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LEGION INDUCTS NEW OFFICERS

McDowell Post Installs New Officers at Banquet—Sponsor Drum and Bugle Corps.

Newly elected officers of the McDowell Post, American Legion, were installed at a banquet held in the Kiwanis Hall last Thursday evening, October 17th. Commander Hoover and Adjutant Lee Erwin were the sponsors of this spirited meeting, and a large attendance was in evidence.

Installation of officers for the ensuing year 1930 was the first matter of business. All of the new officers were lined up in one end of the hall and Commander Hoover addressed them in an impressive and forceful manner. Each new officer was presented with a bronze emblem significant of his respective office. Each outgoing officer gave a short snappy speech, which was responded to by Commander Dean Crawford, and Adjutant J. S. Lockaby.

The following officers were installed: Dr. Dean Crawford, post commander; Wm. Gladden, first vice commander; H. B. Lavitt, second vice commander; Rev. J. S. Lockaby, adjutant; Lee Erwin, finance and athletic officer; R. W. Proctor, service officer; G. F. Washburn, guardianship officer; S. W. Hallyburton, sergeant-at-arms; Rev. P. D. Mangum, chaplain; J. E. Melton, historian and publicity; J. H. Beaman, Americanism; H. B. Lavitt, membership officer.

There were three features sponsored by the McDowell post of the American Legion. The first, "To endorse and authorize a committee constituted of Lee Erwin and Howard Hoover, the former as chairman, to proceed to organize and develop a Junior American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps among boys, together with the development of boy scout work and junior baseball league."

Second, "That the Legion unanimously endorse the idea of a Community Christmas Tree for Christmas 1929. A committee is to be selected by the Commander to work out plans for same."

Third: "Discussion as to ways and means of conducting a membership drive for members in 1930. Three prizes are to be given as follows: A suit of clothes by Harry Lavitt; a five dollar hat, by Lee Erwin; a five dollar gold piece, by Dr. G. P. Bingham." A motion was carried to the effect that all new members count two votes, and anyone renewing membership count one vote.

LOCAL TEACHERS HONORED

The entire teaching force of the Marion city schools attended the meeting of the Western District Teachers of the North Carolina Education association held in Asheville last Friday.

Mrs. G. B. Finley presided over the sectional meeting of the Grammar Grade teachers in the afternoon. Mrs. Finley was also named as a member of the nominating committee to name officers of the association for the ensuing year.

Mr. Hugh Beam was elected chairman of the Science section for the coming year, and will have the task of shaping the program for the meeting of that section for the next annual meeting. Mr. Beam will preside over the meeting of his section next fall.

Mr. E. C. Klontz was honored with the office of secretary-treasurer of the Western North Carolina Commercial Teachers' Association.

Mrs. Garland Williams of the Cross Mill School addressed the Grammar Grade Teachers' Section on the subject: "Are We Developing The Child To The Best Advantage?"

The meeting as a whole was very instructive and inspirational. Approximately two thousand teachers were present.

CLINICS FOR SCHOOLS

Dr. A. L. Wooten, of the State Department of Health, is doing a worth-while service in putting on dental clinics in the public schools of this county. However, the best part of his work is, perhaps, the educational side. He is examining all the beginners in a number of the schools and doing as much work as possible for the time that he has allotted to him for McDowell county.

COUNTY SCHOOLS PLAN TO OBSERVE EDUCATION WEEK

At a recent meeting of the principals of McDowell County schools held in Marion a number of important things were brought up pertaining to the schools of the county. All the principals are co-operating with the County Superintendent in attempting to have a higher average attendance, in maintaining high standards of instruction for every child in the schools and giving 100 per cent services for every dollar spent by the taxpayers of McDowell County for schools.

Perhaps the most important matter considered was the making of plans to observe American Education Week. This was gone into quite in detail and all the schools will take part in this, and it is hoped that the various communities will get much pleasure in this activity. The programs will be built around the basic objectives of education. The main thing will be for everybody to become better acquainted with the schools, their work, ideals and achievements.

Much emphasis is now being placed upon health and citizenship in the schools as well as a proper attitude toward honest, hard work.

Dr. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, says: "America has created an educational system which provides the opportunity of free schooling to every boy and girl. The highest success of this gift to mankind, the free public school, requires the understanding and co-operation of all American Education Week offers a splendid opportunity for us to renew our faith in childhood and to rededicate ourselves to its service."

"The primary purpose of American Education Week is to acquaint the public with the work of the schools, with their aims, achievements and needs. This is the week when the public comes to school and the school goes to the public. It should make pupil, teacher and parent conscious of his obligation to strengthen the school by making it true to the needs of life around it. The school exists to inform, to lift, to guide, to inspire."

MARION WINNER OVER LENOIR BY 26-0 COUNT

Marion's fighting high school football eleven pushed defeat in the face of Lenoir here last Thursday in the best game played so far this season on the local field. Lenoir put up a plucky fight, but when the sound of the final whistle had died Marion had chalked up a 26-0 score.

At the beginning of the game both teams seemed evenly matched. Little gain was made by either eleven; generally the ball was advanced only a few yards on the first three downs and then that team would punt. Marion broke the deadlock as Ouzts, in a wide end run, clipped off a thirty yard gain. With the addition of several more runs, plus an equal number of line bucks and a pass, Marion registered her first touchdown.

After the first mark was made it was little trouble for the local lads to gain. This boy Ouzts time after time raced around end for substantial gains; Rabb began to shut off tackle and to twist out of the arms of the enemy for gains; Martin, early in the second quarter, reached into the air and pulled down a Lenoir pass and raced for a touchdown. Roper, halfback, ran beautiful interference, and the line played as a unit.

At the beginning of the second half Lenoir came back with a strong defense and the ball was exchanged for a number of times, but it wasn't long until Marion was again marching into the shadow of Lenoir's goal.

It would be hard to pick the outstanding men of the game. For Marion the backfield worked in perfect unison and the line was a stone wall forward. The ends, Ledbetter and Williams, played exceptionally well on the offense; on the defense the whole line stood out, even Red Glenn, playing his first game, fought like a veteran. The defensive tackling and offensive passing were features for Lenoir.

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

The latest ZANE GREY WESTERN, "STAIRS OF SAND", at Oas Theatre this Saturday.

W. N. C. GETS LARGE PART HIGHWAY FUND

The Sum of \$115,000 Will Be Spent on No. 19 and 194 Between Woodlawn-Crossnore

Raleigh, Oct. 17.—Distribution of the half million dollar highway equalizing fund and adoption of ordinances governing the use of state highways and designed to keep the roads and right of way clear of obstructions and to protect the surface of highways from injury, were the chief features coming before the State Highway commissioners in session here Wednesday.

The half million dollar fund, set aside by the 1929 legislature for distribution annually to districts in which the cost of roads or bridges is above the average, will be used in such districts this year to close gaps in the federal aid system.

A total of \$115,000 will be used in the eighth district — \$85,000 to be spent on Route 19, South of Marion, in McDowell county, and \$30,000 on Route 194 between Woodlawn and Crossnore.

The ninth district gets the next largest share, \$150,000, which will be expended on Route 28 between Franklin and Sapphire, in Macon and Jackson counties.

A total of 17 miles was added to the State system, several other roads added for investigation, and three delegations heard. Contracts were awarded to low bidders in Friday's letting, with the exception of those in the seventh district are subject to the approval of Commissioner A. S. Hanes of Winston Salem who was absent.

Roads added to the system for maintenance include:

Columbus county from Route 20 near Wannanish to Lake Wacamaw, to be taken over by the state after the county has improved it one mile. Robeson county, from Maxton to Rowland, 153 miles.

Burke county, from Drexel to Route 10, one mile.

PLEASANT GARDENS HAS SPLENDID SENIOR CLASS

The Senior class of the Pleasant Gardens School promises to be one of the best in the history of the school. The class is not only large in numbers for a school of this size, but the school feels that by commencement there will be few schools in the state with better qualified pupils. While Pleasant Gardens is a young school, having existed for only three full years, it is steadily growing and making much progress. It is said to be the first school in the state to be built, equipped, and standardized in both high school and elementary departments in the same year. There are now four hundred and fifteen pupils enrolled in the elementary grades, and fifty-eight in the high school department. Every teacher in either department is well qualified to give standard instruction, and all those in the high school department have degrees and experience.

The following pupils are expected to graduate in the spring: Arthur Davis, Harlan Gragg, Finley Lonon, Joe Ratton, Garland Padgett, Clara Ellis, Lorry Hennessee, Irene Lambe, Faye Ledbetter, Minnie Williams and Ruth Wall.

The officers for this class are: Finley Lonon, president; Lorry Hennessee, vice-president; Clara Ellis secretary.

B. Y. P. U. MEETING AT BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Mr. W. G. Wilson announces there will be a meeting next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the First Baptist Church in Marion for the purpose of organizing an association B. Y. P. U. for the Blue Ridge Association. All pastors, Sunday School superintendents, B. Y. P. U. folks and others interested in the work are invited to attend the meeting.

ANNIVERSARY SALE

The Leader's fifth Anniversary sale will begin Friday, Oct. 25, and continue throughout next week. The Leader announces that its new stock of fall merchandise will be reduced to enable folks to buy winter needs at special low prices.

DENTAL CLINIC AT PLEASANT GARDENS

Dr. A. L. Wooten Conducts Clinic And Addresses The School on Care of the Teeth.

For the entire week ending October 18, Pleasant Gardens School had the services of a dentist from the State Department of Health, Dr. Wooten, a very capable man, who gave attention to the teeth of about seventy-five primary pupils, and examined the teeth and gave advice to about three hundred and fifty more.

Dr. Wooten also gave a series of lectures on the care of the teeth from the third grade through the high school. These talks were graphically illustrated by various drawings on the blackboard, showing a decayed tooth and its effect upon the body, the cost of a timely attention compared with the cost in time, pain and money of the tooth that has been neglected "because it does not hurt me now."

"There are two things necessary in properly caring for the teeth," said Dr. Wooten. "They must not only be cleaned at least twice a day, but they must have dental attention twice a year. It may be true that a clean tooth never decays," but we cannot, without the services of a dentist, keep our teeth perfectly clean."

When asked what dentifrice was best to use, he said, "None of the usual brands will probably be harmful, but they are too expensive when salt or soda will serve the same purpose." His advice was from beginning to end practical and helpful, and the school regrets that he could not be here for several days more to treat 135 more pupils he found needing immediate attention.

It sometimes seems that our various State departments give more attention to us than we give to ourselves. But after all the State is interested in a healthy, intelligent citizenship, which cannot be built up without effort.

OFFICERS CAPTURE TWO STILLS AND THREE MEN

On Tuesday, October 15th, near Black Bear Camp, six miles north-east of Marion, Prohibition Officers J. B. Banks and Robert Forbes, with the assistance of Sheriff Oscar Adkins and two deputies, Ben Henley and T. B. Conley, captured Woodrow Johnson in the act of making his first run with a 150 gallon still, and destroyed 3,000 gallons of corn mash. This is one of the largest stills ever captured in McDowell county. One-half mile farther up the creek, the officers found another still of 60 gallon capacity, ready for operation.

The larger still had six large vats ten feet long, four feet wide and four feet deep which held the mash that was about to be run. About 750 gallons of beer was found ready to be run at the smaller still, but no body was found in the vicinity. Both stills were of the steam type, capable of turning out a great volume of unscorched whiskey.

Robert Johnson and Chester Anderson were also taken into custody, but due to lack of evidence both were released. Woodrow Johnson is held in custody for trial.

MARION FOLKS INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE CRASH

Mr. Roy C. McNairy, Mr. David Blanton and Miss Emily Blanton were injured in an automobile accident near Glen Alpine last Sunday afternoon. They were returning home from Chapel Hill when the car in which they were riding collided with a Ford car occupied by J. W. Watkins, wife and child. Mr. McNairy sustained two fractured ribs, was cut about the head and badly bruised. Miss Blanton sustained cuts on the head and hip and was considerably bruised but not seriously injured. Mr. Blanton received minor injuries, being considerably bruised. They were carried to Grace Hospital in Morganton following the accident, but both Mr. Blanton and Miss Blanton were able to return home after a short time in the hospital for several days.

Mr. Watkins was slightly cut about the head while Mrs. Watkins and child escaped uninjured, it is learned.

MCDOWELL COUNTY'S FOREST RESOURCES

The North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development recently issued a bulletin entitled, "North Carolina Resources and Industries". Data contained in the bulletin show the results of a recent survey by counties. McDowell county figures are worthy of consideration.

The forest area of the county is approximately 220,189 acres, or about 77 per cent of the total land area. On this area there still remains an estimated stand of 200,000,000 (National Forest not included) board feet of merchantable timber of various grades and species. By placing a rough average value of \$3.00 per thousand board feet on the stump on this remaining stand, we find that there is still \$600,000 worth of merchantable timber in the county.

The value of this timber manufactured into lumber at an average price of \$25.00 per thousand board feet would be \$5,000,000.

Sawmills are cutting about 4,000,000 board feet annually. At the same time the remaining trees and new trees are increasing the stand every year. Authorities show that a conservative estimate of the rate of growth in this section is about 250 board feet per acre per year. The 220,189 acres at 250 board feet per acre means a growth of 55,047,250 board feet per year for the county, which figured at \$3.00 per thousand means an increase in value of \$165,141 per year for the county.

The Forest Service slogan, "Prevent Forest Fires—It Pays," seems to have some justification for its increasing popularity.

JURY ACQUITS GASTONIA MEN IN FLOGGING TRIAL

Concord, Oct. 19. — A superior court jury deliberated fifteen minutes less than two hours here Saturday and acquitted four textile mill operatives charged with kidnapping and flogging Ben Wells, British communist, and two others, during a strike disorder at Gastonia last month.

Wells, Cliff D. Saylor, and C. M. Leil, striking textile workers of the Manville-Jencks Loray mills, were kidnapped from a Gastonia boarding house on the night of September 19, driven 50 miles across three counties, and flogged.

Upwards of 20 defendants were questioned in the commitment hearing which was featured by the ruling of Judge T. J. Shaw, excluding Wells' testimony because of his avowed atheism. Seven were held to the grand jury, and four indicted, namely, Horace Lane, A. G. Morehead, Carl Holloway and Dewey Carver.

Trial of the case before Judge A. M. Stack here was featured by the court's defiance of the ancient decision of the North Carolina supreme court's defiance of the ancient decisists. Wells' testimony was admitted by Judge Stack, who told the jury to disregard the labor disorder in reaching its verdict.

D. L. RUST IS KILLED BY FALLING BRIDGE

Morganton, Oct. 18.—D. L. Rust, superintendent of the roads of Burke county, was almost instantly killed shortly before noon yesterday when he was caught beneath the falling timbers of a bridge, which he and a crew were repairing.

The bridge known as Hoyle's bridge, is across the upper South Fork river, about 12 miles south of Morganton. It had been seriously damaged by recent high water. The crew started with the injured chief to the hospital here but he died in a few minutes after being placed in the car for the trip. The nine men with him had much difficulty in extricating him from beneath the bridge, and though several of them had been thrown into the river as the timbers fell no others were seriously hurt in the accident.

Mr. Rust was 69 years of age, was a native of this county. His home is four miles west of Morganton. He is well known throughout the county, and as superintendent of roads was making a fine record. His wife died a little over a year ago. Two sisters, Mrs. Sam Riddle, of Barnsville, and Mrs. P. F. Simmons, of Morganton, six sons and four daughters, survive.

Approximately 105 billion cigarettes were manufactured in the United States last year.

GASTONIA LABOR LEADERS GUILTY

Four in Aderholt Case Sentenced to 17 to 20 Years—Two Get 12 to 15 Years.

Charlotte, Oct. 21.—The seven labor agitators and strikers, found guilty by a Mecklenburg county jury today of the murder of O. F. Aderholt, Gastonia chief-of-police, and also of assault on three other police officers, were sentenced late this afternoon by Judge M. V. Barnhill.

Four of the defendants, Fred Erwin Beal, of Lawrence, Mass.; Clarence Miller, of New York; George Carter, of Mizpah, N. J.; and Joseph Harrison, of Passaic, N. J., each were sentenced to serve not less than 17 years nor more than 20 years in the State prison at Raleigh for conviction on the second degree murder charge.

W. M. McGinnis and Louis McLaughlin, both of Gastonia, each were given sentences of not less than 12 nor more than 15 years on the murder charge. K. Y. Hendricks of Gastonia was given a sentence of from five to seven years on the same count.

Lesser sentences to run concurrently with the sentences imposed for murder were given. Beal, Miller, Carter and Harrison were given ten years each after being found guilty on the charge of felonious assault on T. A. Gilbert. McGinnis and McLaughlin each were sentenced to not less than five nor more than seven years on the charge of assault on Gilbert. Hendricks was given a five year sentence on this charge.

No sentence was given any of the defendants on the charge of assault against A. J. Roach or C. M. Ferguson, officers.

CANTON AND MARION TO PLAY HERE FRIDAY

The Marion high school coaches were pleased with the outcome of their team when it defeated Lenoir 26-0 last Thursday, but they are working hard to have their boys in the best of condition for the game here Friday with Canton.

Monday it rained all day, making it impossible for a workout in the open but training was carried on behind the closed doors of the gymnasium. The boys were given a long scrimmage Tuesday, and Wednesday was spent largely in defensive work. This afternoon with the finishing touch before the Canton game, coaches Hawn and Beam will give the boys their last over and we may expect action tomorrow.

It must be remembered that Canton lost a hard game to Coach Hawn's outfit last season and they will come to Marion with blood in their eyes. The local mentors realize that they are up against a real scrap tomorrow and have worked their boys to that end.

The probable line up is as follows: Bowditch, center; Moore and Mashburn or Glenn, guards; Captain Gilkey and Clay, tackles; Williams and Ledbetter or Holcombe, ends; Ouzts quarterback; Rabb and Roper, halfbacks; Martin, fullback.

STRIKERS ARE MOVING OUT OF MILL VILLAGE

Forcible eviction of "undesirable" families in houses belonging to the Marion Manufacturing Company and the Clinchfield Manufacturing Company will not be necessary, in the opinion of local officers.

Although eviction papers against 59 families in the Clinchfield village were made returnable Tuesday no action will be taken before Friday, Sheriff Adkins said yesterday, and he doubts if it will be necessary then. The families are moving out voluntarily, and it is believed that in this way eviction can be avoided.

BIRTHDAY SALE

The Fashion Shop announces a Birthday Sale beginning Friday, Oct. 25, when special values will be offered on fall and winter merchandise to make new customers for this store and please old friends and customers. Special prices are given in a page ad. elsewhere in this paper. Read it.

Corn on the bottom lands of the Yadkin River in Davidson county is a total loss due to high water of late September.