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INDUSTRIAL BANK ELECTS DIRECTORS

Organization Meeting Held
Monday Night—Will Begin
Business in January.

The incorporators of the Marion Industrial Bank, which has recently been chartered, held its organization meeting at the court house Monday night. This bank has forty-eight incorporators and is a splendid representation of the citizenship of Marion and McDowell county. Almost all of the incorporators were present at the initial meeting, and J. Q. Gilkey was made temporary president and E. H. Dysart temporary secretary. The charter, which authorizes the capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars, was presented by Attorney W. R. Chambers and it was accepted and ordered spread upon the minutes. Suitable by-laws were also adopted and also spread upon the minutes. The incorporators then took up the matter of electing a directorship, consisting of nine. The following were elected as directors: J. L. Morgan, John Yancey, W. R. Chambers, T. H. Henderson, Carter Hudgins, A. L. Finley, G. W. Chapman, J. E. Neal and W. J. Atwell. The directors will have a meeting at an early date for the purpose of electing officers and completing the organization.

The new bank will begin business about January first with a paid in capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars, and the stockholders have authorized the directors, in their discretion, to call for a further amount, when needed, to carry out the objects of the organization.

At the organization meeting of the stockholders, Mr. W. R. Chambers outlined the purposes of industrial banks as follows:

"Industrial banks were first authorized by the Legislature of 1919 of North Carolina. An industrial bank is not in any sense a competitor of a commercial bank. It will, therefore, be the policy of the Marion Industrial Bank to co-operate with all the other banks of the county. The General Assembly of North Carolina authorized the organization of industrial banks to meet the expanding needs of the people of the state, a state which has lately become one of the leading states of the Union. Those who have given careful study to the system under which industrial banks are operated say that an industrial bank ranks second to none in the promotion of thrift, economy and the business integrity of its patrons.

"It is designed primarily to meet the need of the person of small means and for the repayment of loans upon a weekly or monthly basis. Loans are not ordinarily made for longer than a year. The first consideration in the making of a loan will be the moral integrity of the applicant.

"This Industrial Bank should not only be a great benefit to the small borrower of our community, but it should be of incalculable value to our local industries, our local merchants, our local professional men and all whose patrons need definite and real assistance in the payment of their accounts. In my opinion, no enterprise that has been organized in our community recently holds out more promise for administering to the needs of our people than the Marion Industrial Bank.

O. B. BELL IS SERIOUSLY INJURED BY ROTARY IRON

O. B. Bell, owner of the Dixie Damp Wash Laundry, met with a serious accident last week while putting some finishing touches to the giant steam rotary iron that dries and irons the flat work. Mr. Bell was smoothing out some rough spots on the large steam drum and his hand slipped while the rotary iron was in motion, mashing it between the hot steam drum and a weighted roller. Mr. Bell has been suffering doubly with the mashing and the scalding of his hand, but he stated that he would not lose the hand, although it would be some time before it would be back to normalcy.

Mr. Bell began operations in his new and up-to-date plant Tuesday morning, using a load of laundry from Old Fort for his first run.

REVIVAL AT M. E. CHURCH INCREASING IN INTEREST

For the past ten days Dr. Thurston B. Price has been conducting a religious revival at the First Methodist Church, appealing to the people of Marion that the vital necessity of religion is essential in their daily lives. Less than half of the population of this country are affiliated with the churches—either in membership or attendance.

Dr. Price has come to administer spiritual food to the commonwealth of Marion, so that the soul may be encased against all the vices and superfluities of this life. He is an able preacher, and has a magnetic personality.

There have been large crowds attending these revival meetings, and much interest has been manifested. The weather has been ideal for those who have ventured from their homes. All the churches are co-operating to the extent that they will not have evening services on Sunday during the revival.

Special attention is called to Dr. Price's sermon, "The Modern Business Man's Blunder," for Thanksgiving night, November 28th, at 7:30 o'clock.

DR. H. E. MILLER ADDRESSES CLUB ON MILK SANITATION

Mrs. Charles Reed, with Mrs. J. W. Pless, Jr., and Mrs. Guy Kirby, Jr., as assistant hostesses, entertained the third meeting of the Junior Woman's Club last Wednesday.

Dr. H. E. Miller, chief of Bureau of Engineering and Inspection on the Board of Health of North Carolina, addressed the club on the subject of "Milk Sanitation". He made the startling statement that the milk of Marion and vicinity was in the "D" grade class. He said that Marion was one of the largest towns in the state that was in the "D" grade class. He stated that the infant death rate was very high in this state, and part of this was due to the wrong kind of milk regulations. Dr. Miller remarked that to get in the "A" grade class it was necessary to have milk pasteurized. He declared that if all the dairymen would pasteurize their milk it would increase their profits one quarter of one per cent.

The Junior Woman's Club which was organized three weeks ago is progressing by leaps and bounds. Many questions of much significance are up for discussion, and one of the most important is to secure regulations to have grade "A" milk for Marion and vicinity. It was unanimously decided that they would present the milk question to the town board for immediate action.

AMERICAN LEGION STAGE SECOND NATIONAL DRIVE

American Legionnaires are staging their second national drive. Harry Lavitt, chairman of the membership drive for McDowell Post, states that the McDowell Post quota is 150 members, and he is very enthusiastic over the wonderful results already accomplished.

November 11 to 18 was known as National clean up week. Last year 87 members were secured for membership in the first drive, and during the same period this year practically the same results have been obtained. Mr. Lavitt said that only one-half of the old members have renewed their membership up to this time.

Dr. Dean Crawford, Commander, has called a meeting for Nov. 27th at 7:30 p. m., and it is the Legion's plans to put on a mighty final drive to boost the membership away over the top, just like the Yanks went over the top "over there".

This meeting is very important for the following reasons: Election of delegates to district meeting to be held in Asheville next week; discussion of membership drive; to complete plans for the community Christmas tree.

STANDING BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

This is the percentage of the McDowell county championship in basketball.

	won	lost	tie	prt.
Glenwood	4	0	0	1,000
Old Fort	2	1	1	750
Pleasant Gdns.	1	2	1	250
Nebo	0	4	0	000

When celebrating Thanksgiving Day, do not forget to see "BUDDY" ROGERS and MARY BRIAN in "RIVER OF ROMANCE". At Marion Theatre.

NIGHT SCHOOLS BEING PLANNED

Woman's Club Sponsors Program for Work in County—Mrs. Giles County Chairman

Under the auspices of the Woman's Club, Mrs. D. F. Giles, who has been elected literacy chairman for McDowell county, and with the aid of Mrs. Elizabeth Morris, of Asheville, is planning a stupendous program endeavoring to educate the illiterate of this community.

This is a state-wide movement sponsored by the Women's clubs of North Carolina. The chief aim is to establish night schools through the aid of the county superintendents, and employ the regular school teachers with extra compensation, this extra expense to be paid by a fund created by the Women's Clubs, and in some instances where regular school teachers are not available, the club members will participate in this instruction.

Mrs. Giles stated that it was the illiterate parents who must first be reached. They must be taught the value of an education, for they are the ones who exert the greatest influence in moulding the lives of their children.

She stated that there were 241,603 illiterates in the State of North Carolina, of which 104,844 are fine Anglo-Saxon native white citizens. North Carolina ranks 41st among the states in total illiteracy.

Much of this work has already begun in several counties of the state. The Woman's Club at High Point began night school work on September first, 1929. By October first there were 135 pupils enrolled in the schools. The manager of one of High Point's industries writes: "I attended a night school session and was more than pleased and gratified with the progress the students were making. Some of them are making wonderful progress, one person in particular, whom I had to ask which was the copy and which her work."

The tentative program for this educational program is to select one or two of the brightest pupils out of each class and send them on an educational pilgrimage to Washington during cherry blossom time next April (1930). These pupils are to have been taught by a well qualified teacher and should have from 20 to 100 lessons. These lessons will be one hour duration, and two lessons taught each week. The exhibits of the students work are to be kept for display.

The men's civic clubs, women's clubs, and patriotic and church organizations are to help in starting a savings account which must total \$30.00 for each student making this pilgrimage to Washington.

INVITE GOVERNOR GARDNER TO CATAWBA DAIRY MEETING

An invitation has been extended to Governor O. Max Gardner to attend a banquet here in December, when dairy men of Catawba county will celebrate the county's dairy progress in attaining the distinction of being the first in the state to join the 100 per cent pure breed sire campaign, which is being staged throughout North Carolina under the chief executive's direction.

The invitation to have Governor Gardner in Hickory for the celebration program has been carried to Raleigh by L. F. Abernethy, a personal friend of the Governor's.

Catawba has the distinction of being the first county in the state to make a perfect record under the term of Governor Gardner. There is not a scrub sire in the county.

SMALL BLAZE THURSDAY

There was a fire "nipped in the bud" last Thursday about 5:30 p. m. at the residence of Mr. A. B. Hoyle, the building owned by T. O. Teague.

The origin of the fire was due to a defective flue. Some plaster in the room and a few shingles on the roof where the flue protruded was all the damage that was done. The fire was put out by chemicals. "The blaze was arrested in the nick of time," stated Wood Finley, who is on permanent duty at the Marion Fire Department.

Nearly a million dollars worth of gold fish are produced in the United States each year.

NON-SUIT IN FIVE REBELLION CASES

Four Defendants on Trial For Rioting and Resisting Officers; Case Near End.

Judge G. V. Cowper, presiding over the special term of McDowell county Superior court for the trial of Alfred Hoffman, southern organizer for the United Textile Workers of America, and four others charged with "rebellion and insurrection," late Thursday afternoon ruled in favor of the defense and granted the motion of the defendants for judgment of non-suit.

But the action of Judge Cowper does not mean that Hoffman, Fowler, Lewis and Hogan went from the court room free men. Rather it marked a disposition of only one phase of the charges against these and approximately 100 other defendants. The other charges against the defendants are for rioting, resisting officers in the discharge of their duties and assault on officers.

All the defendants except J. Hugh Hall will now stand trial on less grave charges. Hall, a lad who had become involved in the Marion strike trouble by accident and who belonged to the United States army, was defended by C. C. Lisenbee, Marion attorney. Mr. Lisenbee tendered a plea of guilty for forcible trespass and this plea was accepted by the solicitor and Judge Cowper thereupon ordered Hall's release, stating that he had been in jail since August 30 and unable to give bond had suffered enough.

Judge Cowper ordered that Hoffman, Hogan, Fowler and Lewis give bond in the rioting cases in the sum of \$1,000 each.

Immediately following Judge Cowper's ruling of non-suit in the cases of rebellion and insurrection, the court asked Solicitor Pless what was his pleasure as to calling the other cases involving rioting. Judge Cowper said he felt it his duty to proceed with as many of the cases at this special term of court as possible. Solicitor Pless concurred in this opinion and the trial of the riot cases was set for Saturday, November 23.

Judge Cowper ordered Sheriff Adkins to proceed at once with the matter of having a special venire of 100 men from Burke county drawn.

With a jury selected, the state began Saturday offering evidence on which it seeks to convict Alfred Hoffman, and three union members of rioting and resisting an officer.

The charges grew out of the trouble at the Clinchfield Manufacturing company mill village on August 30, when strikers threw the furniture of a non-union worker who had moved to the village from Rutherford county out of the company-owned house he was about to occupy. It is alleged that, when Sheriff Oscar F. Adkins and his deputies tried to replace the furniture in the house they were repulsed by the strikers.

It was this incident that resulted in Judge N. A. Townsend's bringing troops from Marion to the mill villages.

E. T. Ruppe, the man whose furniture was taken out of the house, and R. O. Wiley, Clinchfield mill official, were examined first Saturday, and told of the incident at the village. Sheriff Adkins was then called, and related practically what he told last week in the trial of Hoffman and four others for rebellion.

Albert Hoffman, strike leader, went on the witness stand Tuesday morning. He was the second defendant to take stand. He testifies, "I advised people to stay within the bounds of the law." With the testimony of Lawrence Hogan, Marion striker, previously placed upon the stand, the defense expected to complete its evidence late Tuesday, in the trial of four members of the United Textile Workers of America upon charges of rioting and resisting an officer.

CITY TAX RATE \$1.80

At a recent meeting of the Marion Board of Aldermen the same tax rate as last year—\$1.80 on the \$100 valuation—was fixed for this year.

Mrs. Willis V. Poole left Sunday for her home in Norfolk, Va., after a visit to her parents here.

75 PER CENT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN N. C. RURAL

Raleigh, Nov. 26. — The rural school children of North Carolina are not provided with advantages equal to those offered city school children, nor are they furnished these opportunities on the same level as the average for the United States, according to figures compiled in the office of the State Department of public instruction.

It is learned from that office that 75 per cent of school children in North Carolina are rural, whereas for the nation at large 55 per cent are rural. The rural children of North Carolina are taught by 74 per cent of the teachers employed, while for the nation as a whole 58 per cent of the teachers employed instruct the 53 per cent rural enrollment; thus indicating that the rural and city average teaching load in North Carolina is practically identical, whereas for the nation as a whole the rural teaching load is less than the city load.

The average length of term is 140 days in the rural schools and 179 days in the city schools in the city schools of this state, whereas for the nation the average term is 156 days in rural schools and 183 days in city schools.

The average value of school property per child enrolled is \$87 in rural schools and \$214 in the city schools of North Carolina, and for the United States it is \$99 in rural schools and \$299 in city schools.

The average annual salary of rural teachers is \$685 in North Carolina and \$855 in the United States. City teachers receive an average of \$1,132 in this state, whereas city teachers on an average receive \$1,878 in the nation.

The annual rural per capita cost per pupil in attendance in this state is \$36.56 and the city cost is \$54.88. In the United States the average annual cost on this basis is \$75.01 in rural schools and \$129.82 in city schools.

ATTENTION BEING TURNED TO BASKETBALL SEASON

With the football season fast drawing to a close, attention is being turned towards basketball. For the past two weeks Coach Hawn has been spending several hours on Tuesday and Thursday nights as practice time.

Much interest is being shown, however, real work cannot begin until after the football season is over, due to the fact that football men cannot begin basketball until after the Thanksgiving game. About a dozen boys have reported for practice, and with the addition of the football members, the high school coach should have a nice sized squad with which to work.

As early training Coach Hawn has been teaching the fundamentals of the game; such as: passing, shooting, dribbling, etc. Setting up exercises are being used as a means of conditioning. Later, plays and team work will be stressed.

It has not been announced whether Hugh Beam will assist Coach Hawn with his quintet, or whether he will continue to work with the smaller boys in the same sport.

Prospects for a good girls basketball club are splendid. Last season Marion's girl's team made a splendid record and all the old players are back for another year of the game. They are under the direction of Miss Zimmerman, and with her able coaching the high school girls should produce a winning combination.

TURKEY GIZZARD IS WORTH \$100 REWARD

Hickory, Nov. 21.—Among William Myers' flock of 100 turkeys is one bird whose gizzard is worth \$200 to the buyer, and Mr. Myers has no way of telling which crow it is that contains a carat and a half diamond.

Myers saw the bird pick the diamond from his wife's ring, he said, while she was tending the flock. As quickly as the trick was done the bird mingled with the other turkeys and to all practical purposes, was lost.

The owner of the turkeys will bring the entire lot to a creamery concern here. Around each turkey's neck will be a tag offering \$100 reward to the person who finds and returns the diamond.

Whoopie! Dangerous Curves ahead! But look who's coming around! CLARA BOW! At Marion Theatre next Monday and Tuesday.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

Governor Gardner, With Faith in Future, Calls on People of State to Give Thanks.

Raleigh, Nov. 21. — Governor O. Max Gardner Wednesday proclaimed Thursday, November 28, as Thanksgiving day in North Carolina. The proclamation, saying that "there is much for which we should be grateful," said that "our harvests are comparatively abundant, and while the proceeds of the money crops of cotton and tobacco are disappointing, yet few of our people are in actual want."

"The industries of the state, long hesitant," it continued, "are undoubtedly on a sound financial basis and signs of a returning prosperity are already beginning to make their appearance. In spite of the confusion and conflict arising from the fundamental transition through which we are passing, my faith in the ultimate ability of employers and employees to reach an understanding based upon mutuality and goodwill is undiminished. We should be thankful for the courage and sincerity of purpose with which our people are facing their problems. I firmly believe that this spirit of practical Christianity and unswerving devotion to the highest on North Carolina will, in due course, dissolve every conflict and cement our state into one great family working for the common good."

"The people of North Carolina are blessed with good health and freedom from pestilence."

"There is also cause for deepest gratitude in the characteristic determination of our people to preserve their sense of intellectual and spiritual values. Popular interest in education and the activities of organized religion has never been stronger and in these supremely important fields the future of our commonwealth is bright with promise."

The Governor then proclaimed November 28 as a day of prayer and thanksgiving in accordance with the proclamation of President Hoover and the custom established by the forefathers and closed his proclamation with an appeal for all to "remember in helpful ways the widow and the orphan and all who walk in sorrow."

AUTO OWNERS WARNED OF DANGER OF MONOXIDE GAS

Raleigh, Nov. 15. — The increase in the number of deaths from carbon monoxide poisoning from automobile exhaust fumes that always comes with the advent of colder weather in the fall when garages are kept closed, makes it necessary to warn automobile owners against the dangers of this deadly gas, according to the State Board of Health.

The necessity for reminding people again for forcibly brought to mind a few days ago in reading a newspaper report of a six year old child dying from this cause, and the father almost succumbing, while riding in a closed automobile on a trip from Raleigh to Mount Olive. The two passengers on the front seat did not note anything wrong, but the father and little boy, riding on the rear seat were overcome, on account of a leak in the exhaust pipe leading into the body of the automobile.

This kind of gas poisoning acts with terrifying rapidity. There is no odor about it, and therefore it strikes without warning. The preventive to use is simply ventilation in the car while the engine is running; that is, ventilation through the windows sufficient to purify the air, in case there should accidentally happen to be a leak, letting in the deadly gas into the passenger compartment. People starting their cars in the early morning should see that the door of the garage or windows are wide open when the engine is first started, no matter how cold the weather may be. Running engines in a closed garage has been responsible for many deaths from this cause.

J. N. Yelton, a prosperous farmer near Bridgewater, sold approximately 48 turkeys totaling 538 pounds on the Marion market last week. He had one handsome gobbler in the flock that tipped the scales at 31 pounds.