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## EDUCATION BOARD POSTPONES ACTION SCHOOL BUILDING

### Will Make Decision On Enlargement Of County Units Some Time In Near Future.

County schools will have to wait a while longer for additional class rooms, auditoriums, and other facilities said to be needed in all the high schools.

Monday a called meeting of the board of education was held to discuss the proposition. The county commissioners were invited to sit with the members of the education board, in order that they might become informed of the progress of the discussions. After a lengthy hearing, the board of education decided to postpone the question until some date in the near future, when a decision will be made.

Strong delegations from Pleasant Gardens, Nebo, North Cove and Glenwood appeared at the meeting to urge the building program. The need of additional room is already felt at both the schools, increased enrollment expected next year making the added facilities imperative, the petitioners said. Additional teachers are expected to be employed when the new school year comes. Besides other reasons mentioned, it was claimed that the present is the best time to build. Materials are very cheap, it was pointed out, making the cost of the required building program much lower than it would have been previously. Then, as an additional argument in favor of building at once, the petitioners called attention to the number of men out of work who would be given employment on an extensive working program; their families aided, and the money spent in the county would help business all along the line.

Those who presented the program said the money could be borrowed from the state literary fund and repaid back over a period of years, the additional tax levy required being very small and falling on each taxpayer in amounts so light that it would add little to the tax load.

This matter was brought up at a meeting of the board of education January 2, when it was discussed at some length. The board was unable to reach a decision at that time, partly due to the fact that the full membership was not present. At that time the question was postponed until last Monday.

### FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS WILL BE HELD JANUARY 29, NEBO AND SUNNYVALE

The second quarterly meeting of the executive committee of the Blue Ridge Association was held Thursday, Jan. 5th, in the pastor's study of the First Baptist church here. The problems of the churches in the rural districts were discussed at length by members present. A number of good suggestions were offered for improvement.

It was voted to have a fifth Sunday meeting in January at Sunnyvale and Nebo Baptist churches, at 2:30 p. m. Dr. B. F. Bray will speak at Sunnyvale and Mr. W. T. Morgan at Nebo. Rev. G. A. Condrey and Rev. W. F. McMahan were appointed as program committee for these meetings. Special music will be furnished by the Price Quartet at Nebo and the Clear Creek Quartet will render special music at Sunnyvale.

A finance committee to the executive committee was elected as follows: J. H. Hensley, chairman; Rev. E. J. Ingle, Rev. G. A. Condrey.

The meeting adjourned until the first Thursday in April.

### MOTORISTS WARNED TO PURCHASE CITY AUTO TAGS

Marion auto license tags are required to be displayed on all cars within the city limits. The same policy is in force this year that was established in 1932. The tags cost one dollar each and are for the calendar year, from January 1 to December 31.

Motorists have been warned to purchase the tags at the mayor's office and display them on all cars kept within the city limits of Marion.

### THOUSAND DOLLARS IN NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS MARION CITY SCHOOLS

Marion city schools recently received an allotment of one thousand dollars to be spent on the buildings and grounds through the office of the local director of relief. The allotment was made direct to the local director, Mrs. George Kirkpatrick, who is following the same rule with this work as with all other similar projects conducted in the county by the relief organization and is employing only those who apply for relief.

According to Superintendent Zeno Martin, the greater part of these funds will be used for making needed improvements on the grounds and for painting the buildings. The most important of the improvements to be made on the grounds will be the filling in of the roadway that now leads up to the athletic field and grading the grounds in the rear of the elementary building. This will mean that the athletic field will be considerably enlarged on the side next to the buildings both on the lower and upper sides.

Aside from the extension of the athletic field other changes that will be effected on the grounds will be the complete closing of the entrance to the football field from Court street and a wider roadway into the school grounds by the Presbyterian church. This will be the only driveway into the school grounds when the improvements are completed. The grounds immediately back of the elementary building will be graded down for a playground for the smaller children in that building.

A complete renovation of the high school building is now underway with painters and laborers removing the dirt and soot that have accumulated on the walls and in most instances applying a new coat of paint.

### OLD LICENSE TAGS GONE OUT OF STYLE DRIVERS CARRY CARDS

The old yellow tags North Carolina cars wore in 1932 have been superseded by a prettier one in blue and white. Highway authorities are insisting that everyone operating a motor vehicle in this state comply with legal requirements and get the blue tag.

Motor cars owners were allowed the first five days to buy new license tags. In the next five, they were politely warned of the law requiring purchase of new tags. This politeness and patient forbearance ceased on the tenth, and it now is strictly required that the tags be displayed on all cars, trucks and motorcycles.

Lieutenant Beck of the highway patrol, informs this paper that after Tuesday cases are being made against all who have failed to buy tags and drive cars on the highways without them. This means that the car owner will be carried into court and there fined according to law and required to purchase the tags also. Lieutenant Beck says that in the first ten days they were warned to buy the tags; now it means a fine as well as buying tags if motorists are caught out on the limb without 1933 tags.

Lieutenant Beck also calls attention to the law requiring operators of cars to carry the license card; owners or others driving cars must have the card, or cases will be made against those not complying. If a car is driven by another than the owner, the driver must carry the card, Lieutenant Beck said.

### DECISION UPHOLDS BOARD IN SCHOOL TAX CASE

In a decision rendered in Superior court late yesterday afternoon, Judge McElroy dismissed the complaint brought by taxpayers of three McDowell townships against the board of education and tax authorities of the county after the county had assumed the debt service of certain other townships and school districts, which action Judge McElroy held to be valid and according to law. Attorneys Washburn and Story gave notice of appeal to the Supreme court.

### NEW CHIROPRACTOR IS HERE FROM CHARLOTTE

Dr. W. P. Love, recently of Charlotte, has arrived in Marion and opened offices in the Blanton building to practice his profession as a chiropractor.

Dr. Love said he will be joined by his family as soon as he can make suitable arrangements for them here

### PRISON SENTENCES FOR MEN WHO TOOK SAFE AT ASHFORD

### Boxcar Bandits Caught With Shoes on. Feel Heavy Hand Of The Law.

When Ike and Theron McGee, B. Blankenship and Lee Roe Byrd were arrested in connection with the robbery of J. B. Lonon's store at Ashford, last fall, they admitted their guilt and said they had put in a good bit of time planning the affair. The boys now have a chance to devote a good deal more time to regret and remorse, since their plea in Superior court Monday, of guilty of breaking and entering, and larceny. Judge P. A. McElroy accepted their plea and sentenced Blankenship to serve from two to three years in the state penitentiary; Theron McGee will do three to five years; Byrd got two to three years. Ike McGee got off with a sentence of four months on the roads.

The men broke in the Lonon store and carried away an iron safe, which was removed several miles before it was opened and a small amount of loot taken. The store also housed the local postoffice. Some of the money in the safe being postal funds, a federal charge also hangs over the men.

George and Arthur Hudgins come time before Christmas, engaged in the cattle business on a small scale, taking a cow here and selling it yonder, then about face to be caught red handed making a sale here. There were two cases against the men. Consolidated, their plea of guilty was accepted and the judge sentenced George to serve six months, while Arthur got off with twelve months.

In the shoe cases, Kelton and Case Smith, charged with breaking and entering box cars and larceny, after wholesale stealing of shoes from the Southern Railway, the men plead guilty and were sentenced to serve from three to five years in the penitentiary.

Frank Duncan plead guilty to a charge of forcible trespass and was sentenced to four months.

The following were found not guilty: Ed. Baker, charged with breaking and entering house; Geo. Taylor and Grover Williams, charged with breaking and entering box cars and larceny. Taylor was arrested at about the same time as the Smiths and charged with taking socks from the cars, but upon trial was found not guilty.

Eighteen cases, called at the opening of court, were continued, not pressed, or otherwise passed over, capiases being issued for some defendants who failed to answer.

### RETURNING FROM MART FURNITURE MAN SAYS DEPRESSION IS OVER

"Furniture men are facing the brightest day that has dawned in several years," Albert Blanton of the McDowell Furniture Company said Monday. He and R. B. Crisp had just returned from Chicago and the western furniture mart where they met manufacturers and buyers from all parts of the country. "Business in sight now is twice as good as it was a year ago and much better than in midsummer last year when we were busy filling orders coming in at that time. From what we learned at Chicago it looks now as if our plant will operate under forced draught continuously throughout the year."

Extensive additions were made to the McDowell plant in the last year. Some new machinery was installed. The plant is being operated in every department, employing 185 men. Some crews are on night shifts.

The gentlemen returning from Chicago were very much pleased with the outlook. Reports from retail markets indicated small stocks on hand, which will have to be supplied very quickly if demand is picking up as reports indicated at the Chicago meeting.

### MORE RAT POISON

Poisonous bait to kill more of the destructive rats in the county will be available in about ten days, J. Gordon Blake, county agent, said yesterday. See Mr. Blake for particulars.

### ECONOMY AND DENIAL URGED BY EHRINGHAUS

### New Governor Proposes Drastic Changes In State Set-up. Declares State at Crossroads

Raleigh, Jan. 5.—John Christopher Blucher Ehringhaus today became the 54th governor of North Carolina. The inaugural exercises were the most sober and serious since the days of reconstruction.

The famous Ehringhaus smile seldom flashed today. The new governor frankly painted an "ugly picture" of the financial difficulties that beset the state. "In such an hour," he de-



J. C. B. EHRINGHAUS North Carolina's New Governor

clared, "the plain unvarnished truth is best."

Thousands were on hand to greet the popular son of the Albemarle but they too were serious in demeanor. Frequently they clapped their hands but never did they cheer. It was a quiet, stern inauguration.

"The state which we love has reached the crossroads of its financial destiny," declared the governor in his inaugural address. "The way out is plain but pleasureless; it involves the eating, for a season at least, of the herbs and dry bread of self denial."

His audience responded with a clatter of hands. The applause was short but not perfunctory. Rather did it seem to accept the challenge thrown down by its new chief executive.

### Draws Applause

Grouped at the front of the new memorial auditorium, in which the governor took the oath of office, were the members of the senate and house of representatives. They gave rapt attention to the inaugural address.

"A substantial, even drastic curtailment of our spending is imperative," declared Governor Ehringhaus. The law makers applauded.

"Proud as we are of our social progress," continued the governor, "we must remember that not even social progress can, for any great time, go ahead faster than material progress. To the suggestion that a

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### KIRBY AND BUTT NAMED COUNTY HEALTH OFFICERS

At a meeting of the county board of health, held last Monday, Dr. G. S. Kirby was elected county physician and Dr. R. B. Butt was elected county quarantine officer.

The board of health is composed of J. Fleming Snipes, A. V. Nolan, and H. H. Tate, by virtue of their offices as chairman of the board of county commissioners, superintendent of education and mayor of the courthouse town, respectively, and the following members of the medical and dental professions: Dr. D. M. McIntosh, Dr. J. F. Miller and Dr. P. D. Sinclair.

### INSURANCE MEETING

Ged W. Giles, J. Y. Lonon, L. J. P. Cutlar, and other members of the Marion Insurance Exchange held a meeting at the Hotel James yesterday. A talk was made by J. D. Saint, manager of the North Carolina Association of insurance agents, of Raleigh, looking to improvement of conditions.

### MRS. CHAMBERS LOOKS FOR A LARGE ATTENDANCE AT PARENT-TEACHERS MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher association which will be held in the high school auditorium Monday afternoon, January 16, is expected to be well attended due to the fact that this is the first meeting to be held in the new year. Also this meeting will be the first attended by the president, Mrs. W. R. Chambers, since her illness that caused her to miss both the November and December meetings in addition to the district meeting that was held here during the fall.

It is expected that the various active committees will have some interesting topics for discussion as well as important announcements concerning the plans for the organization during the remainder of the school year.

While the meeting will only extend through the customary hour in length and there will be no guest speaker for the occasion, the president is urging every member of the association to be present as there will be several short talks by members of the organization on subjects that are of vital importance to every patron of the school in this community. One of these talks will be delivered by Mrs. Kirkpatrick, who is now the director of the federal relief work for McDowell county, and will be along the line of relief work as it pertains to the underprivileged school pupil.

Mrs. Chambers, whose work as head of the local association is extending the accomplishments of Parent-Teacher work here beyond the usual welfare work brought the local association and its officers into statewide prominence last year, is expecting the greatest number of parents present that has attended a meeting of the association since school opened last fall.

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### THE WAYSIDE RELIEF REPORTS BUSY MONTH S. S. ON SOUTH MAIN

A report of the Wayside Relief disbursements for December, prepared by the financial agent, J. C. Bowman, indicates a period of increased activity by that agency in assistance given the unemployed in Marion. Cash contributions, clothing and food furnished those in need amounted to a total of \$406.57, according to Mr. Bowman's figures. All money received is recorded on Mr. Bowman's books and disbursements noted, while clothing and food is accounted for in the same way, estimates of the value being made and recorded.

Cash disbursements amounted to \$181.74. Clothing given had a value of \$47.13, and other donations were \$177.70, Mr. Bowman said.

Mrs. Harbin's report of December activities showed 65 investigations; 30 visits to the sick; 50 transients cared for; 10 women and 8 men given employment through her assistance.

Religious services are now being held in the Wrenn building, the old bakery stand, instead of the courthouse as formerly. Its use was given by E. J. House. Around 150 chairs were provided by Rev. T. A. Melton, of East Marion, secretary of the county ministers association. Sunday school is held at 2:30 Sunday afternoons. Weekly prayer meetings are Thursday evenings at 7:30. Preaching Sunday evenings at 7:30.

### LUTHERAN CHOIR WILL PRESENT CANTATA HERE

Next Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock the Concordia Lutheran choir of Conover will render a religious Cantata in the courthouse. The choir has presented this same cantata before a number of congregations in North and South Carolina and thus comes very highly recommended. The choir is composed of some forty people, including a young girls' chorus. The soloists are Mrs. George Smith, soprano; Miss Marie Hemmeter, alto; Mr. Walter Brady, bass; and Mr. Donald Pomeroy, tenor.

The Rev. G. E. Mennen, pastor of Concordia Church, which has the largest Lutheran congregation of Catawba county, and visitor of the Southeastern Conference, will bring a brief message since there will be no regular service. The public is heartily invited.

Be sure not to miss seeing the special feature "BRING 'EM BACK ALIVE!" at Marion Theatre next Monday and Tuesday.

### CALVIN COOLIDGE DIES SUDDENLY AT NORTHAMPTON HOME

### Heart Attack Fatal To Former President. Body Now Rests In Vermont Churchyard

Northampton, Mass., Jan. 5.—Calvin Coolidge, president of the United States for five and a half years, died of a heart attack which struck him with startling suddenness today.

The only living former president, who was 60 years old last July 4, died alone as he was preparing to shave in a dressing room of his suburban home, "The Beeches."

A few minutes later, Mrs. Coolidge, returning from a shopping tour, found his body lying on the floor.

His face was calm and bore no sign of pain.

When Mrs. Coolidge found him, it was 12:15 p. m. A physician, Dr. E. W. Brown, a friend of years, was summoned immediately. Dr. Brown said death had occurred about 15 minutes before.

### Burial Saturday

Plymouth, Vt., Jan. 7.—Calvin Coolidge sleeps tonight in a bleak hillside graveyard where village neighbors bore his coffin through hail and bitter wind from the north.

High in the granite hills of Vermont and under a canopy of the dark clouds, there was no pomp and power, no echo of the years which the son of a New England landsman spent in the White House.

The body of the 30th president was lowered to the grave as the hail storm reached its brief climax and burst on the knot of mourners gathered within sight of his birthplace. The final resting place of Calvin Coolidge was beside his father and his son in the country plot where lie members of the family for generations back.

### Services Brief and Simple

The services were brief and simple. The dignitaries who attended funeral services at Northampton—

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### MOTION TO TRANSFER CHIAPETTA CASE IS DENIED; APPEALED

Judge McElroy denied a motion of defendants to transfer to United States court the suit of J. H. Tate, administrator of Louis Chiapetta, against the Southern Railway. Attorneys Winborne and Proctor appealed to the Supreme court.

Chiapetta, it will be recalled, was killed on a freight train near here last year while the bonus marchers were attracting public attention. He with others was found on a train by W. A. Banks, a railroad special officer; in a mixup of some kind Chiapetta was killed. Banks was tried for murder, convicted in McDowell Superior court and sentenced to a term in prison. The case was appealed, which appeal is pending.

Mr. Tate as administrator is suing Banks and the railroad company for \$50,000 actual and \$50,000 punitive damages.

### START NEW SERIAL LAST OF MOHICANS

On next Wednesday the Marion Theatre will start a Serial Story made from James Fenimore Cooper's historical novel, The Last of the Mohicans. This story is one of the American Classics, and has been finely produced with a cast of talented stars, including Harry Carey (star of Trader Horn) as Natty Bumppo the "Pathfinder", Hobart Bosworth, one of the finest interpreters of character parts on stage or screen, as Chingachcook the Indian Chieftain, and Junior Coghlan as Uncas the young chief.

The Theatre is anxious to have as many of the school children as possible see this splendid story and for that reason is making special reduced prices on each Wednesday while this serial runs of five cents for children under twelve, and ten cents for all others of school age, and twenty cents only for adults.

The new library of the British Museum at Hendon, England, has 14 miles of bookshelves.