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MARION SCENE OF PRETTY WEDDING

Miss Frances Gilkey Becomes the Bride of Mr. Robt. W. Proctor in Church Ceremony

A wedding of much interest throughout North and South Carolina was that of Miss Frances Gilkey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Quince Gilkey of Marion, and Mr. Robert Wright Proctor, which was solemnized in a brilliant ceremony Tuesday evening at the Methodist Episcopal Church at 7:30, Rev. W. O. Goode officiating.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Banks of evergreens and ferns were used in the pulpit, while above the masses of green were white tapers in candelabras. Baskets of pink and white dahlias were arranged among the ferns. Immediately before the ceremony several enjoyable musical numbers were given with Miss Julia Burton at the organ. Mrs. Erle L. Norton of Baltimore, sister of the groom, sang "Only You" and "Beloved, It Is Morn." The bridal party entered to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march.

Mr. J. W. Winborne and Mr. Grayson Neal, Mr. J. Will Pless, Jr., Mr. Carter Hudgins, Mr. Kelly Gilkey and Mr. Lee Conley, ushers, were the first to enter, followed by two bridesmaids, Miss Alice Roan Cross of Marion, and Miss Margaret Wooten of Charlotte, who wore beautiful gowns of pink satin, made long with uneven hemline, and with slippers to match. Mr. John Blount McLeod of Lumberton and Mr. William Neal of Marion, came next, followed by Miss Rowena Neal and Miss Brownie Giles of Marion, becomingly attired in the same shade of pink with shoes to match. They were followed by Mr. Francis Little, Jr., of Forest City, and Mr. Neal Morris, of Marion.

Each of the bridesmaids carried old fashioned bouquets of pink roses and delphinium.

Mrs. Francis Little of Forest City, sister of the bride, and Mrs. R. Bryant Hare, Jr., of Wilmington, dames of honor, entered, wearing beautiful gowns of robin egg blue satin, carrying bouquets of pink roses and delphinium, tied with pink tulle.

Miss Jeannette Gilkey, younger sister of the bride and maid of honor, entered wearing a lovely gown of rose satin, made along the same lines. She carried a large arm bouquet of pink roses.

Pauline Hood Blanton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blanton, ring bearer, was lovely in a frock of pink point-de-sprit. She carried the ring in a white rose.

Miss Gilkey entered on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage. She was met at the altar by Mr. Proctor with John G. Proctor as best man.

Miss Gilkey was unusually beautiful in her wedding gown of ivory satin, trimmed with a yoke of pearls and brilliants, with long satin train. Her veil was of real lace over tulle, extending to the train and caught at the front with a cluster of pearls. Her bouquet was of white lilies.

Master Billy Pless of Marion and Billy Casteen of Atlanta, Georgia, were the train bearers, wearing black velvet suits with white satin blouses.

Mendelssohn's wedding march was played as the bridal party left the church. Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents on North Main street. Quantities of Dahlias and lilies were used to decorate the living rooms, library and halls, while in the dining room a color scheme of pink and white was carried out in Demomet ices, cakes and candies.

Those assisting in the reception were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Neal, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Dysart, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. M. Gilkey, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Winborne, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Neal, Mrs. Eugene Cross and Mrs. R. J. Noyes. Those assisting in the dining room were Miss Annie Laura Blanton, Miss Lucille Conley, Miss Dorothy Gilkey, Miss Mary Kirby and Miss Mildred Hudgins.

Mrs. Proctor was educated at Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., and is very popular among the

younger set throughout the state.

Mr. Proctor was formerly of Lumberton, and is a son of the late E. K. Proctor, Jr., and Mrs. Elizabeth Proctor of Lumberton. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He has been engaged in business in Marion for the past three years, being junior member of the firm of Winborne and Proctor, lawyers.

Mr. and Mrs. Proctor left for an extended trip through Florida and will be at home to their friends in Marion after the first of November.

Mrs. Proctor's traveling dress was a blue ensemble, trimmed with lapen fur and blouse of eggshell satin with accessories to match.

MR. G. D. SHEPARDSON IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Mr. George DeWitt Shepardson, a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Marion, died Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock following an extended illness. Mr. Shepardson had been in declining health for some time but had been confined home for only a few weeks.

Mr. Shepardson was 78 years of age. He was born in Gibson, Pa., and in 1898 moved to Marion where he has since made his home. He was a skilled carpenter and for a number of years has been connected with the firm of Payne & Decker. He was a faithful member of the First Methodist Church and was one of Marion's best citizens. He possessed a kindly, generous nature and his passing will bring regret to all who knew him.

Mr. Shepardson was a brother-in-law of Mr. J. E. Decker, and is survived by one daughter, Miss Nell Shepardson. Mrs. Shepardson died last November.

The funeral services were conducted from the First Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. W. O. Goode, assisted by Rev. E. O. Cole and Rev. J. C. Story, and interment made in Oak Grove cemetery.

MARION AND LENOIR TO PLAY HERE TODAY

After losing to Salisbury 18-7 last Friday the local coaches for Marion are priming their boys for the Lenoir game which will be played here Thursday afternoon.

Due to the fact that there will be a teachers meeting in Asheville Friday the game with Lenoir has been moved up to Thursday. This means that the coaches have less time to bring their boys into shape, but by Thursday it is believed that Coach Hawn will have a fighting team ready for Lenoir.

Last season the Maroon and Black warriors were able to defeat Lenoir by only three touchdowns. This season Coach Dad Hodge of Lenoir has a much stronger combination, and the outcome of the game will not be known until the final whistle.

The probable lineup for Marion is as follows: Bowditch, center; Mashburn and Moore or Glenn, guards; Captain Gilkey and Clay or Stamey, tackles; Williams and Ledbetter or Hennessee, ends; Ouzts, quarterback; Rabb and Roper, halfbacks; Martin, fullback.

MILL RIOT DEATH LIST NOW SWELLED TO SIX

The death toll as a result of the shooting at the Marion Manufacturing Company on the morning of October 2 was increased to six Thursday when T. L. Carver, a striker who had been shot through the chest and shoulder, died at the Marion Hospital. Pneumonia and other complications developed, it was said.

Carver was 54 years old and is survived by a widow and five children. The funeral was held at the home in the mill village at 10 o'clock Saturday under the direction of labor union leaders.

PLAY AT EUGENE CROSS SCHOOL SATURDAY NIGHT

The young people of the Cross Mill village will give a play, "The Old Maid's Club," at the Eugene Cross School house Saturday, October 19, 7:30 o'clock, the proceeds to go to the church. Everyone is cordially invited.

BILL HAINES and JOSEPHINE DUNN in an entertaining comedy drama "A MAN'S MAN" next Monday and Tuesday at Marion Theatre. Sound, but not talking. A very enjoyable picture.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING MONDAY

Large Attendance, Enjoyable Program; Committees and Grade Mothers Named.

The Marion Parent-Teachers Association held its regular monthly meeting in the high school auditorium Monday afternoon at 3:30. A large number of parents was present.

A program rendered by Miss Moser, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Holland was a very fine one. It consisted of selections by the Glee Club, a pageant, a number by the Toy Orchestra and a cornet duet by Guy Little and Clay McCall, pupils of Mr. Greene, the bandmaster. An elaborate pageant by Miss Moser's sixth grade depicted a trip around the world. This was one of the most enjoyable programs that the Parent-Teachers Association has enjoyed in a long time.

Following the program the president, Mrs. J. F. Jonas, opened the business session. After the minutes were read and approved the president appointed the following committees:

Thrift Committee: Mrs. D. F. Giles, Mrs. J. W. Winborne and Mr. E. C. Klontz.

Health Committee: Mrs. R. J. Noyes, Miss Covington and Miss Hoof.

Publicity Committee: Rev. T. L. Klutz and Mrs. Jessie Morgan.

The chairman of the seven circles into which the mothers represented in the school have been divided are: Mrs. J. W. Streetman, Mrs. A. F. Wagner, Mrs. Fred Washburn, Mrs. J. W. Ouzts, Mrs. J. F. Jonas, Mrs. R. J. Noyes and Mrs. F. R. Richardson. Each circle has assumed its proportionate share of the sum required to pay on the remainder of the shrubbery bought.

The objective of the Thrift committee is the installation of an excellent banking plan in the grades. The health committee has as its objective the rounding out of a well directed health program. The work of these committees will run through the year and if properly put over will be of permanent value. A talk by Mrs. D. F. Giles stressed the importance and the need of a thrift program in the Marion school.

A list of the Grade Mothers for the respective grades was announced as follows:

First-4, Mrs. D. H. Crawford; 1-B, Mrs. Ellis Wells; 2-A, Mrs. L. D. Greene; 2-B, Mrs. W. R. Chambers; 3-A, Mrs. Fred Washburn; 3-B, Mrs. M. S. Laughridge; 4-A, Mrs. R. J. Noyes; 4-B, Mrs. J. M. Tyler; 5-A, Mrs. J. C. Bowman; 5-B, Mrs. T. A. Wilson; 6-A, Mrs. T. H. Henderson; 6-B, Mrs. A. F. Wagner; 7th, Mrs. Ben Price; 8th, Mrs. J. W. Goldsmith and Mrs. John Hawes; 9th, Mrs. W. H. Hill and Mrs. J. E. Neal; 10th, Mrs. D. F. Giles and Mrs. W. W. Neal; 11th, Mrs. L. B. Coone.

Just before adjournment Mr. M. W. Gorjon, Jr., principal of the High School, extended an invitation to the public, including the members of the association, to be present at the one o'clock program for chapel on October 29th.

After adjournment the members of the association in a body inspected the shrubbery and beautiful school grounds. Many expressions of delight and pleasure were heard. Approximately \$1,000 has been spent on shrubbery, turfing, grading and other improvements. The school grounds have been virtually made over and the improvement is the topic of conversation not only in the association but over the entire town. The public is invited to view the grounds. Grass is being put in over the entire campus and it is hoped that the prize for beautification will come to Marion.

DYSARTSVILLE SCHOOL OPENED LAST MONDAY

The Dysartsville High School opened the fall term Monday with a very satisfactory enrollment. Mr. Albert Noblett is principal of the school and will be ably assisted by Miss Jennie Lee Laughridge and Miss Inez Daves. Many parents and patrons were present for the opening exercises. County Superintendent A. V. Nolan was in attendance and made a brief address.

INVESTIGATION COMES TO AN END

Eight Deputies Bound Over to Court—Sheriff Adkins and Other Deputies Freed.

Probable cause having been found against them, eight McDowell county officers, charged with murder as a result of a strike riot on October 2 at the Marion Manufacturing company's cotton mill here in which six strikers were fatally wounded, were under bonds of \$3,000 each Saturday for their appearance at the next term of superior court.

Judge W. P. Harding dismissed eight other officers against whom strikers had brought similar charges at the conclusion Friday of a week's investigation of the riot. He ruled there was not sufficient evidence to warrant holding them for grand jury action. Judge Harding, a superior court jurist, made his investigation sitting as a committing magistrate at the request of Governor O. Max Gardner.

Admitted Firing

The eight held had admitted firing at strikers during the riot, but contended the shots had been in self defense. Judge Harding held that a jury should pass upon whether they were justified in shooting.

Some 60 strikers charged with rebellion against the state, rioting, and resisting officers previously had waived preliminary hearing and given bonds for their appearance in superior court.

The gun battle between officers and strikers was precipitated when efforts were made to disperse with tear gas a group of strikers who were refusing to permit the mill's day shift to enter the plant. Testimony was given before Judge Harding that both sides fired several shots.

Six Dead

Two men were killed instantly and three others died within a few days. The sixth victim, T. L. Carver, died Friday.

The officers held for the superior court were E. L. Robbins, W. A. Fender, Dave Jarrett, Jim Owens, Charlie Tate, Taylor Green, William Twigg, and Robert Ward, all sheriff's deputies. Sheriff O. F. Adkins and Deputies W. G. Biggerstaff, Alie Stepp, Forest Smith, Ed Cannon, Seagle Halliburton, Adam Hunt and R. M. Owen were released.

When Judge Harding concluded his investigation Solicitor J. Will Pless, Jr., announced he would ask only for conviction of second degree murder when the men were brought to trial.

Walk-out Preceded Fight

The walk-out which preceded the riot was agreed upon by a group of workers in the mill's night shift who contended the management had violated the terms of an agreement which last month settled a nine week's strike. It was not called officially by the United Textile Workers of America, of which strikers are members, but since has been given its approval. Approximately one-third of the workers in the mill, union officials claim, have not joined in the strike.

Judge Harding's Statement

In announcing his decision, Judge Harding made the following statement:

"Gentlemen, I am perfectly willing to hear you argue if you want to but I am of the opinion, gentlemen, that there is not sufficient evidence to justify this court in sitting as a committing magistrate to bind over to trial the sheriff or Mr. Alley Stepp. As to the defendants who have gone on the stand and admitted that they fired shots in self defense, it appearing to the court without any sort of doubt that there are some persons dead who were either killed on the spot or have died from wounds inflicted by pistol shots at that time and these defendants having admitted that they fired shots in self defense, that puts the burden on the defendants who admitted they fired the shots to justify themselves, and that is an issue for the jury and not for this court."

"I think it was the duty of the sheriff, he being the head of the law enforcing department of this county to go to the scene and to take with him such assistance as he deemed to be necessary to enforce the law. He was the judge of that, and not this

court. I think it was the duty of the sheriff to enforce the law if he could, and to use such force as appeared to him at that time to be reasonably necessary to enforce the law. I think the strikers in that mill had a right to strike, to quit whenever they got ready. If they had a grievance against the mill owners that they thought rendered them justified in quitting and striking, they had a right to strike. I am talking law now; not my opinion; the law of the land. They had the right to refuse to work another moment, quit when they got ready; and, unless there was some provision in the contract to the contrary, they had the right to demand payment for the services they had actually rendered; and they were not in violation of any law in stopping work, in striking.

Says Sheriff Not to Blame

"I do not think that these people or any other people, whether they are laborers, belong to a labor union or any other union, whether they work in banks or stores, are mill owners or anybody else, has at any moment or any time, a right to prevent any man from working wherever he can get a job, for whatever price he wants to work for, by force, and when he attempts to do that, that is illegal.

"There is sufficient evidence that the court can assume that on this particular day and the night before that there was going to be a strike, sufficient evidence for the court to reach the conclusion that the strikers and union people were there on that occasion, those who did not go out of the mill, who went there on that occasion for the purpose of preventing any person going into that mill who wanted to go in there and work, by force or otherwise, which act was unlawful; and it was the duty of the sheriff to prevent a violation of law as much as it is to arrest a man who has already violated the law. I cannot find, so far as the sheriff himself is concerned, that he personally, in violation of law, appeared there on that occasion, or that he personally used any force that was illegal, in attempting to prevent anyone by force from permitting any person there from going in that mill who wanted to."

MRS. ANNIE FORTUNE IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Mrs. Annie Fortune, widow of the late W. S. Fortune, died at her home near Nebo Sunday October 13th, at the age of sixty-two. She is survived by seven children, four daughters and three sons: Mrs. Frank Epps of Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. Frank Mullinax of Clifton, S. C.; Mrs. H. E. Finch of Spartanburg, S. C.; Miss Cora Fortune of Clifton, S. C.; John Fortune of Lexington, N. C.; Preston Fortune of Clifton, S. C.; and Arthur Fortune, of Parr, S. C.; and seven sisters: Mrs. W. S. Freeman of Winston-Salem; Mrs. J. N. Teton, of Nebo; Mrs. A. P. Sorrels, of Gilkey; Mrs. J. S. Padgett, of Marion; Mrs. A. C. Mashburn, of Marion; Mrs. W. F. Brown, of Nebo; and Mrs. Edgar Smith, of New York City.

The funeral services were conducted from Providence Church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. T. G. Smith and Rev. A. P. Sorrels and interment made at Providence cemetery.

MR. JOHN HENRY REEL, AGED CITIZEN, PASSES

Mr. John Henry Reel, a well known and highly respected citizen of the county, died at his home in West Marion last Sunday morning about nine o'clock. Mr. Reel was 84 years of age and had been in feeble health for some time. The deceased is survived by five daughters and two sons as follows: Mrs. Thomas King, of Lancaster, S. C.; Mrs. J. A. Bridges, of Avondale, N. C.; Mrs. Harry Ergins and Mrs. M. Moody, of Black Mountain, and Mrs. Mary Marsh, who lives in the west; James N. Reel, of Greensboro, and Edgar Reel, of Cramerton.

The funeral services were held at West Marion on Monday, conducted by Rev. Haga.

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Indo-China expects a bumper rice crop this year.

ANNUAL SINGING DRAWS BIG CROWD

Convention One of Best in Years—Next Convention in March—Officers Elected.

The annual McDowell County Singing Convention which was held in Marion last Sunday was one of the most successful held in some time, and the attendance was probably the largest in the history of the association. Throughout the day the court room was packed to its utmost capacity and standing room was at a premium. A large number of singers took part in the exercises and a very enjoyable program was rendered.

The program consisted principally of quartet selections, with the following quartets taking part: Weaverville, Swannanoa, Spindale, Marion First Baptist Church, Duncan Quartet and Lake City Quartet, of East Marion. Members of several choirs and quartets from adjoining counties were also in attendance and joined together in singing several numbers which were much enjoyed by the large audience.

During the business session of the convention officers for the coming year were elected as follows: J. M. Kanipe of Old Fort, president; Jesse G. Price of Marion, vice-president; R. W. Silvers of Old Fort, secretary and treasurer.

The next session of the convention will be held at the court house in Marion on the fifth Sunday in March.

The McDowell County Singing Convention meets twice each year and is always looked forward to with much interest. There is much interest among the different choirs and quartets in these song services and much friendly rivalry is noted among them.

SALISBURY DEFEATS MARION TEAM 17 TO 7

Ruggedly fighting, the Maroon and Black warriors of Marion high school slowly realized defeat on last Friday afternoon at the hands of the heavy Salisbury team. For the first time in two years the Marion athletes brought home the small end of the score. The game was hard fought throughout and the 17-7 score was not decided until the sound of the final whistle.

The game was played on enemy soil and the foe proved to be a worthy one. Due to the fact that Salisbury had lost two of the three games previously played she was determined to put Marion's scalp under her belt. On the other hand, Marion had played only one game thus far in the season, and was idle the week before, so they were not so far advanced as the Salisbury eleven.

The game was begun with Marion receiving the ball, but after a series of line plunges with the addition of several penalties, Marion was forced to kick to Salisbury. The remainder of the first quarter seemed to be a punting duel, with the enemy having a slight advantage. Late in the quarter, after Salisbury blocked Martin's punt, due to a bad pass from center, they forced the pig skin over for the first time. In the second period they added another touchdown and the half ended 12-0.

Early in the third quarter, Bowditch for Marion intercepted a pass on his thirty yard line, almost evaded the whole team, and was down on Salisbury's twenty-five yard mark. This play placed the ball in scoring position, and after running several line plays Ouzts shot a pass to Williams for Marion's only touchdown of the day. Late in the last quarter Salisbury chalked up their last marker of the day.

The line as a whole for Salisbury was their secret of success, with McGuage shining in the backfield. McGuage pushed over all three touchdowns for Salisbury. For Marion Moore and Mashburn played a splendid game at guard, while Marion's individual star was Williams at end.

The line-up was: Bowditch, center; Moore and Mashburn, guards; Captain Gilkey and Clay, tackles; Williams and Ledbetter, ends; Ouzts quarterback; Rabb and Roper, halfbacks; Martin, fullback.

W. B. Steele has opened a shoe shop in the Craig building on West Henderson street.