in an unexpected strike.

A picket line was formed outside the gate. At 6:30 o'clock, when the shifts change, about 150 persons were at the gate. Sheriff O. F. Adkins and a number of deputies had been called.

A fight started. Sheriff Adkins in a statement said that John Jonas, a striker, who died at noon today of wounds, struck him on the head. The sheriff and some of his deputies attempted to handcuff Jonas. While this was going on, the sheriff said, someone fired a shot at the officers and killed Sam Vickers, a union member. Shooting became general and it is stated that more than 100 shots were fired.

Sam Vickers, one of the strikers, was almost instantly killed by pistol bullets at the mill gate; Randolph Hall died a few hours later at the hospital; John Jonas, who Sheriff Adkins charges started the trouble, died at noon Wednesday, and Luther Bryson, who was shot in the abdomen, died at an early hour this morning.

### List of Those Wounded

The more seriously wounded are: James Mills, shot through the stomach; George McCombs, shot through the neck, thumb, and wrist; W. S. Black, wounded in the neck; Rob Minish, struck behind the ear; T. L. Carver, shot in the neck; and James Roberts, shot in the abdomen.

Others wounded are John Wykle, Eldie Ballard, Kermit Fender, P. S. Long, Mrs. Lucy Sparks, W. M. Sparks, A. M. Koon, and Mrs. Addie Hollar.

Receiving injuries from weapons other than guns were Sheriff Adkins, who was hit on the head; Deputy Ed Cannon, knocked down by a black-jack; Deputy Allen Stepp, slightly hurt by a blow on the head, and T. M. Greene, deputy sheriff, hit in the face by a glancing bullet. Neither of the four were seriously hurt.

Following the shooting day workers of the mill quickly fled to their places and resumed work.

Last night at 6 o'clock the workers followed supervisors out of the grounds, moving to their homes in the mill village in a silent and orderly fashion. Sheriff Adkins, however, was on hand when shifts changed. Mill owners reported that less than 100 men were absent from their posts last night.

A coroner's jury, empanelled late last night, viewed the bodies to allow burials Friday.

Warrants charging Sheriff Adkins and all deputies and several mill officials with murder and aiding and abetting in murder were threatened last night by labor leaders.

Company C, 105th Engineers, of Salisbury, numbering 50 men, arrived here shortly after 8 o'clock last night and began patrolling the mill section after pitching their tents near the Marion Manufacturing Company's plant. The company is commanded by Capt. E. W. Cole.

A national guard company from Winston-Salem arrived about 11 o'clock.

clock. Both companies will be under the command of Maj. William V. Copeland, 120th infantry, of Burlington.

There was no picketing at the mill last night, and the mill village was quiet.

N. A. Townsend, executive counsel for Gov. O. Max Gardner, arrived Wednesday and conferred with Solicitor J. Will Pless, Jr., the sheriff and other officers in regard to plans for holding an inquest this morning on the death of the four mill workers.

## MARION WINS FIRST GAME BY 50-0 SCORE

The Marion High School football eleven opened its 1929 fight for football honors by running roughshod over the Swannanoa combination to pile up a 50 to 0 score here last Friday afternoon.

Due to hot weather and a wet field the game was slow, but not devoid of thrills. The Maroon and Black warriors literally crushed the heavy Swannanoa crew, scoring in every period, to chalk up fifty points before the final whistle was sounded. Swannanoa failed to register a first down.

The game was decided by about the expected margin and little spectacular work was shown. Consistently led by Rabb and Ouzts, veteran backs of last season, and aided by Roper and Martin, the local high school eleven presented an offense that was not checked the entire afternoon. Poe, substitute back, also showed a powerful drive, plunging the line for one of Marion's touchdowns.

The line excelled, making a path of success for the backs, and on the defense presenting a forward wall that Swannanoa failed to break. Outstanding linemen were: Captain Gilkey and Clay, tackles; and Bowditch, center. Moore and Mashburn also played a splendid game at guard.

The Marion coaches made frequent substitutions, using practically every member of the squad. Such substitutions gave the boys action, and at the same time gave the mentors an opportunity to look over their reserve strength.

Those starting the game against Swannanoa were Williams and Hennessee, ends; Captain Gilkey and Clay, tackles; Moore and Mashburn, guards; Bowditch, center; Ouzts, quarterback; Rabb and Roper, halfbacks; Martin, fullback.

The high school eleven began training for their next game Monday, but due to weather conditions the progress has been slow. The coaching staff has introduced a number of new plays to be used in the next game. It is hoped that these new plays will be perfected before the Marion warriors again swing into action.

## ENROLLMENT OF NORTH COVE SCHOOL INCREASED

Having one of the best months in the history of the school in the way of attendance the North Cove Consolidated School closed its first month's work with an official enrollment of 269 pupils. The roads are in good condition and with a fleet of five large school trucks, driven by capable drivers, the attendance promises to be splendid in comparison with past years before the roads were so good and before a number of new roads were built.

A trained corps of teachers is co-operating with the principal in carrying out a well balanced program. This program includes the draining and beautification of the school grounds, increased school attendance, acquisition and utilization of more standard teaching equipment in the grades. Above all, it is the endeavor of the teachers to prepare pupils for good citizenship, and as a means toward that end is the mastery of reading, language, spelling, writing, arithmetic, and health.

It is hoped that by another year the elementary department will be standardized. Over two hundred students are required to be in attendance by the state before that school can be recognized as a standard elementary school. If the students will be as faithful during the winter months as they have been in the beginning the standardization should go over easily.

"THE FALL OF EVE" at Marion Theatre Thursday and Friday, is one of the funniest pictures you ever saw. It will keep you laughing from start to finish.

## BAPTIST ORGANIZE NEW ASSOCIATION

### McDowell County Forms Blue Ridge Association — W. T. Morgan Elected Moderator.

Meeting at the First Baptist Church of Marion on Tuesday, October 1st, more than fifty delegates, representing twenty churches in McDowell county, formed a new association known as the Blue Ridge Baptist District Association.

Despite bad weather conditions and the constant downpour of rain a large number of delegates were present, and an unusual degree of enthusiasm was manifested. A fine spirit was shown and there was evidence of much work to follow.

The new Blue Ridge Baptist Association is the north end of the old Green River district which was composed of McDowell, Rutherford, and Polk counties. Due to the fact that a vein mountain has always been a natural barrier, separating McDowell from the other counties, this division has been a debated question for a number of years. It is felt by both associations that better work can and will be effected since the division has been made.

Dr. Walter M. Gilmore of Raleigh was present and represented the state association. Dr. John R. McMillan, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Thomasville, was also present and represented the Baptist Orphanage. Both representatives gave short addresses. Three major topics were presented and reviewed. These topics were: A Co-operative programme, the Orphanage, and Christian Education.

The Blue Ridge Association elected the following officers: Mr. W. T. Morgan of Marion, Moderator; Rev. C. L. Taylor of Old Fort, vice-moderator; Rev. A. A. Walker, Marion, clerk; Mr. Leroy Silver, of Marion, assistant clerk; and Mr. Horace Early, of Old Fort, treasurer.

All the delegates and visitors were highly entertained, and abundantly refreshed at the noon hour by the ladies of the First Baptist Church.

Just after lunch, the ladies, in a separate meeting, formed an organization of the Women's Missionary Union. The following officers were elected: Mrs. J. L. Morgan, president; Mrs. R. F. Hughes, vice-president; Mrs. B. Y. Allison, secretary; Mrs. A. F. Wagner, personal service chairman.

Further business of the association was the election of Mr. Gordon Wilson as the district president of the B. Y. P. U. Mr. Wilson has called a meeting of all the units of the B. Y. P. U. for October 27th. At this meeting the general officers will be elected.

The newly formed Blue Ridge Baptist District Association feels that much advancement is just ahead. Fifth Sunday meetings during the current year will be held throughout the district. At these meetings special programs will be featured.

## JUDGE COWPER ASSIGNED TO TRY MARION STRIKERS

Raleigh, Sept. 28.—Judge George Cowper of Kinston has been assigned by Governor Gardner's office to hold the emergency term of court in McDowell county, beginning November 11, called to try the cases arising out of the strike trouble at Marion several weeks ago.

Judge John H. Harwood was holding the court recently when one of the defendants escaped from jail, causing a halt in the trial. Judge Harwood has been assigned to hold a two-weeks term in Wake county at the time of the McDowell special criminal term.

As a result of the special and emergency term at Marion beginning November 11, it has been necessary to call off a term scheduled for Pitt county at the same time, over which Judge Cowper was scheduled to preside. According to an opinion informally given by Attorney General D. G. Brummitt, the governor has authority to cancel a term of court fixed by statute only when it is necessary to use the judge to preside over an emergency court, in which classification the McDowell term is placed.

Wisconsin will have 85 college football games this year.

## COUNTY TEACHERS MEETING SATURDAY

### County-wide Meeting at Pleasant Gardens School — Miss Jackson Principal Speaker.

The first county-wide teachers' meeting was held in the Pleasant Gardens School Assembly Hall on Saturday morning, Sept. 28th. Supt. A. V. Nolan, presiding, outlined a few of the necessities for the coming year together of the teachers of the county. Speaking in praise of the system of schools, one of the aims of the educational system of North Carolina, Mr. Nolan's speech was a challenge to the best efforts on the part of all teachers as he spoke in behalf of efficiency and economy.

Following Mr. Nolan, the principal of the Glenwood school, Mr. W. B. Harrill, gave a clear delineation of what is the proper professional spirit on the part of the teacher. A critical disposition toward other teachers or school officials, or a complaint about extra work, foster unprofessional attitudes according to Mr. Harrill, and no teacher has the proper spirit who is not willing to make the effort to help to put across the program as outlined by the administration.

The Spirit of Co-operation in Supervision was the subject of the discourse by Miss Ruth Greenlee, principal of the Clinchfield Elementary School. The paper of Miss Greenlee set forth the rights and expectations of both supervising principal and classroom teacher, and summarized the content in the single sentence, "supervision to be effective must improve teaching."

Mr. N. L. Wessinger, principal of the Nebo High School, proceeded with a paper along the same lines, supplementing Miss Greenlee's paper with suggestions for training and inspiring the youth of McDowell county to have life, and to have it more abundantly. More thorough instruction, said Mr. Wessinger, is the crying need, and more thorough instruction calls for more direct supervision. In the absence of any official supervisor of teaching in the county of McDowell, the duty of supervision devolves upon the principals; thus the cycle is formed: principals watch the teachers; teachers watch the pupils; over all the county superintendent watches, and all is done with the idea of constructive—never destructive—criticism. Behind the county system, said Mr. Nolan, the all-seeing eyes of the commonwealth watch to see that the youth is getting his just deserts along educational lines, for upon this youth, future success of the great ship of State depends.

Mr. S. B. Smitley, recently elected principal of the Old Fort High School, spoke on the need of advertising and selling our schools to the public, thereby gaining a sympathetic as well as an intelligent attitude on the part of patrons and others outside the immediate circle of the school. A close acquaintance and a wholesome understanding between school principals and editors makes for the arousing of interest and the getting it across to communities and to the county. The fact that teachers and schools are pinched financially is not the main problem now, according to Mr. Smitley, the real problem now being that of doing the work as prescribed by the State program. The reward of the instructor has never been and can never be a financial one, but only in work well done and the far-reaching result. Advertising with programs, both athletic and entertaining, personal contact, publishing honor rolls, sending grades on regular work and standard tests to parents were recommended by Mr. Smitley.

Miss Jackson, of the State Department of Louisiana, a native of Tennessee, and a specialist along the line of all school problems from the first to the eleventh grades, was the main speaker of the occasion. The need for well trained teachers in the early grades was stressed by Miss Jackson. Nothing is more important, she said, than the teaching of reading. "If reading is thought-getting," said Miss Jackson, "what could be more important than the teaching of reading?" The teachers were reminded that all subjects are correlated with reading as that subject is the

basis of all other subjects. "Building vocabulary," said Miss Jackson, "is of minimum importance as compared with thought-getting". Miss Jackson emphasized her illuminating address with demonstration lessons.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING FOR COUNTY ANNOUNCED

A number of Sunday School workers met in Supt. A. V. Nolan's office in Marion last Sunday afternoon for the purpose of working out plans for Sunday School work in McDowell County. It is planned to hold a series of institutes throughout the county as follows:

Harmony Grove Baptist Church, Sunday, Oct. 13.

Dysartsville Baptist Church, Sunday, Oct. 20.

Bethel Baptist Church, Sunday, Oct. 27.

Old Fort, Sunday, Nov. 3.

North Cove School, Sunday, Nov. 10.

All of these meetings will be held at 2:30 p. m. More than a dozen able speakers who are wide awake Sunday School workers have been selected to go to the above places at the given dates to talk on vital subjects concerning the Sunday Schools of today. All Sunday School leaders are requested to lend their help and co-operation.

## COUSINS ARE HELD ON SHOOTING COUNT

Dewey and Grady Hollifield, cousins, were arrested last Sunday on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. They were charged with firing upon the automobile of W. W. Neal of Marion Sunday afternoon. Mr. Neal and members of his party narrowly escaped serious injury when it is stated they were fired upon by the two men. The shooting took place on the state highway about 15 miles north of Marion.

Mr. Neal was accompanied by his family, Mrs. Albert Malone and Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Yancey, of Woodlawn. The party was returning from Altapass, and when rounding a curve near the head of Armstrong creek, they passed two men who appeared to be strollers on the highway. Without warning or explanation they turned and fired into the back of the passing car and disappeared. No serious consequences resulted, however.

Upon returning to Marion, Mr. Neal reported the incident to Sheriff Oscar Adkins, who immediately made an investigation and arrested Dewey and Grady Hollifield, cousins, and placed them in jail to await a hearing.

## ERNEST BIRD, HURT WHEN AUTO TURNS OVER, DIES

Ernest Bird, youth of North Cove section of McDowell county, who was hurt in an automobile accident several days ago, died in the Marion Hospital late Thursday afternoon.

Young Bird was said to have been crushed when the car he was driving turned over on him near Ashford, in this county. He was brought to the hospital here in a critical condition.

The body was taken to his home Thursday and funeral services were held near Ashford Friday.

## NEBO MAN INJURED IN SHOT GUN ACCIDENT

Nebo, Oct. 2.—Mr. C. W. Cuthbertson of Nebo is a patient at the French Broad Hospital in Asheville as the result of an accident which occurred about two weeks ago when he attempted to fire a shot gun. When the trigger of the gun was pulled the shell exploded causing the powder to come back in his face and badly burning his right eye. Mr. Cuthbertson was carried to Asheville to an eye specialist last Sunday and was immediately placed in the hospital for treatment and the removal of the eye ball.

## GOLF COURSE AT LAKE TAHOMA DAMAGED BY RAIN

The heavy rain of the past week did considerable damage to the golf course being constructed at Lake Tahoma, Mr. J. Q. Gilkey reported yesterday. The damage was estimated at several hundred dollars. Water flooded the bath houses and reached the floor of the diving tower. The high water mark came within two feet of being as high as during the flood in August of last year.

J. D. Hogan, of Vein Mountain, was a visitor here Saturday.

## GOVERNOR URGES FIRE PREVENTION

### Proclamation Designates October 6 to 12 as Fire Prevention Week; Points Out Loss.

Raleigh, Sept. 25.—Governor O. Max Gardner today issued a proclamation asking the people of North Carolina to observe the week of October 6 to 12 as fire prevention week.

The governor, in his proclamation pointed out that the state suffered a total loss of \$44,799,499 during the seven years from January, 1922, to January, 1929, but that even this staggering amount was under the national average. The fire loss for the state for the year ending December 31, 1928, was \$4,912,925, or a million and a half dollars less than the seven-year average. Also, during last year, 272 persons lost their lives from fires in the state.

"The state of North Carolina has made wonderful progress along many lines, but it has to its credit no more striking achievements than the results attained by the efforts of its firemen, teachers, editors and other public-spirited and forward looking citizens who have carried on for years relentless warfare against public waste and its attendant loss of life and property," the proclamation said.

"I am glad to be able to say that there has been improvement year by year for the past seven years," it continued. "I attribute much of this improvement to the educational work done throughout the state annually during 'fire prevention week', which falls this year in the week of October 6 to 12. While we are proud of the progress made, the fire loss in 1928 was much too great for an enlightened citizenship such as ours, and I appeal to all good citizens to become vitally interested in lessening this economic waste."

## DEER, TURKEY SEASON CLOSED IN McDOWELL

C. N. Mease, assistant state game warden, is asking the co-operation of all McDowell county citizens in the protection of deer and turkey in the county for a period of two years. The state board of conservation and development has ordered the season on male deer and wild turkey closed for a period of two years.

Mr. Mease states that at this time there are approximately 60 head of deer and 175 head of turkey on the Mt. Mitchell State game refuge which borders on the McDowell county line. "At the present time," Mr. Mease says, "there aren't any deer in McDowell county except what has been liberated by the state on the Mt. Mitchell game refuge. If we will all do our bit in protecting the stock of deer that we now have on and near the refuge for the next two years, by that time we will have a nice stock of deer in McDowell county."

## MEETINGS NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS CREAM ROUTES

F. R. Farnham, dairy extension specialist of State College, Raleigh, will be in McDowell county on October 9th-11th inclusive, and will work in the interest of cream routes. Meetings will be held as follows:

Wednesday, Oct. 9th—9:30 a. m., J. C. Lawing, near Glenwood; 1:00 p. m., W. E. Willis, near Old Fort; 3:30 p. m., C. E. Gilliam, Cherry Springs.

Thursday, Oct. 10th—9:00 a. m., Joe Hensley, near Harmony Grove; 1:00 p. m., Dursilla church; 3:30 p. m., W. M. Conley's, Dysartsville.

Friday, Oct. 11.—9:00 a. m., Chas. McCall, North Cove; 1:00 p. m., M. R. Nanney's, Montford Cove.

## BARNETT BROTHERS CIRCUS IS COMING

The agents of the Barnett Brothers Shows which is one of the largest motorized circuses on the road today, will exhibit at Marion in all its entirety, so states general agent J. B. Swafford, who was in town yesterday completing arrangements for the appearance of the shows here Tuesday, October 15th.

You will enjoy that entertaining comedy-team, GEORGE K. ARTHUR and KARL DANE in "BROTHERLY LOVE". At Marion Theatre on Saturday.