

MADE IN NORTH CAROLINA WEEK, JUNE 1 TO 6

TAR HEEL STATE COMING FORWARD

Takes High Rank Among Sister States in Many Fields of Activity.

Not so long ago North Carolina was referred to as a "valley of humiliation between two hills of conceit." She was the butt of jokes. School books made her famous as the "tar, pitch, and turpentine" State.

Today she does not have to apologize for her rank among her sister States in manufacturing, agriculture, highway building, population growth, education, social legislation, or any other great field of activity. She leads in the following respects:

- In the number of cotton mills.
- In the number of active cotton spindles.
- In the consumption of cotton.
- In the manufacture of cotton goods, including denims, napped fabrics, cotton flannels, bed spreads, and quilts, sheets, and pillow cases, gingham, shirting, damask, cotton yarns for sale, weaving yarns and combed yarns.
- In quantity of hosiery produced (but not in value).
- In the manufacture of cigarettes, chewing and smoking tobacco.
- In the manufacture of wooden bedroom and kitchen furniture.
- North Carolina has the largest hosiery mills, towel factory, overall factory and second largest aluminum reduction plant in the world. She has the largest denim mill, damask mills, underwear factory; one of the largest pulp paper mills and one of the largest rayon mills in the United States.
- The State ranks third in the production of hydro-electric power, the manufacture of work clothing, and the manufacture of fertilizer; fourth in the production of lumber and fifth in the production of knit underwear.
- She leads the South in the number of furniture factories, value of products of furniture factories, capital invested and number of operatives in such plants.
- She also leads the South in the number of mill and factory wage earners employed in all types of plants, in wage paid these employees and in value added to raw material, by manufacture.
- North Carolina has a larger percentage of native born population than any other State. Now ranks 12th in total population and from 1920 to 1930 only six States had a greater percentage increase in population.

There are 284 native minerals found in North Carolina, a greater number than in any other State. For this reason North Carolina has often been referred to as the sample case. She has more than samples, though. She is the largest producer of crude feldspar, pyrophyllite, and residual kaolin clay, the second largest producer of mica, and few States are better supplied with building stone and clays.

She has more square miles of inland waters than any other State. North Carolina has one of the best paved systems of State highways in the United States and is the first State to assume complete responsibility for the maintenance of all county and State roads within her borders.

The State ranks first in the production of tobacco; second in the production of peanuts, soybeans and sweet potatoes; and third in the production of early Irish potatoes. In 1930 she ranked seventh in the farm value of the 22 principal crops and sixth in the farm value of the 75 principal crops.

JEAN LICHTY GETS WELL

Little Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lichty, who was very severely injured in a fall from a moving car not long ago, is doing very nicely at this time. While still in bandages, she is able to walk a little and Mr. Lichty was informed by Dr. J. F. Miller that the little girl would have no permanent after effects.

MARION COMMENCEMENT BEGINS SUNDAY EVENING

The Marion city schools will close a most successful year's work next Tuesday evening, June 2, with the commencement exercises, including an address by Senator Rivers Johnston of Duplin county.

Dr. T. F. Marr, pastor of the First Methodist church of Marion, will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening, May 31, at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium. The Class Night exercises in the auditorium Monday evening at 8 o'clock will be unique in character,—something new and different. The program will consist of three parts, and will be very interesting from beginning to end. During these exercises the Senior Class, through its president, will present its gift to the school.

The high school graduating class of approximately 57 members is the largest class to complete the required course in recent years.

Last year was the first year Marion High School had the distinction of having students elected members of the National High School Honor Society. Those elected to membership then were,—Seniors: Helen Klontz, Lon Coone, Eleanor Young, Betty Wilson, Roberta Neal, Katherine Giles, Carrie Jo Lewis; Juniors Rosamond Leagon, Harold Klontz, Mary Virginia Copeland, Reba Parker.

About ten days ago the following students were honored by being elected to membership in this National Honor Society: Seniors,—Mary Louise Morgan, Mary Margaret Giles, Elizabeth Neal, Janet Spratt, Argyll Edwards, Creston Woody, Murray Pennington, Amoret Lukin; Juniors,—Lucile Parker, Ruth Hunt, Nann Cowan, Kathryn Wall.

Membership in the National High School Honor Society is a much-coveted distinction of national significance. It is based not only on scholastic attainment, but on other qualifications, such as integrity, general attitude toward the school and its activities, participation in extracurricular activities, leadership, etc.

The Seventh Grade promotional exercises will be held on Friday evening, May 29, at 8 o'clock in the auditorium. Approximately 65 will receive certificates which will entitle them to enter high school next fall. A large number of perfect attendance certificates will also be given out.

COUNTY ROAD MACHINES LISTED FOR TRANSFER

Engineers in the office of H. E. Noell, district engineer, have prepared complete inventories of road equipment owned by McDowell county and several townships, to be submitted to the State Highway Commission. That body will decide how much of it may be used by the State under the new system effective July 1. The lists were made from information furnished by J. L. Martin, county engineer.

Included in the inventory are transits, 2 tractors, 6 trucks, 8 dumps, 4 trailers, 6 road machines, 10 drags, 2 plows, 1 crusher, 1 sand pump, and other small items. This equipment cost the county at the time of purchase, \$24,252. However, purchased piece by piece as needed, some of it has been in use as long as thirteen years. Much of it has been used ten years, some seven, five, three, two years, while a little has been in use only one year. It will readily be seen, therefore, that the present value of the lot as a whole will be far from the purchase price. It remains for the State to determine what if any part may be used and the present value or price that may be paid the county for that use after July 1.

Besides that listed as belonging to the county, some machinery is owned by Marion, Old Fort, Nebo, and Higgins townships separately, all of which is tendered the State along with the county property.

DISPLAY CAROLINA PRODUCTS TO AID DEVELOPMENT OF STATE'S RESOURCES

Marion's Chamber of Commerce, Merchants Association, bankers, manufacturers, business men, and citizens generally are joining heartily in "Made in Carolina Week", which is to familiarize the public with the industrial products of North Carolina, to bring about a better appreciation of their place in the lives of the people, and to encourage further development of the State's resources. This was urged upon the people by Governor Gardner in his proclamation setting aside the week of June 1-6 as "Made in Carolina Week."

Nearly all the business houses in Marion, manufacturers and dealers, are making displays in the store room prepared by Secretary Kelley, on North Main street. It is hoped that thousands of people in the county will visit the store and learn more about the goods made in the State, and particularly those made in McDowell county. It is very much in their interest to buy homemade merchandise, thus encouraging home industries that employ our own citizens and make for the prosperity of all the people. Twenty-three factories operate in the county, making a wide variety of goods from socks to suits of furniture, nearly all of

which is adapted to home use. Let the people of the county inspect these lines on exhibition during the week, and when buying, if the goods made in McDowell county are not available, at least buy something made in North Carolina. In another column on this page may be found the story of the State's marvelous resources and industrial development, being in the lead in many lines of manufactured products, ranking high in agriculture, and leading them all in number of minerals found within its borders. Surely, there is very little that need be bought outside of the State's products; call for goods made in Carolina and help in continued development and progress of the State and county.

The Progress urges upon every one in the county the importance of making the week a period of mutual helpfulness, when co-operation shall begin in a real sense and continue until every class of citizens realize that they are benefitted by the prosperity of every other class. To that end, every business man should make a display of his goods and wares and every citizen make a sincere effort to learn more about goods "Made in Carolina."

Baptist Meeting At Clear Creek All Day Sunday

Next Sunday is the day widely advertised among the churches of the Blue Ridge Baptist Association as the occasion of a general get-together in the interest of church work. The usual Sunday School classes will be suspended in most of the churches to allow as many as possible of the congregations to attend the meeting, which will open at 10:00 o'clock.

There has been no program prepared by the ministers and leading laymen of the denomination; the whole day, morning and afternoon sessions, will be open for general discussions of matters affecting church work, Sunday School organization, attendance, and other questions that make up religious problems of the day. Every minister, whether pastor of a church or not, and all officers of the churches and Sunday Schools, as well as any others who may wish to do so, will be given opportunity to express individual views that may be helpful to the congregations and churches.

Families have been urged to bring baskets of dinner to be served on the grounds; it is further urged that these contributions to the cause be very generous, as it is expected a large crowd will attend the meeting. Clear Creek has the reputation of being a church where good food is spread in abundance; this occasion will hardly be an exception.

Church leaders organizing the forces for next Sunday's demonstration wish to make it a day long to be remembered in the Baptist history of McDowell county and the Blue Ridge Association. Next Sunday is the day, May 31, at Clear Creek church, in Garden City.

BOY SCOUT FIELD DAY PROGRAM NEXT SATURDAY

The five boy scout troops in the vicinity of Marion will have a field day program next Saturday afternoon, beginning at 1:00 o'clock, on the athletic field at the Marion high school. There are troops at East Marion, James Mills, Cross Mill, Marion public school and Clinchfield.

Most of these troops have had recent training in scout work, have been on several hikes, and the scoutmasters have drilled them in the work to be demonstrated Saturday afternoon. There will be races, jumping, pole vaults, baseball throw, tug of war, firebuilding contest, and demonstrations in first aid. Scoutmasters Snoddy, James, Beam, Wilson and assistants will each endeavor to present the best troop, which guarantees a good program.

Horse Racing Bill Defeated By Legislature

The third effort made in the present session of the North Carolina legislature to legalize professional horse-racing and the accompanying pari-mutuel betting met the fate of its predecessors when Representative Neal's bill to permit racing in McDowell county was killed in the Senate Wednesday morning.

While in Marion last Sunday, Mr. Neal declared his intention to introduce the bill in the house. Those who favored its passage at once began organizing the forces in support of the measure, while the opposition, getting a little later start, made up for lost time by exerting every energy at their command to bring about its defeat.

While personal contacts were made, telephones kept busy, and petitions circulated, the opposition work done by the people of the town and county may be summed up in the telegram sent Tuesday night to Senator Clarkson:

"We, the Ministers Association of McDowell county representing a church membership of more than 6,000, urge you to do all in your power to defeat the bill allowing horse racing and pari-mutuel betting in McDowell county.

The Ministers Association of McDowell County."

And the final chapter is written in the following telegram, intended, Dr. and Mrs. Marr said, for all the churches, clubs and individuals with whom they were joined:

"Raleigh, N. C., 12:26 p. m., May 27, 1931.
Dr. and Mrs. T. F. Marr, Marion, N.S.
Gambling bill tabled. You have done a great service to McDowell county and old North Carolina.
Francis O. Clarkson."

DINNER FOR BRUMMITT

Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bradsher entertained with a small dinner party for Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, at their home west of Marion.

FOLKS, HOWDY!

On behalf of the Governor, the trade bodies of Marion, and for this paper, The Progress desires to express to the business interests of McDowell county deep and sincere appreciation of the generous support given to make a success of "Made in Carolina Week." As reference to these columns will show, a vast majority of the business houses have joined heartily in the undertaking.

EAST MARION CLOSING; NINETEEN PROMOTED

The East Marion School, under the leadership of Miss Mamie Stacy assisted by a corps of fine teachers, has had a most successful year. The closing programs given by the school were of a high order and enjoyed by large and appreciative audiences.

The first program was given Friday evening, May 15, by the primary grades. It was as follows:

Opening songs: "Mr. and Mrs. Audience," "Vacation Days," "Little Yellow Dandelion."

Welcome, Calvin Toney. "Dad's Schoolmates," Clyde Pennington. "Children's Polks," Second and third Grades.

"I Shall Never Play with You Again," Third Grade.

"Doll Symposium," Directed by Misses Flack and Hicks. Characters: Jack-in-the-box, Sailors, French dolls, Baby dolls, Negro dolls, Teddy bears.

"The Flowers Party," directed by Mrs. McCall, Mrs. McCurry and Miss Snoddy. The children were attractively costumed and played the parts of: Pansies, Daffodils, Daisies, Lilies, Butterflies, Fireflies, Gardeners, The Fairy, The Little Girl.

The closing program was given on Friday evening, May 22, by pupils of the seventh grade directed by Misses Mamie and Elsie Stacy.

1. Salutatory, Annie Falls Pennington.

2. Play, The Doo-Funny Family, Seventh Grade.

3. Chorus: "Mother Goose Rhymes," "Light of Home."

4. Vaudeictory, John Hunt.

Perfect attendance certificates were awarded to forty-seven pupils who had neither been absent nor tardy. Spelling prizes were given to Horace Hall, Helen Hensley, Very Twigg, Geneva Proctor, Frank Parker, James Twigg, Clyde Pennington, Theodore Brooks, Calvin Toney, Fletcher Burgin, Stella Fender.

Promotion certificates were awarded the seventh grade: T. C. Clayton, Bertha Bradley, Nelle Snoddy, Verl Wood, John Hunt, Hazel Finley, Buster Reynolds, Eugene Finley, Ray Lewis, William Biggerstaff, Green Biggerstaff, Dorothy Jones, Allena Moody, Irene Mask, Everett Burgin, Horace Hall, Annie F. Pennington, Louise Austin, Myrtle Wright.

MISSIONARY UNION MEETS AT CLEAR CREEK JUNE 9

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Blue Ridge Baptist Association will be held at the Clear Creek Baptist church Tuesday, June 9, beginning at 10:00 o'clock. Mrs. J. L. Morgan, who has been very active in directing the organization work during the past year, will preside. There will be morning and afternoon sessions with a good dinner served on the grounds. Reports from the various local unions indicate widespread interest in missionary work and it is believed there will be a large attendance.

Following is the program in full:

Morning Session

Hymn—Joy to the World.

Watchword—That the world may know—John 17:23.

Devotional—Mrs. A. F. Wagner.

Welcome—Mrs. Ada Padgett.

Response—Mrs. J. E. Ingle.

Recognition of visitors and pastors.

Roll call of churches.

Report of officers.

Home Mission Needs—Miss Ethel Ford.

Solo—"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"—Mrs. T. A. Wilson.

Foreign Mission Needs—Mrs. B. F. Bray.

Appointment of committees.

Afternoon Session

Song—Revive us Again.

Playlet—"Love Provides."

Solo—"Take Time to Be Holy"—Mrs. T. H. Henderson.

W. M. U. Training School—Mrs. J. E. Ingle.

Conference Period.

The Missionary Education of Our Young People—Miss Ruth Tipton.

Report of Committees.

Song—Abide with Me.

Adjourn.

STRANGER KILLED ALONGSIDE TRACK

Life Snuffed Out Thursday Just After Being Fed by Good Samaritan.

An unknown man of about 65 years was killed at Nebo Thursday morning by an eastbound Southern freight train. The back of his head was mashed flat, right shoulder and arm crushed, and the left leg cut. There were no marks by which identification could be made.

The man, evidently a hobo on the road for some time, was given some food at the residence of R. V. McGimsey shortly before seven o'clock. He accepted the package handed him and walked away, and when next seen was lying near the track, dead. Nichols' ambulance brought the body to the undertaking establishment, where it was prepared for burial.

The body was measured, six feet and one inch; rather slender, the weight must have been around 150 pounds. Blue eyed, a once fair complexion was deeply tanned by sun and rain, hair that had been dark was clipped short and almost white; a weeks growth of beard was white. The hands were gnarled and calloused, showing years of toil. The body was very dirty and with the condition of the clothing worn, gave evidence of having been exposed to the rain of Wednesday night.

The body was clothed in blue overalls, rather new but soiled; a white shirt, badly worn gray sweater, old gray hat, and shoes in which cardboard had been placed to protect the feet from tacks working up through the soles. The hat was sold by a firm in Farmville, Va. In the pockets of the overalls the undertakers found three small stones, probably carried as means of defense; a religious tract, small twist of chewing tobacco, loose matches, strings, and the paper bag in which a lunch had been given at Mr. McGimsey's.

Another derelict has "gone west"; somebody's daddy, possibly, is among the missing. He may have been a good citizen, a kind family man; travelstained, emaciated, gray from going to and fro looking for a job in this nightmarish time called "the depression."

The body of "the unknown man" as he had come to be called by many who viewed the remains, was buried Tuesday afternoon following a touching funeral service conducted by Rev. J. C. Story, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, at Nichols Funeral Home. Conversion into an appropriate chapel was necessary for the occasion, as it had not been used previously for such services. The arrangement reflected much credit on R. L. Morgan and Grady Nichols, who were careful with every detail.

The timeworn face was very peaceful as the body lay in the casket, shrouded in a neat gray suit, white shirt and collar and gray tie. Around the casket were many floral offerings sent by ones who sought thereby to add a note of human sympathy to the last rites, over him whose pilgrimage had come to an end far from home and loved ones.

COOKING SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

Ladies of McDowell county will have another opportunity next week to attend interesting cooking classes conducted by Mrs. Beulah Yates, who will demonstrate electric ranges for Southern Public Utilities. It will be recalled that Mrs. Yates was here last year in the same work and gave pleasure and useful information to many ladies who attended the classes, some of them carrying away delightfully cooked dishes for the evening meal. Prizes will be given again this year. Mrs. Yates will be in Old Fort, at the Sandlin building, Monday, June 1, and in Marion at the Oasis Theatre Tuesday and Wednesday, June 2 and 3, from 3 to 5 p. m.

The Legion Auxiliary will meet in the Kiwanis rooms next Monday evening, June 1, at 8:00 o'clock.