

WOMAN'S CLUB TO HOLD FLOWER SHOW

Movement Started Two Years Ago Will Be Continued with Public Display May 27.

The annual flower show which was inaugurated by Mrs. Annie Miller Pless two years ago and held each year at her home on North Main street, will be held again at the home of Mrs. Pless on Wednesday afternoon, May 27, at four o'clock.

The Junior Woman's Club is co-operating this year with Mrs. Pless in giving the show; the committee from the club is composed of Mrs. E. A. Beaman, chairman, Mrs. R. B. Crisp and Mrs. C. A. Harris.

The affair will be open to the public and all who are interested are invited to bring exhibits and attend the show. It is hoped to have at least two of the judges from out of town. The exhibits will be numbered and no names will appear thereon until after the judges have decided the winners of ribbons.

The following awards will be given:

1. Best Ribbons.
2. Best Poppies.
3. Best Peonies.
4. Best arrangement of Flowers (may use mixture).
5. Best Reproduction (copy of picture of arrangement of flowers, picture to accompany exhibit.)

Red ribbons will be awarded for the second best of each appearing in the list above.

Honorable mention will be given exhibits ranking next after the red ribbon class.

The ribbons will be hand painted by Mrs. R. B. Crisp and will be something that each winner can be proud of from an artistic standpoint, as well as being symbolic of a successful flower grower.

Tables for a luncheon and breakfast will be arranged by some of the members of the Junior Woman's Club, showing the use of flowers in table decorations. There will be no competition in these, however.

Refreshments will be served out of doors, weather permitting, giving all a chance to view the lovely flowers and grounds of Mrs. Pless.

A few rules for exhibitors in the shows are given:

1. All flowers to be grown by exhibitor.
2. All exhibits must be on display at the home of Mrs. Pless not later than three o'clock Wednesday afternoon, May 27.
3. Each person may display three exhibits.

Everyone who has flowers in yard or garden are invited and urged to bring and put them on exhibition, and all who are interested, whether having exhibits or not, are cordially invited to attend and see the display.

FIDDLERS AND BANJOISTS HEAR KING COLE'S CALL

It's a pity King Cole is dead! He's the man of whom it's said:
Old King Cole was a merry old soul,
A merry old soul was he;
He called for his pipe,
He called for his bowl,
He called for his fiddlers three.

If old King Cole lived at this time, and anywhere within a thousand miles of Marion, he'd never miss the fiddlers convention in the high school auditorium next Saturday night, May 23. The fiddlers three have increased some since Cole's days, and they'll all be there, with banjoists, guitarists, ukelelers, yodlers, warblers, and garglers.

The convention is open to the public, to participate in the program or in the capacity of innocent bystanders. Those who are not accompanied by a musical instrument—vocal or mechanical—will be charged for the privilege. The American Legion, sponsor for the entertainment, will retain a portion of the increment. Commander Noel and associates invite hearty co-operation in the dual object of making a bit of jack while providing an evening of delightfully wholesome amusement for the whole family.

Vibrations in the innermost core of the atom have been proved to exist by firing high speed alpha rays into aluminum atoms.

MAY QUEEN CROWNED AT MARION CITY SCHOOL

Clear skies and warm spring sunshine contributed generously to the success of the May Day pageant of Marion city school held Friday afternoon on the athletic field. However, preliminary training under capable leadership and with loyal co-operation caused the proceedings to click with machine-like precision throughout. Favorable comment was excited by the orderly manner in which the several grades marched on the field, led by the boys band; in the pageant preceding the coronation ceremony, beautiful costumes, perfect poise of the little girls and clear enunciation of those having speaking parts was particularly noticeable.

It was a lovely scene in which Dorothy Wilkinson was crowned Queen of the May; and yet, amid all the color of many flowers and throngs of pretty girls, none was more beautiful than Queen Dorothy herself. After this event, children of all the grades up to the seventh took part in the drills, dances, plays, and all those things which delight the eye and at the same time make for grace, control, and precision in the minds and bodies of the young.

The perfect day, first of a late spring, brought out an unusual number of spectators who were delighted with the program. While the beauty of the scene as a whole was greatly admired, everyone present realized that careful planning and attention to detail had made the program the success it was. All the teachers of the grades taking part were present assisting in the management; much of the success was due to preparation that has been taking place during the past weeks. The committee in charge was Miss Ethel Covington, chairman; Mrs. G. B. Finley, Mrs. A. A. Morris, and Mrs. I. A. Holland.

HOME-MADE GOODS SHOWN "MADE IN CAROLINA WEEK"

Officials of the Merchants Association and the Chamber of Commerce are working on a display of North Carolina made merchandise to be made "Made in Carolina Week" June 1 to 6. The vacant store in the Merchants and Farmers Bank block, formerly occupied by Lavitt's Department store will be used for the purpose.

Products of 23 McDowell county manufacturing plants as well as goods made in other parts of the State and handled by local merchants will be shown. This is in line with Governor Gardner's proclamation, which says, in part: "I urge particularly the manufacturers and merchants of the State to use every facility at their command to familiarize the public with the industrial products of North Carolina to the end that a better appreciation may be had of their place in the lives of the people and that further development may be encouraged."

Exhibits will be arranged according to plans suggested by the division of commerce and industry of the department of conservation and development. It is expected at this time that groups from the women's clubs of Marion will be in charge of the store, to inform the public of the purposes of the show and explain any details connected therewith.

MOBILE MOLASSES MIXED IN SUNDAY MOTOR WRECK

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Moore, of Raleigh, received minor injuries when their car overturned on the curve at Clinchfield Sunday morning. Mrs. Moore had a number of cuts on the face, none serious; Mr. Moore was also slightly bruised. The car was considerably damaged.

After being treated by Dr. G. S. Kirby the pair were little the worse physically, but were far from being happy. They were returning from mobile, and had a gallon jug of Alabama black strap molasses, of which both it seems are devoted lovers. In the mixup, the jug was broken and contents spilled, spreading over wearing apparel and everything inside the car. The result was, as a witness said, a sight to behold.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Elsewhere in this paper formal notice is given of a special meeting of the board of county commissioners, to be held Tuesday, May 26, in the courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to amend a resolution regarding the renewal of notes for general county school purposes.

ALL DAY MEETING FOR FIFTH SUNDAY

All McDowell Baptists Wanted at Clear Creek for Great Event of the Year.

All superintendents of Sunday Schools of the Blue Ridge Baptist Association have been requested to call off the usual morning hour for the fifth Sunday in May to give everybody an opportunity to attend the big all-day mass meeting at Clear Creek on that day. W. T. Morgan, formerly moderator of the Association, Rev. O. L. McGinnis, and others active in church work of the county, are working to make it the greatest event of the year for the Baptist denomination.

Superintendents and all officers of the Sunday Schools, the congregations and members of classes in all the churches of the county are urged to attend. All who can are asked to bring baskets of dinner to be spread on a common table for the entertainment of a vast crowd expected to attend.

No set program is being prepared; the proceedings will be informal, to give pastors of churches and all ministers of the Association an opportunity to take part in an open meeting and discussion of matters vital to church growth. Sunday School officers and all others interested will have full opportunity to present views tending to arouse interest in church work and promote growth of spiritual influences.

Efforts are being made to give the widest publicity throughout the Association to the gathering, in order that the largest crowd yet assembled at any Baptist meeting may be present at Clear Creek Baptist church at Garden City, Sunday, May 31, all day.

TEACHERS ON PARADE AT KIWANIS CLUB MEETING

F. R. Richardson was program chairman but conveniently called himself out of town, turning over to Miss Kate Zimmerman the business of entertaining the Kiwanis Club Tuesday morning. Members present voted it an excellent substitution, not loving Caesar less but Rome more.

Miss Zimmerman presented first a mixed quartet, Misses Annie McCall and Virginia Gilkey, Harold Klontz and Frank Hunt; Mrs. E. C. Klontz was heard in a vocal solo. John Cantarel, piano solo. Mrs. Klontz also sang her original composition, "What's the Matter with the Moon?"

Miss Ethel Spratt, professor of English on the high school faculty, gave running biographical sketches of her colleagues. Of the 26 ladies and gentlemen, 13 are married and 13 single, 6 of the latter being mortgaged, she said. Some were compared with movie stars, often to the disadvantage of the star; peculiarities, foibles, and propensities of each were given in detail.

J. Q. Gilkey and W. T. Morgan, with others, brought forth the hospital question. Suggestions were made for an early opening of the hospital for the great benefit of the public. Mention was made of the fact, not generally known perhaps, that the Duke estate pays one dollar per day for each charity patient cared for, which benefit is now being lost.

W. N. C. A. A. MEETING IN HICKORY, MONDAY

Superintendent F. R. Richardson and Hugh F. Beam represented Marion high school at the second annual meeting of the Western and Piedmont divisions of the W. N. C. Athletic Association, held in Hickory last Monday.

Among the speakers was Coach Reece, of State College, a former Notre Dame star and member of Rockne's famous four horsemen. All business before the meeting was cleared up, a very fine spirit prevailing. Winners in the all-conference baseball team will be announced at an early date, together with football schedules for next season.

PLANTGROWING FIRM

The new firm of Laughridge and Nichols can hardly be beat growing garden plants. Their tomato beds are flourishing at the South end of the courthouse.

BRUMMITT SPEAKS, PLEASANT GARDENS

Attorney General Delivers Address Before Senior Class Friday Evening, May 22.

Honorable Dennis G. Brummitt, State Attorney General, will deliver the literary address of the Pleasant Gardens school senior class Friday evening, May 22, at 8 o'clock. The school considers it very fortunate to have the pleasure of having this man from our state capitol to speak to the people of the county at Pleasant Gardens school. Mr. Brummitt is quite well known for his work in the state, and especially for his interpretation of the new school law, and his interest in other phases of education. His subject has not yet been announced, but whatever it may be, it merits the attention of the people of McDowell county.

Mr. Brummitt's speech will follow a brief graduation exercise and the delivery of diplomas to the high school seniors and certificates to the seventh grade.

OUTDOOR FIESTA, MUSIC, PLAY, AT CLINCHFIELD

Miss Ruth Greenlee and associates brought Clinchfield school to a close with a series of entertainments that began Thursday evening at 6:45 with a pageant on the campus by the primary grades. Frances Sprinkle was crowned Queen of the May. A number of dances, drills, a May pole, and other features of playground activity were done by the little folks before a large crowd of patrons and friends.

Monday evening, the piano and voice pupils of Miss Ruth Tipton appeared in a delightful program of vocal and instrumental numbers at the school auditorium. A dramatization of "Hiawatha" was given in the auditorium Tuesday evening by the higher classes. The seventh grade gave a play, "Miss Minerva and William Green Hill", in the auditorium Saturday night.

Appreciative audiences were present on each occasion, encouraging to the young folks and gratifying to those who work untiringly for the promotion of good influences. Miss Greenlee, Miss Anne Porter, and others of the faculty were graciously hospitable and attentive to the comfort and pleasure of the many who enjoyed the programs.

OLD FORT FINALS BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 24

Principal S. B. Smithey of the Old Fort School announces the following program of commencement exercises Sunday, May 24, 8:00 p. m., baccalaureate sermon by Dr. John E. Calfee, president Asheville Normal School. This will be a union service with all the ministers of the various churches in Old Fort taking part.

Monday, May 25, 8:00 p. m., music recital by Miss McCall's music class.

Tuesday, May 26, 8:30 p. m., the Senior Class Day exercises.

Thursday, May 28, 8:30 p. m., the graduating exercises and an address by Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of the Appalachian State Teachers' College, Boone, N. C.

Friday, May 29, 3:00 p. m., baseball game with Asheville Senior High at Old Fort.

Friday, May 29, 8:30 p. m., a play, "Safety First", will be given by the high school students.

All of these programs are free to the public with the exception of the baseball game and the play, "Safety First." A small fee will be charged for these to help defray the expenses of commencement.

ATTEND REIDSVILLE MEET OF RED MEN, POCAHONTAS

A delegation representing Etowah Tribe attended the Red Men's convention in Reidsville May 12, 13, 14. The 600 delegates representing 7,000 members of the State, were delightfully entertained by the people of Reidsville besides the interesting daily sessions of the council.

Local people who took part were Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Landis, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jarrett. Mrs. Landis and Mrs. Jarrett are officers of the Great Council of North Carolina.

McPAR HOSIERY MILL IS ENLARGING PLANT

The outlook for better business is sufficiently encouraging to warrant McPar Hosiery Mill in purchasing additional machinery and make a substantial extension of their manufacturing plant. C. R. McCall is president, and E. W. Parker secretary and treasurer.

Just recently, twenty-two new knitting machines have been installed and are now in operation; seven ribbers and seven loopers were added at the same time. This increases the daily production 150 dozen pairs of socks; as the capacity was already 2,600 dozen pairs per week, with the new machines the mill is now turning out 3,500 dozen pairs of socks weekly. About twenty percent increase in number of employees and payroll is also brought about. Demand for their product is good, Mr. McCall said, and the price is fair. The mill has been running continuously and is now operated at full capacity with no indication of any letup.

The extension to the building, now being commenced, is the first unit of a structure that will reach from the present one to Henderson street, and when completed will be two floors 36 feet wide by 95 feet long. It is not expected that the full length will be built for some time, but additions will be made as required by expansion of the business.

The business, Mr. McCall said, is steadily growing. Beginning in a small way, extensions have been made as demand for their product increased, and this policy will be continued in the future.

SATURDAY WILL BE POPPY DAY IN MARION

Each year the wearing of the poppy in memory of the World War dead has become more general, Mrs. J. C. Bowman, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, said yesterday in announcing the annual poppy sale to be held here Saturday.

"Poppy Day" will be observed nationally on May 23, the Saturday before Memorial Day. Hundreds of disabled veterans, working under Auxiliary direction in government hospitals, have been given employment for several months making the huge supply of poppies sold on these occasions. Approximately 100,000 volunteer workers from the Auxiliary throughout the United States will offer the poppies on the streets May 23, and receive in exchange contributions for the welfare of disabled veterans, their families, and dependents of the dead.

The poppy was first adopted as the memorial flower of the Legion at the national convention in Cleveland, in 1920. The first nation-wide sale was conducted in 1921, and that year the Legion Auxiliary made the poppy its memorial flower, at the convention in Kansas City. Other organizations also conduct poppy sales but the Legion and Auxiliary's veteran-made poppy, sold entirely by volunteer workers, can be easily identified by the official emblem on each flower.

Groups of Marion young ladies will be out early Saturday morning offering for sale the blood-red poppies made by veterans to benefit disabled veterans in hospitals. It is believed that a million more Americans than usual will wear poppies this year on "Poppy Day"—join the procession and wear a poppy next Saturday.

PLAY AT EAST MARION; CLOSES FRIDAY NIGHT

Closing exercises of East Marion school will be held in the school auditorium Friday night, May 22, at 8:00 o'clock. A play, "The Doo-Funny Family", will be given by the seventh grade.

After the play, the graduating exercises will take place, prizes awarded and certificates given. Miss Stacy invites all the patrons and friends of the school to attend the program.

A GROWING CONCERN

Increase is the natural order of all things in life. A stock of goods grows if the merchant is prospering, but the Magness Company furniture stock has a new line of growth. About six weeks ago, some rustic garden seats made of green willow were put in place. Immediately several pieces put forth young sprouts which grew rapidly. One of the pieces still on the floor has a number of branches in healthy, vigorous condition, some as long as ten inches.

INCREASE ACREAGE IN COUNTY FARMS

More Fertilizer Used and Work Advanced Over Previous Years. Building Soil.

Farm work in McDowell county, at this time, is not only considerably advanced over recent years, but more acreage is under cultivation this year than formerly, it is learned from farmers and others interested in agriculture.

J. D. Blanton, in close touch with agricultural conditions in the county through his own holdings of farm lands and dealings with a large number of citizens who till the soil, says the fine open weather in the early part of the year was favorable for preparation of lands and was used to advantage by many progressive farmers. Mr. Blanton stated also that the number of people who have gone back to the "farm to make a living" is considerable, and that any such who are really making an honest effort to accomplish something are finding little difficulty in securing needful assistance.

R. L. Greenlee, T. H. Bartlett, C. Y. Gilliam and J. H. L. Miller report increased use of fertilizers and soil building legumes, and noticeable activity in the preparation and seeding of increased acreage of McDowell crops. All those named are firm believers in taking care of the land—feed the land and the land feeds the farmer—and say the policy of using means to build and maintain fertile soil is growing. County Agent Smarr using State and Federal agencies, is constantly keeping this idea working.

A. F. Wagner, unloading a shipment of fertilizer, said his sales, at the McDowell Produce Company, have been very much better this year, having sold over 200 tons and much slag already to 100 or more farmers. He also reports unusual activity along all lines in agriculture, having sold a quantity of soybeans and other farm seeds. Mr. Wagner says the work going on now is double that of two years ago. He is buying about 1,000 pounds of poultry weekly from county poultrymen, paying the market price through the week. Mr. Wagner said county grown corn is becoming scarce, although he has bought a large amount this season, grinding some 250 bushels of McDowell corn daily; most of this meal is sold locally.

DR. MARR WILL PREACH AT NEBO COMMENCEMENT

Principal N. L. Wessinger announces the closing of Nebo high school next Wednesday night, May 27, when a class of seven, four young men and three young ladies, will be given their diplomas.

On Sunday afternoon, May 24, at 3:30 o'clock, Dr. T. F. Marr, pastor of the First Methodist church of Marion, will preach the commencement sermon. Monday will be Class Day; at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, the senior class will appear in a play, "Judgment Bar."

Tuesday evening, May 26, two plays will be given, one by the seniors and the other by mixed high classes. The graduating exercises will take place at 8:00 o'clock Wednesday evening. Dr. P. L. Elliott, president of Western North Carolina Teachers' College, at Cullowhee, will be the speaker.

Diplomas will be given to the following: Misses Ella Ray, Mary Simmons, and Maud Watson; Harry Hemphill, James Middleton, James Parks, and Elven Teague.

There will be no charge for any of these programs except on Tuesday night.

METHODIST CONFERENCE IN RUTHERFORDTON

The annual session of the Marion District Conference of the Methodist church was held in Rutherfordton Tuesday and Wednesday, under the supervision of Rev. E. W. Fox, of Marion, presiding elder. Rev. T. F. Marr and other ministers of the county with delegates from five counties were in attendance.

Delegates elected by the First Methodist church of Marion, to attend the conference, were Eugene Cross, G. W. Chapman, Frank R. Richardson, H. D. Bishop; alternates J. F. Jonas, J. F. Wilkinson, Mrs. Annie Miller Pless.