

BAPTISTS ENJOY BIG RALLY SUNDAY

Hundreds Gathered at Clear Creek Joined in Meeting for Spiritual Revival.

Baptists of McDowell county and other sections included in the Blue Ridge Association gathered in large numbers at Clear Creek church last Sunday in a good fellowship meeting and rally of the denominational forces bent on a revival of religious spirit and church growth throughout the territory. Estimates of the number in attendance placed the figures at six hundred or more. Leaders in the work were much pleased with the day and expressed the opinion that great good will surely follow.

W. T. Morgan, formerly moderator of the association, presided at the morning session; R. B. Phillips, principal of Pleasant Gardens school, occupied the chair during the afternoon. The meeting, advertised as a spontaneous gathering of all persons interested in church and Sunday School attendance and all other matters looking to a strengthening of religious influences, was without a formal program. Preachers and laymen were invited to express their views on any phase of church work. There was no hesitation in the responses that came from pastors, teachers and superintendents, and a number of consecrated men who occupy no official position but are active and keenly interested in religious affairs. Reports were made of especially fine work being done at Cross Mill, Nebo, Clinchfield, Woodlawn, Clear Creek, Harmony Grove, and other points. Having no assigned subject, no instructions to talk on any particular lines, the speakers were able to give expression each to his own views, experiences and hopes, many of them telling of their own enriched lives and the blessings of their people through the work of the Lord. The talks were illuminating and inspiring to the hundreds who listened with close attention to every word said.

The afternoon session was short. After two or three extemporaneous speeches brought to a close the round table discussion begun in the morning, Mrs. J. L. Morgan was invited to talk about the work of the Woman's Missionary Union, which will hold the annual meeting at Clear Creek next Tuesday, June 9. Mrs. Morgan has given largely of her time organizing local unions during the past year besides other years in mission work, and is well qualified to talk on the purposes of the missionary unions. She told of the men and women sent to foreign fields to spread the gospel; of mission work in home fields; of devoted efforts by small groups of men and women to furnish material assistance to the needy and in carrying on the great work of the mission boards. Mr. Morgan, who had presided in the forenoon, was asked to speak. He felt, he said, that the great outpouring of people, and the close attention given throughout the proceedings, indicates widespread interest in the church; that progress and growth is possible in any congregation, however small, and that such meetings will bring about a revival of religious interest throughout the association.

At the noon hour, under the shade of spreading oaks in the church yard a fine dinner was served, a dinner that can hardly be surpassed anywhere in the excellence of the food and the bounty of the generous ladies who prepared it. From pure cold water, through roast chicken and ham, fried chicken, steaks, salads, sandwiches, pickles, stuffed eggs, cakes of many kinds, fruit pie and delicious custards, to hot coffee there was nothing lacking. Generous hospitality and kindly courtesy prevailed; everyone was fed to his fullest satisfaction, and much was left on the tables.

NEW BRICK STORE

G. H. Ross is having erected on his property at Gray's Corner, on Baldwin Avenue, a brick store room which will be completed in the next ten days. About the middle of the month it will be occupied by the Ideal Dry Cleaners, a firm composed of Mr. Ross and G. P. Seagle.

McCLELLAN SPEAKER AT MARION COMMENCEMENT

A masterly address by Rev. Charles Stuart McClellan, Jr., rector of Calvary Episcopal church at Fletcher, Tuesday night ended the commencement program at Marion city school. Fifty-seven young men and women, the largest graduating class the school has ever turned out, were handed their diplomas by Superintendent F. R. Richardson. Principal M. W. Gordon, Jr., presented to Harold Klontz, of the Senior class, a scholarship medal given by the Marion Kiwanis Club, which, it was stated, will be an annual gift in the future. Young Mr. Klontz had an average of over 95 for the year.

Dr. T. F. Marr, pastor of the First Methodist church in Marion, Sunday night preached the baccalaureate sermon, in the high school auditorium. Out of the years rich with experience, Dr. Marr admonished the young graduates to walk circumspectly, putting their faith in things worth while; and he also told them they are now only beginning their education.

Class Night on Monday evening was unique; opening with the carrying of a huge daisy chain by the juniors, the program was interesting from beginning to end. The senior class president presented to the school its gift, a miniature Statue of Liberty.

WELCOME SERVICE AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday night there will be no service at either the First Presbyterian or the First Methodist church. The pastors and congregations of both churches will join the congregation of the First Baptist church in welcoming Dr. B. F. Bray, who has arrived to take up his work here.

New Rules For County Valuation Supervisor Says

R. Fred Barnes, county tax supervisor, has received from the State board of assessors instructions on revaluation of property for local ad valorem tax for the year 1931.

The provisions of the machinery act of 1931, the letter says, are practically the same as in 1929, except: "All property of every kind and nature, real and personal, shall be listed as of the first day of April, except that for the purpose of sufficient time for a thorough reassessment of real property in 1934 and quadrennially thereafter real property shall be valued as of the first day of January and listed in the name of the owner as of the first day of April."

"In consideration of the postponement of the quadrennial assessment of real estate, the board of county commissioners, as a board of equalization and review, may, in the years 1931 and 1932, equalize and adjust values as between particular pieces of property: Provided that in any county where revaluation has been undertaken in 1931 the commissioners are authorized to pay the expense incurred, and that no horizontal reductions or increases shall be made in real property valuations as a whole but equalization may be made as between particular pieces of real property where such equalization does not affect the total values of real property in such county to a greater extent than ten per cent of the value for 1930, and the commissioners may consider the value reported by appraisers."

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME ONE OF BEST IN COUNTRY

Dr. T. F. Marr, president of the corporation controlling the Methodist Children's Home at Winston-Salem, last week attended a meeting of the executive committee at the home. Dr. Marr was very much pleased with the conditions existing at the institution. He said the policy governing its conduct is not merely to provide shelter and food for the orphan child, but as far as it is possible to make it a real home. Dr. Marr said recently a committee of social investigators from the north had visited the home and pronounced it one of the best conducted and results achieved the equal of any in the country.

You can see and hear HAROLD BELL WRIGHT'S famous story "EYES OF THE WORLD" at Marion Theatre on Saturday.

TRADE EXPOSITION SHOWS LONG LIST HOME PRODUCTS HERETOFORE UNKNOWN

The first trade exposition held in Marion in many years is taking like malaria in Arkansas. Many people of McDowell county and visitors from other sections are showing much interest in the native products and manufactures on display in the Wrenn building, Number 7 North Main, placed at the disposal of the Merchants Association and Chamber of Commerce through the courtesy of E. J. House. Doors are open to the public from 9:00 in the morning until 5:00 in the afternoon and will remain open until 9:00 o'clock Saturday evening. Southern Public Utilities Company is lighting the building, free.

Much credit is due the merchants under the leadership of their president, Dean W. Tainter, and the Chamber of Commerce, of which C. F. James is president and M. E. Kelley secretary, for the success of the exposition held in observance of "Made in Carolina Week." Business houses of the city and county have given very cordial support to the idea of displaying products and resources of the State to promote further development industrially and

otherwise. Goods manufactured in the county and elsewhere in North Carolina, minerals and medicinal herbs native to this state are being shown, attracting the interested attention of many who will thus become more familiar with the land in which they live and of which they often are not very well informed.

The display as a whole is very creditable; some individual exhibits particularly attractive. The mineral window is seemingly drawing more attention than anything else, having a wide variety of things mined deep down in the earth. Its opposite, the herb window, has many seeds, roots, barks and leaves used in the making of physic for human ills. Cotton, yarns, and cotton goods, hosiery from our six knitting mills, homespun fabrics, leather and tanning acids, corn meal and flour, brooms, foods, drinks, drugs, hardware, lumber and building materials in finished state, handsome furniture, and paintings, paper cartons, electrical utilities, and other things make up the liberal display, topped off with samples of modern newspaper and jobprinting plants.

MISSIONARY MEETING AT CLEAR CREEK TUESDAY

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Blue Ridge Baptist Association will be held at Clear Creek Baptist church next Tuesday, June 9, beginning at 10:00 o'clock. There will be morning and afternoon sessions; ladies are invited to provide baskets of dinner to be served at the noon hour.

Mrs. J. L. Morgan, director of the organization work in the association, who has visited more churches and talked at more missionary society meetings in the past year than was ever done before, will preside at the opening session. A great deal of interest has been taken in mission work; some of the local unions have been very active and have had interesting programs at their meetings. Mrs. Morgan said in forecasting a large attendance at the meeting Tuesday. The program was published last week.

REPLACEMENT OF DAM AT HATCHERY IS SOUGHT

Negotiations for the replacement of a dam at the local fish hatchery are being carried on by J. Q. Gilkey, a member of the State board of conservation and development. The dam gave way Monday and caused the loss of 1,000,000 bass fry and 160 adult brood bass.

Mr. Gilkey states that all sportsmen who will co-operate with the board of conservation and development by donating brood bass to it will receive the full appreciation of the board.

It was not known definitely what caused the dam to break, but it is thought that the heavy rains that have been falling here lately may have caused water to seep into the earthwork and undermine the concrete dam.

CAMP COVE ECHO OPENS JUNE 21

Hugh F. Beam, who will be chief counselor and athletic director, announced the opening of Camp Cove Echo for boys on June 21. F. R. Richardson, who will again this year direct the camp for the Marion Kiwanis Club, stated that the outlook is very encouraging, applications coming in daily from boys all over the State. Mr. Beam is leaving today to speak before Kiwanians in Salisbury, Winston-Salem, Concord, Lexington, Newton and Statesville on matters of the camp.

MRS. MANGUM AND FAMILY LEAVE FOR MISSOURI

Mrs. P. D. Mangum, Misses Estelle and Jean Mangum, and Bob Mangum left Wednesday afternoon by motor for Missouri, to join Mr. Mangum in Excelsior Springs where he is pastor of the First Baptist church. They will go through Louisville, East St. Louis, and Booneville.

They were the recipients of much social attention from friends here before leaving, many calling to say goodbye on the day of their departure, and wishing them a pleasant trip and much happiness in their new home.

PLEASANT GARDENS GROWS; ALL TEACHERS RE-ELECTED

Pleasant Gardens has just closed what is believed to be the most successful year in the history of the school. Much progress has been made in the various departments. Principal R. B. Phillips has been re-elected for the fourth year at Pleasant Gardens, and with him all the teachers of last year who applied. The following were elected at a recent meeting of the local school board: Miss Ola Wall, Miss Lula Hicks, Miss Sallie Padgett, Miss Ellen Bland, Miss Helen Ramsey, Miss Geneva Link, Miss Zelma Atwell, Miss Bertha Dysart, Mrs. Delia G. Westmoreland, Miss Pearl Monroe; Miss Laura A. Sloan, and Mr. A. L. Eggers, high school. Miss Elsie House was elected to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. Thessa J. Sparks. The school made an average daily attendance in the elementary school of 403 which entitles the school to twelve teachers in the elementary staff. Mrs. Bertha Hemphill, who has been teaching in Glenwood for several years, was elected for this position.

For the year the school enrolled a total of 625 pupils in the entire school. The enrollment the year before was 533. The total high school enrollment was 74. Average daily attendance for the entire school was 453. Percentage in attendance for the entire school was 85; for the school 94. Number of pupils transported daily 315. Number of volumes in library 1206; number added during the year, 247.

The senior class for the year consisted of Alvin Wiseman, Jack Gibbs, Mae Wiseman, Robert Padgett, Ray Quinn, and Eula Lonon. The graduation address was delivered by Hon. Dennis G. Brummitt, and attended by one of the largest crowds of the season.

Stack Presides At June Term Criminal Court

Judge A. M. Stack, of Monroe, will preside at the June term of McDowell superior court convening here next Monday, June 8. Jurors for a three weeks session were drawn at the May meeting of the county commissioners, the lists being published in this paper May 14. The June term is for both civil and criminal cases; however, in view of the heavy docket on the criminal side a civil calendar was not prepared for this term, the entire three weeks being required, probably, for disposition of those who bob up at each term of court with a difference of opinion between themselves and the law.

There will be a number of cases continued from previous sessions, expected to be disposed of at this term. New cases in which indictments have been prepared since the February term include 4 for assault, assault with a deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapons; 8 driving while drunk; 1 forgery; 15 prohibition cases, manufacturing, transporting, possessing; 11 robbery, larceny, breaking and entering, theft of car; 1 nonsupport; 2 rocking houses; 4 damaging State property; 1 fugitive from justice; 1 dynamiting fish.

ANDERSON, WHISNANT JOIN TEAMS IN LOCAL STORE

N. P. Anderson, who came from Winston-Salem and established the Anderson Furniture Company here a number of years ago, and later, with L. J. Whisnant opened a branch at Old Fort as Anderson Whisnant Company, announces the consolidation of the two houses here as Anderson Whisnant Company. Mr. Whisnant has already taken up residence here and may be found at the company store.

Mr. Anderson is already too well known locally to require introduction to Marion people, being a member of the Baptist church and Sunday School, of local clubs, and a lover of field sports. Mr. Whisnant has also made many friends in the western part of the county. A native of Catawba, he graduated from Duke University and joined Mr. Anderson's forces in August 1927. When the Old Fort branch was established, in 1929, Mr. Whisnant became a member of the firm and active manager of that store. He is a Baptist, has taken active part in Old Fort affairs and will be a valuable addition to the life of Marion.

COMMISSION NAMES SMARR COUNTY AGT.

Provision Made to Support Office Period of Two Years with County Funds.

The much-discussed question of a county demonstration agent was settled Monday at the meeting of the county commissioners. Provision was made to support the office for two years; W. L. Smarr, serving in that position for some time, was elected to serve during the next year from July 1.

Every township in the county was represented in the gathering of farmers who appeared before the county board when the matter of a county agent was taken up. It was stated in the beginning that the board had previously gone on record as favoring a county demonstration agent, and that the only question to be decided was the selection of one to fill the position. Among those who spoke on the subject were G. C. Conley, J. M. Haney, M. P. Flack, W. M. Wilson, W. M. Conley, A. R. Walker, Ralph Goodman, E. A. Beaman, W. E. Brown, Sewell Brown, J. G. Burgin, L. J. P. Cutlar, and others, nearly all of whom agreed that the present county agent, W. L. Smarr, had rendered good service, and that his work had been beneficial to individuals and to the county as a whole. Mr. Burgin said in his township, Old Fort, there is a decided sentiment against having any demonstration agent at all, and that a petition had been previously presented along that line. Mr. Beaman and Mr. Wilson thought that Mr. Smarr had done good work, but both were of the opinion that it would have been much better if he had not labored under the handicap of uncertainty as to the duration of his office and that he should be given a chance to proceed under more favorable conditions. Mr. Cutlar said the work done through the demonstration office and that of Mr. Smarr personally was so well thought of that businessmen of Marion in co-operation with farmers of the county had paid Mr. Smarr's salary for the last year and a half. He also pointed out that the allowance for the office would mean an increase of taxes of only one-half a cent on the hundred dollars valuation, or an average of about thirty-seven and a half cents on each taxpayer. C. M. Lytle spoke for the taxpayers, saying it was an unnecessary burden which does not benefit all the people and that many are opposed to having a county agent.

Mrs. I. L. Knupp, of Crooked Creek, made a very effective speech. She said: "I haven't much to say, only this: We live way up in the cove and Mr. Smarr don't come often, but he never fails if we call him. I don't know what we'd do without someone to call on when there's trouble with the fruit trees, the vines and our chickens. He has helped a lot and saved us many times the 35 cents he costs. I certainly hope you won't do away with him, for that looks like going back to the time when we didn't care whether we made anything or not. I always thought it bad to be penny wise and pound foolish. Some say Mr. Smarr can't be at two places at once. But that's always been a fault of mine, too; I can't be in two places at one time."

At a meeting of the board of aldermen Tuesday night it was ordered that pool rooms be licensed for another year beginning July 1. Acting upon requests of occupants of the old hotel annex on North Main the proprietor of the pool room in that building was directed to secure a location elsewhere if it is desired to continue in business. The police department was instructed to exercise a close supervision over all pool rooms in the city to prevent any violations of local ordinances.

TREVERTONS WILL MOVE TO MORGAN STREET

Mr. and Mrs. William Treverton have taken the Tate House on Morgan street, the home for many years of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Tate, who are leaving today for Catawba county.

Mr. and Mrs. Treverton and family will move to their new location in the next few days.