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MARION SENIOR CLASS HONORED

Marion High School Seniors Guests of Juniors at Banquet Last Friday Evening.

The Junior Class of the Marion High School entertained the Senior Class and the faculty at a beautifully appointed banquet in the Presbyterian Church on Friday night, April 12th, at eight o'clock.

As the guests arrived balloons were tied to their ankles and then all were taken to the dining room.

The dining room was very colorfully decorated in the Senior Class colors—blue and gold. The post and chairs were decorated with blue and gold crepe paper, and the place cards and favors also carried out the color scheme. Ferns were arranged very artistically around the orchestra and the walls.

The orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. J. L. Greene, and with Miss Hazel Whitten at the piano, played "Sweethearts on Parade," after which James Neal, Junior Class president, gave the address of welcome, to which Charles Sinclair, Senior Class president, responded. Then the orchestra played "What a Wonderful Night This Would Be" and "Smiling Skies." Sally Bradley Pittman very interestingly gave a toast to the teachers to which Mr. Beam responded. Then the orchestra played "Carolina Moon" and "That Precious Little Thing Called Love." Alfred McCall toasted Mr. Pittman, to which Mr. Pittman responded. After the orchestra played "Dream House" and "Just Because," Thurley Franklin gave a very interesting toast to memory and Keith Kanipe gave a very entertaining toast to the future, after which everyone stood and sang "Alma Mater."

The menu consisted of gold fruit cocktail, sliced country ham, creamed Irish potatoes, early June peas, chicken salad, pear salad, saltines, sweet cucumber pickles, home-made rolls, butter, gold colored iced tea, gold block ice cream, gold cake with blue rose, and gold and blue mints.

MISS RUTH GRAYSON WEDS WALTER MARKS

A wedding of interest to their friends here and Marion, was that of Miss Ruth Grayson, of Marion, and Mr. Walter Marks, of King's Mountain, which took place on Sunday afternoon at the home of Judge J. P. Bean, of Rutherfordon. The ceremony was performed by Judge Bean who is the grandfather of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Marks is the daughter of Mrs. John Grayson of Marion. Mr. Marks is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Marks of Forest City, but is now in business in Kings Mountain, where he has charge of The Landis Shoe Shop. They will make their home in Kings Mountain and their many friends wish them much happiness and success. — Forest City Courier.

J. RAY WILSON INJURED IN AN AUTO COLLISION

Mr. J. Ray Wilson, of Salisbury, a former resident of Marion, is in Grace Hospital in Morganton suffering from lacerations of the head and chest as the result of a collision Wednesday afternoon with the west-bound bus on No. 10 highway about four miles west of Morganton. According to reports, Mr. Wilson was on his way to Morganton from Marion, and a slight drizzle had made the pavement slick. His car, a Chrysler, slipped to the wrong side of the road and the two cars went head-long into each other. Mr. Wilson's car was demolished almost beyond repair while the bus was also said to have been badly damaged.

HARRIS-TONEY

Miss Belle Harris and Mr. General Toney, of Dysortville, were united in matrimony Thursday, April 11th, at the home of Rev. J. S. Pyatt. A few friends witnessed the ceremony, Rev. Pyatt officiating.

"SUBMARINE", a Sound picture, at Oasis Theatre next Monday and Tuesday is reported as mighty good one, dramatic, with tense and thrilling situations, romance, and some fine undersea shots of a sunken submarine and the rescue of the crew.

CHANGES MADE IN HUNTING SEASONS FOR GAME IN N. C.

A summary of the changes in the State game law made by the 1929 General Assembly has been given by the Department of Conservation and Development.

The new open seasons are as follows: quail, November 20 to February 15; turkey, November 20 to February 15; dove, November 20 to January 31; rabbit, November 20 to February 15; bear, October 1 to January 15.

The Board of Conservation and Development was given authority to change open seasons and methods of hunting rabbits and bear in any county or district.

The season for squirrel in all counties east of and including Person, Orange, Chatham, Moore, Richmond and Scotland counties, is October 15 to January 15.

In all counties west of these counties it is from September 15 to January 1.

The season for mink, skunk, otter, muskrat, raccoon and opossum in the counties east of and including those named above, is from November 15 to February 15. For counties to the west it is from November 1 to February 15.

Opossum season in McDowell, Rutherford, Burke, Polk, Mitchell, Avery, Yancey and a number of other counties will extend from October 15 to February 15.

JOHN LAIL VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERS, GIVES BOND

John Lail, well known throughout McDowell county, who was mixed up in a shooting affair several days ago with officers of the Sheriff's department, voluntarily surrendered and has made bond for his appearance in both State and Federal courts.

Officers from the Sheriff's department had made a search of Lail's filing station on No. 10 Sunday morning, where it was reported that whiskey was found. A man named Hyatt who was in charge of the station, was arrested. On the afternoon of the same day, officers searching for another party ran across Lail, when the shooting melee took place. In the shooting Lail was wounded as was also George Duncan and Fate Burnett. Duncan and Burnett were brought to the hospital but Lail escaped.

In the Magistrate's Court, Lail was placed under \$300 bond for assault with a deadly weapon, and was placed under \$500 bond for appearance in Federal court to answer the charge of violation of prohibition laws. Lail is under bond for appearance in Federal court for previous violations of prohibition laws.

OVER 7,000 POUNDS OF POULTRY SHIPPED

A total of 7,544 pounds of poultry was shipped from Marion on Wednesday of last week and the farmers of this section received \$1,941.46 for their fowls, County Agent Smarr reports. Over one hundred farmers participated in the shipment.

D. L. Finch, of Nebo, led with the heaviest consignment, having 1202 pounds of hens and 121 pounds of cox which brought \$339.06, while a consignment by F. O. Stott of Marion amounted to \$295.93.

Next Tuesday the car will be at Old Fort and at Marion on Wednesday and another large shipment is expected.

B. H. Eller of the Farmers Federation, Asheville, is in charge of the co-operative shipments.

LOCAL POST AMERICAN LEGION ENTERTAINED

Dr. J. F. Miller was host to McDowell Post No. 56 of the American Legion on Thursday evening, April 11th, at the Marion Hospital. Mrs. Miller served a bountiful supper to the twenty-three members present.

After the supper the regular monthly business meeting was entered into. Among the most important matters discussed were the plans for a real Fourth of July celebration in Marion this year. Committees for the celebration were appointed.

RAID SATURDAY NIGHT

Sheriff O. F. Adkins, Deputies Ben Hensley, B. L. Robbins and Wm. Biggerstaff made a raid on Mack Hollifield's place of business on Highway No. 10 last Saturday night and captured a half gallon of liquor. Hollifield was arrested but later released under bond.

TRAINING SCHOOL HERE APRIL 21-26

Courses for Sunday School Workers to Be Given at the First Methodist Church.

The McDowell County standard training school for Sunday School leaders will be held in the First Methodist Church here April 21-26.

The McDowell training school was a great success last year. 91 people were enrolled, 83 of whom received certificates of credit. A still larger attendance is expected this year. The opening session will be at three o'clock Sunday afternoon at First Methodist Church. The other sessions will be held at night from Monday to Friday, beginning at 7:30, thus accommodating busy people.

Prof. H. E. Spence, of Duke University, will give a course in the "Teachings of Jesus." Prof. Spence is an exceedingly interesting and capable teacher. His lectures will appeal to all Bible students.

Mr. F. M. Williamson is one of the leading authorities on Sunday School work in the South. Those who took his course in the Rutherford County school recently were delighted with his leadership in the study of Worship.

Mrs. O. V. Woosley will lead in the study of "Beginner Lessons, Materials and Methods." This will meet the need of the workers with children.

Mr. Paul Evans will give a course in organization and administration which will appeal especially to workers in the small Sunday School.

This school is open to all workers and prospective church workers, regardless of denomination. A most cordial invitation is given to all.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY DINNER LAST SUNDAY

On Sunday, April 14th, a number of relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Greer near Clinchfield, the affair being in honor of Mr. Greer's 53rd birthday.

Mr. Holcombe of Asheville and Mr. Sparks of Clinchfield came over Sunday morning and carried Mr. Greer for an automobile ride. When they returned at 12:30 there were 44 people, young and old, waiting to welcome Mr. Greer. He was taken entirely by surprise by the great number of friends and the good dinner waiting.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Greer and five children, Maude, Ray, Bob, Russel and Ronald; Mr. and Mrs. Will Sparks and daughter, Nellie; Mr. and Mrs. Will Greer and daughter, Bertha, of Garden City; Mr. and Mrs. John Greer and four children, Everette, Hubert, Dean and Cecil; Mr. and Mrs. Fate Pittman, Bonnie Pittman; Ana Bill, Guy, Curtis, Herbert, Viola, Marie and Allena Burleson; Mrs. W. M. Early and daughter Edna of Hughes, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holcombe and three children, Corbett, Kathleen, and Glenn, of Asheville; Charlie Norman of Marion; Robie Greer and Clarence Franklin of Canton, O.; John Scruggs of Middletown, Conn.; and Jack Thompson, of Greenville, South Carolina.

After spending an enjoyable day the guests departed wishing Mr. Greer many happy returns.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MAKES SPLENDID REPORT

The First Presbyterian Church of Marion has just closed a very successful year, according to the annual report to Concord Presbytery which convenes in Statesville this week. The report shows an enrollment of 335 active members, about 50 non-resident members having been retired from the list since last report. About \$10,000 was contributed for all purposes during the year. The debt on the church is being steadily reduced. The Woman's Auxiliary has contributed \$1680 to all causes, having given \$600 to the building fund and \$500 cash to the Marion General Hospital.

You can see and hear a FINE program at Oasis Theatre next Monday or Tuesday. "SUBMARINE", one of the "Big" pictures of the past few months; and two Vitaphone acts, one a song and dance revue made entirely in COLOR, and the other an amusing comedy sketch.

GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CLOSING

Sermon Sunday Afternoon by Rev. W. A. Ayers — Class Exercises Wednesday Night

The commencement exercises of Glenwood High School will be held April 21-24. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. W. A. Ayers, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Forest City.

On Monday evening at 8 o'clock the Juniors and Seniors will present a play, "Poor Father". The cast of characters will be as follows: William Tompkins, a hard-pressed father, Dan Haney; Clifford Tompkins, a student of psychology, George Smith; Harold Caldwell, always in the way, Ralph Spratt; Sidney Dummel, a wealthy bachelor, Vance Gordon; George Washington Brown, a black trifter with truth, Frank Proctor; Sergeant O'Conner, Bee Landis; Mary Tompkins, a distracted mother, Willie Gordon; Gladys Tompkins, eldest daughter, Frances Barnes; Bessie and Caroline Tompkins, other daughters, Gladys Walker and Pearl Pyatt; Vivian Laramie, an actress, Eva Kirksey; Marie, the new French maid, Inez Hemphill.

The class day exercises will be given on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The program follows:

CLASS DAY EXERCISES
Address by Class President, Geo. Smith.

Class History, Dessie Marlowe.
Class Giftoorian, Frances Barnes.
Class Motto, Vance Gordon.
Class Prophecy, Willie Gordon.

Last Will and Testament, Frances Barnes.

Valedictory, Gladys Walker.
Chorus, Funiculi Funicula.
Literary Address, Dr. J. B. Davis.

Presentation of Diplomas, Rev. J. M. Brown.

MUSIC CLUB REPRESENTED AT ANNUAL STATE MEETING

The Music Club sent Miss Julia Burton, Mrs. Annie Miller Pless and Mrs. T. A. Wilson as their delegation to the State Federation of Music Clubs which met in Asheville April 10, 11 and 12. Those attending the meetings of this federation were entertained by some of the leading artists of the State and the South.

On Wednesday the delegates were the luncheon guests of the Asheville Rotary Club, and on Thursday they were the guests of the Chamber of Commerce.

Others attending this Federation were Mrs. S. L. Copeland and Mrs. Geo. S. McCall.

STANDARD OIL CO. WILL BUILD SERVICE STATION

The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey has purchased the Conley property, better known as the McCurry House, on North Main street and will immediately erect a very modern and up-to-date service station on the property. Mr. J. R. Latham, local representative of the Standard Oil Company, stated yesterday that he had no statement to make in regard to the deal other than that the station to be erected in Marion would be in keeping with the company.

LARGE NEW TRACT DONATED FOR BADIN LAKE REFUGE

Salisbury, April 10.—W. C. Lisk, assistant game warden, announces that 12,000 additional acres have been donated for the game and bird refuge on the Badin lake. The Talassee power company had already leased for 10 years 1,100 acres of a peninsula. A fence four and a half miles long will be built on the land side of the refuge, the other sides being bounded by water of the lake. Already a large flock of wild turkeys is occupying the refuge.

NEW INSURANCE AGENCY

The McDowell Insurance Agency, Inc., of Marion, was recently granted a charter to deal in real estate and insurance. The authorized capital stock was placed at \$100,000, with \$600 subscribed by John Yancey, R. B. Crisp, Eugene Cross and others of Marion.

See Zuzu in "The Path Across the Hill" at Eugene Cross School Saturday night, April 20. 25c and 35c.

ANGLERS' ACT CALLED AID TO CONSERVATION

Raleigh, April 13.—Passage of the new anglers' act by the general assembly of North Carolina in March is called the greatest single move toward better fishing conditions yet made in the state, according to officials of the Department of Conservation and Development. It establishes the basis for a permanent program for stocking all the streams and fishing waters with game fish.

The principal features of the recently enacted law is the requirement for a license for fishing in inland waters of North Carolina. Licenses are required of all persons fishing in waters outside of their home county or the county of which they are permanent residents. The license fee for these persons is \$2.10.

Although the law does not require a resident county license for fishing in the home county, it does give the commissioners a right to levy this fee on their own residents, the collections therefrom to be turned over to the Department of Conservation and Development for use in the same manner as other fishing license funds.

In 19 counties, all in the western part of the state, the commissioners have already extended the provisions of the act to require licenses of their county residents for fishing in home waters. Counties that have taken this action include the following: Buncombe, Haywood, Graham, Swain, Jackson, Madison, Henderson, Yancey, Mitchell, Iredell, Alexander, Macon, Clay, Polk, Avery, Ashe, Alleghany, Wilkes and Rutherford. A special act applying to three counties, Burke, McDowell and Caldwell, require licenses of residents fishing in these counties.

LOCAL MERCHANT STARTS BIG SPECIAL SALE FRIDAY

The announcement that J. L. Nichols & Co. is staging a Sacrifice Sale, to start Friday morning, will come as one of the extra-ordinary bits of news of the season.

Mr. Nichols stated that he wished to liquidate one-half of his stock quickly, and that he was marking it accordingly; and advises the public to come early and get the best choice. Mr. Sullivan, representing Sullivan Sales Corporation of Charlotte, N. C., is here in charge of the big event. The sale, it is announced, will be marked by many features and unusual bargains.

FIRST MEETING OF BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION

Through the efforts of Brother Bussell, State Organizer, four camps, namely, Whitnel, Hickory, Morganton and Marion, have been organized into a District Association in the western part of North Carolina, which will be known as the Blue Ridge Association, P. O. S. of A. The first meeting of the new association was held at Whitnel on April 13th. All the officers of the association were present and Whitnel Camp reported the biggest gain in membership. The Whitnel Camp is making some real sensational progress and Brother Sherman, president of Whitnel Camp, announced that they are contemplating the erection of a hall for their local camp meetings.

Over a hundred members of the Order were present at the first meeting of the Blue Ridge Association, including several of the State officers. Visitors were present from the camps of Statesville, Lexington and Cleveland. A splendid meeting was in evidence and some notable addresses were made by Brothers Hugh G. Mitchell, State president; Bussell State organizer, Graham, State Master of Forms, and Smoot, of Statesville. Brother Smoot spoke in behalf of the P. O. of A., Auxiliary Branch of the P. O. S. of A., and efforts are being put forth to organize the P. O. of A. in this section of the State.

The next meeting of the Blue Ridge Association will go to Hickory, Camp No. 83. The date has been set for July 13th. It is hoped that the next meeting will be as successful as the one held at Whitnel and that all the camps will be able to report an enormous gain.

ROY J. ELLIS,
Recording Secretary for
Blue Ridge Association.

The pictures at Oasis Theatre for Thursday and Friday of this week (different each night) will be silent; but the picture for next Monday and Tuesday, "SUBMARINE", will be a Sound picture.

FARMER CAPTAIN HIGHWAY PATROL

Superintendent of State Highway Machine Shop Will Direct Road Police Force.

Raleigh, April 12. — Charles D. Farmer, of Raleigh, was elected captain of the state highway patrol by the highway commission late Thursday, after an all day meeting.

Captain Farmer was nominated by a sub-committee of the commission Thursday, which action was approved by the entire commission. Governor Gardner announced that he would approve any of the four men to which the field was narrowed Wednesday.

There were over a dozen applicants for the position and members of the committee said that the race was warmly contested. Captain Farmer was formerly superintendent of the highway commission equipment depot here and before that chief of the Raleigh fire department.

As captain he will supervise a highway force of 36 men, created by an act of the 1929 general assembly. Under its terms there will be nine lieutenants, one for each highway district.

The patrol is authorized to enforce the motor vehicle and highway laws and is instructed to be especially vigilant of overloaded trucks. The entire force is under the supervision of the state highway department.

Patrol lieutenants were elected for six districts as follows at a meeting of the state highway commission here late Thursday:

First district, Lester Jones, chief of the police for Jce of Washington, N. C.; second district, William Jesse Groom, traffic officer at Kinston; fourth district, Garland Goodwin, desk sergeant of the Durham police force; fifth district, Capt. T. A. Early, former chief of the police force of Badin and later of Wilson; sixth district, Capt. William E. Vernon, former instructor of the State College R. O. T. C.; eighth district, Ensign R. H. Beck, chief of police force of Aberdeen.

Mr. Farmer will receive \$3,600 a year as head of the force, and the lieutenants \$2,400 a year. Three patrolmen from each district, or 27 men, will be selected after the officers return from Pennsylvania.

HICKORY IS BASE FOR CENSUS BODY

Hickory, April 11. — Selection of Hickory as headquarters for the third district census was announced here today through Homer Arey, secretary of the Hickory chamber of commerce and W. H. Barkley, who has been named district supervisor. Mr. Barkley will have associated with him an advisory committee of Hickory citizens.

Lenoir had been previously tentatively selected for the census headquarters by W. M. Stewart, national census director in Washington, but an announcement Wednesday night by Congressman Charles A. Jonas, of the ninth district, indicated that Hickory's location and communication facilities have caused the national director to choose this city.

Selection of Hickory for the census headquarters came as a climax to efforts of chamber of commerce officials, local citizens and Congressman Jonas, to bring it here. Approximately 100 workers will have headquarters in the Federal building here.

The third census district is composed of McDowell, Rutherford, Alexander, Caldwell, Catawba, Avery, Mitchell, Burke and Cleveland counties.

These counties are parts of the eighth, ninth and tenth congressional districts.

The committee which will assist Mr. Barkley in the work includes Geo. F. Ivey, chairman; T. C. Blackburn, A. A. Whitener, J. E. Harris, Mrs. A. L. Berry, D. L. Howard, John Geitner, K. C. Menzies and Homer Arey.

NEW GROCERY STORE

J. S. Cowan, who was formerly connected with C. F. Spencer in the grocery business, is making preparations to open a grocery store in the Wrenn building on South Main street.