

# THE MARION PROGRESS

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY BY THE  
MCDOWELL PUBLISHING CO.  
MARION, N. C.

TELEPHONE 64

S. E. WHITTEN, Editor and Proprietor

Entered at the Postoffice at Marion, N. C.,  
as second class matter

### SUBSCRIPTION RATE

One year ----- \$2.00  
Strictly in Advance



## TO SERVE HUMANITY

There are business men in the United States, and some in Marion, who have the idea that the chief end of the human race is the promotion of business. Of course, every intelligent person understands that business is justified only when it serves humanity.

Our philosophers have become somewhat confused because, generally speaking, whatever promotes the economic well-being of individuals usually assists the race, as a whole. Realization of this truth does not require a blind idolatry of business, per se, and the exoneration of any tactics that return profits to individuals.

We have, we are glad to say, many public-spirited business men in this country. This is not to say that no business man in our community is selfish, that none is unfair in methods and that none would stoop to illegal methods to gain private profit.

The time is at hand when better business men, intent upon the honor and reputation of business, should give some attention to the comparatively few sharks that prey upon unfortunate human beings.

The pride that a competent business man takes in the service that he renders, at a fair profit, is in jeopardy every time a slicker pulls a fast deal, regardless of the amount of money involved.

## SMALL BUSINESS CONTINUES

The business of the United States is operated on a scale that is not equalled anywhere in the world. In the public discussions, we constantly hear talk about "big business" and "small business," with the implication that the little fellow is gradually being swallowed by his mammoth competitors.

Figures of the Census Bureau indicate that about nine-tenths of all business in the United States is run by small businesses. There are nearly 4,000,000 business concerns—not counting farms—in the United States and it is estimated that small business constitutes nearly half of the total business of the United States.

We may take it for granted that small business is surviving, despite the serious competition that threatens to hedge it in. This arises from the natural tendency of business organizations to merge for economical production but it is also intensified by the development of monopolies and partial monopolies, operating in violation of the laws of the nation.

The time will probably never come when the small business man will be out of the economic picture altogether. Nevertheless, a major role for the small business man of the future may be that of local manager for units of a giant corporation, operating throughout the country. In addition, the probability is that in some lines, the giant-sized corporate structure will predominate to the exclusion of small, independent operators.

## HOLD ON, EVERYONE

Spring has a slow fuse. That robin, that snowdrop, means a great explosion of blossom and song to come. But not yet, not yet for a while. Just the thin flame creeping along the roots under dirty patches of old snow. Just the "tan-brown hares in gusty March" as a pitiful prelude to the warm and teeming energies of June. Hold on, everyone, even with chilly fingers. There's subversive activity underground and revolution in the air.—Christian Science Monitor.

Trading in Marion is smart provided prices are reasonable. Buyers should give local merchants a chance and efficient merchants ask for nothing more.

If you haven't bought a revised version of the Bible, your old one will do; get it out, some quiet evening, and read it carefully and thoughtfully.

A man in office is usually appreciated if at all, when he gets out of office.

Tolerance is not a matter of conversation; it is the business of living.

## THE SOUTH OUTSTRIPS EVEN GRADY'S DREAM

A great editor and orator, the late Henry W. Grady of Georgia carried the South's message Northward in the difficult period after the Civil War.

Grady liked to tell both the home-folks and the outsiders his idea of his beloved homeland. He called it "The New South."

It was a new South, retaining at the same time many of the virtues of the old South.

"There is," Grady said, "a New South, not through protest against the old, but because of new conditions, new adjustments and if you please, new ideas and aspirations."

Reviewing the post-war period of his day when Confederate soldiers returned to find the land laid waste and their homes in ashes, Grady said:

"We have planted the schoolhouse on the hilltop and made it free to white and black.

"We have sowed towns and cities in the place of theories and put business above politics.

"We have challenged your spinners in Massachusetts and your ironmakers in Pennsylvania.

"We have learned that one northern immigrant is worth fifty foreigners, and have smoothed the path southward, wiped out the place where Mason and Dixon's line used to be, and hung our latchstring to you and yours.

"We have established thrift in city and country.

"We have fallen in love with work."

"The old South," he would say, "rested everything on slavery and agriculture, unconscious that these could neither give nor maintain healthy growth.

"The new South presents a perfect democracy, the oligarchs leading in the popular movement—a social system compact and closely knitted, less splendid on the surface but stronger at the core—a hundred farms for every plantation, fifty homes for every palace, and a diversified industry that meets the complete needs of this complex age."

Henry W. Grady was propounding that idea in 1886.

He was calling that a "complex" age and he was saying the South was meeting the challenge.

Would that Henry W. Grady could return to his beloved South today, rising for a time from the Georgia soil which nurtures him to her breast to see how far his New South has outstripped even his fondest dreams!

On all sides he would see evidence proving him a profit.

He would see New England's textile industry not only being challenged by the South's but he would see it answering his invitation of the free latch-string and the smoothed road southward.

He would see not only those hundred farms for every vast plantation, but he would see those farms in a state of cultivation and conservation never dreamed of in his time.

He would see a South of not only diversified industry but of diversified agriculture, a land no longer strapped by blind allegiance to King Cotton.

He would see a South the vast majority of which only recently turned thumbs down upon those who would stir the old political fires for the sake of cheap political opportunity, a movement which was a far cry from the highly principled fight that Grady's forefathers and yours launched in defense of the Old South.

And he would know as he marveled that all of this did not come about without effort, courage, sustained endeavor and the pursuit of new ideas.

He would see the prophetic truth of his announcement:

"We have fallen in love with work."

He would see, above all, the South, as an integral part of the nation, in his own words, "speaking an eloquent witness in its peace and prosperity to the indissoluble union of American States and the imperishable brotherhood of the America people."—Anderson (S. C.—Piedmont.)

## FORTY SLAVES

It is interesting to report that modern scientists assert that the average American family has at its disposal the equivalent of forty slaves in modern power resources and mechanical conveniences.

Farm homes, which have lagged behind urban homes in the use of power, are rapidly making progress. This has only become possible since the development of rural electrification on a national scale. The advent of power to rural areas has been one of the great blessings of the last few decades and will, in time, contribute to something like a revolution in the living and working of farm families.

Marion, like other human enterprises, requires the unselfish service of individuals to be a great success. What do you do for others who live about you?

The best way to go after business by mail is through newspaper advertising.

## OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

### PULLING TOGETHER

A GENERATION AGO, ONE OF THE GREATEST ASSETS ON A FARM WAS A WELL-MATCHED TEAM OF WORK HORSES. WITH A TEAM THAT PULLED TOGETHER, THE FARMER'S FIELD WORK WAS BETTER DONE—MORE QUICKLY AND MORE EASILY.



MANY OF THE THINGS WE DO TODAY ARE BETTER DONE, AND MORE SATISFACTORILY, WHEN WE PULL TOGETHER. WHEN A FAMILY DECIDES TOGETHER ON SPENDING AND SAVING—FOR EXAMPLE—BETTER PROVISION FOR TODAY'S NEEDS AND MORE SECURITY FOR TOMORROW, IS LIKELY TO RESULT. FOR THEN, EACH MEMBER FEELS A RESPONSIBILITY AND HAS A PART IN REACHING FAMILY GOALS.

## Looking Backward

From The Progress Files

MAY 16, 1918

"Attorney C. B. McBrayer, of Shelby, was a visitor here Wednesday.

"Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Landis visited their daughter at Newland last week.

"Miss Annie Laurie Blanton, who is in the McDowell Hospital, is improving.

"The next meeting of the Farmers' Union will be held at the court house in Marion Saturday, June 1.

"C. S. Hemphill has bought the Marion Bargain House's stock of goods and will move same to Forest City.

"Miss Gladys Atwell has returned from Johnson City, Tenn., where she has just completed a business course.

"Mrs. R. R. Nichols has returned from Johnson City, Tenn., after a week's visit to her sister, Mrs. W. H. Blackwell.

"Mrs. C. O. Steppe, of Johnstown, Pa., who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Steppe for the past several weeks, left Tuesday for her home in the Keystone State.

"News was received here Tuesday announcing the death of Carroll Baldwin in New York. Mr. Baldwin was a director and large stockholder in the Marion cotton mills and has many friends here.

"Rev. and Mrs. B. S. Lassiter and daughter, Miss Mary, Mrs. J. E. Guy and L. P. J. Cutler, left Tuesday for Asheville to attend the annual convention of the Episcopal church of the district of Asheville, which met with Trinity church Wednesday."

MAY 23, 1918

"The thunderstorm Monday afternoon put the power out of commission and the town was without electric lights and power Monday night and Tuesday."

## Signs In The Sky

This is the air age, and yours can be an interesting, exciting, rewarding life in the new U. S. Air Force. Capable, ambitious young men who seek a career bright with promise for themselves need look no further. Be among those headed for positions of responsibility and leadership in the ever-widening field of aviation. Get on the highroad to success in this thrilling activity, a life you will enjoy, a life that spells a wonderful future. It's chock-ful of opportunities for training and education. Good pay, right from the beginning. Free retirement plan. Talk today to your Air Force Recruiter. He's well qualified to help you. See him at the Marion Postoffice, Marion, N. C.

Marion Manufacturing company and Alonzo Davis is taking care of the work in the register's office.

JUNE 6, 1918

"McDowell county has proved her patriotism by her liberal response to the Red Cross call for \$2,500, this amount being more than doubled."

"McPeters & Company have moved to the store room in the Snipes building formerly occupied by the Marion Bargain House."

"W. H. England reports that wheat in the Glenwood section has been damaged by rust."

## ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

The undersigned having qualified as administrator of the estate of Mary E. Kincaid, deceased, late of McDowell county, North Carolina, is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to present them to me duly verified on or before the 25th day of March, 1950, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make payment to the undersigned at once.

This the 18th day of March, 1949.  
J. L. HANEY,  
Administrator of Estate of  
Mary E. Kincaid, deceased.

## Farm Bureau

ACCIDENT  
and  
HEALTH  
Insurance



It is a well known fact that more accidents occur in the home than anywhere else. Accident and health or hospital expense protection can apply to every member of the family. Insure to provide funds in case of unexpected illness or accident. For complete information, without obligation, call or write—

J. H. TATE, Agent  
Office: 32 N. Madison  
Phone 120-X

Representing  
FARM BUREAU MUTUAL  
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE CO.  
Home Office — Columbus 16, Ohio



When planting time comes every minute will be precious. Let me help you get all your tools ready—sharpen them, mend them if necessary—so you can spend every precious hour in field work when that time comes.

You'll be surprised what a little 1/2-hp motor can do, right in your barn, basement, or garage. It can easily save you many dollars in expensive repairs and loss of time. Might even save you a crop!

For answers to any problem about putting a motor to work on your farm, call your nearest Duke Power office and ask for a Farm Specialist, or drop in at the office of your County Agent.



DUKE POWER COMPANY  
Serving the Piedmont Carolinas.