

CROWD ATTENDS JULY 4TH RACES AT LAKE JAMES

**Ballew, Of Marion, Heads
Scorers In Boating Events
During Afternoon Program.**

Between eight and 10,000 people lined the banks of Lake James last Thursday afternoon, July 4, to witness the first boat races to be sponsored by the Marion Chamber of Commerce.

Five races were held during the afternoon with Marion entries, headed by Jack Ballew, taking first place in three of the events. Ballew was high scorer for the afternoon, placing first in the inboard race, first in the 25 horsepower outboard event, and second in a free-for-all.

Added features of the afternoon racing program were an aquaplane and a speed exhibition. To the applause of the thousands lining the banks of the Lake, Paul Larner, of Canton, mounted an aquaplane behind a powerful boat, placed a step-ladder on the plane and mounted it, while being towed about the lake at from 20 to 30 miles per hour. The boat was driven by Cecil Ford, of Canton.

Claude Jarrett, of Asheville, driving a racing hull with a 185 horsepower motor, roared over the racing course at the 70 mile per hour mark in a speed exhibition.

The program for the afternoon was begun with a boat parade, in which all water craft entered in the races participated.

The racing got under way about 2:30 with the inboard trials. Taking first place in this event was Jack Ballew, of Marion, driving a boat belonging to R. G. Lambeth. Second was Cecil Curtis, of Asheville. Running third and fourth respectively were Carl Haigler, of Drexel, and Buster Miller, of Marion, driving a boat of Will Wilkinson.

Only Marion entries participated in the five horsepower outboard race. The winner was John Hunt. Second place was won by Rowe Mauney and third by Max Lentz.

Two heats of three laps each were run in the 10 horsepower outboard class. Placing first was Hazel Cline of Swannanoa. Second was Ross Moore, of Morganton. Running third, fourth and fifth were C. D. Bryant's boat driven by Junior Wilson, of Swannanoa, Bill Harden, of Morganton, and M. F. Johnson, of Oteen. The first four winners were given cash prizes of \$8, \$6, \$4 and \$2, respectively.

The feature race of the day was the 25 horsepower outboard event, run in three heats of four laps each. Winning in this division was Jack Ballew. Ballew won the first and third heats but lost the second, after being forced to refuel during the run.

Taking second place was Will Wilkinson, of Marion. Third place was taken by M. H. Wilson, of Swannanoa, and Wilburn Queen, of Marion, ran fourth. The first four winners were awarded cash prizes of \$12, \$10, \$6 and \$4, respectively.

Closing the program was the free-for-all in which the winners were Cecil Curtis, of Asheville, first; Jack Ballew, of Marion, second; and Ted Smith, of Morganton, third.

Judges for the races were Jack Bradley, of Morganton, R. M. Dark and W. D. Tuttle, of Marion. Announcer and score keeper was Walter J. Cartier, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

The committee arranging the races was composed of Jack Ballaw, chairman, Jack James and Dave Blanton. Blanton acted as official starter.

Lake James was the site of many all-day outings, with hundreds of families and parties picnicking along its shores. During the races, crowds jammed the road paralleling the lake at Catawba dam, and traffic around the lake was at a standstill until about 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

According to Walter J. Cartier, secretary of the Marion Chamber of Commerce, the interest displayed in the races has led to talk of holding more speed events at the lake with Labor Day being considered as a possible date.

NATIONAL GUARD UNIT IS SOUGHT FOR MARION

Efforts aimed at the establishment of a national guard unit in Marion were begun here last week when a committee of interested persons appeared before the town Board of Aldermen to get its approval of the movement.

Endorsing the proposal for the establishment of a unit here, the Board appointed J. J. Neal to act on a committee with Mayor Zeno Martin to serve with representatives of local clubs and organizations in carrying the project to completion. Within the next two or three weeks committees of interested persons will go to Raleigh to submit the proposal to state officials.

Under plans outlined here, the Community building basement would be used by the national guard unit. A petition endorsing the establishment of the unit here will be circulated in Marion in the near future. Young men eligible and willing to receive training through the national guard will be contacted within the next week.

Efforts are being made to assure the success of the project by obtaining the cooperation and support of all Marion civic clubs and business organizations, as well as the governments of the city and county. Backers of the proposal have expressed the opinion that the plan will meet with approval now in view of the intensive preparations throughout the nation for defense.

INJURIES PROVE FATAL TO ACCIDENT VICTIM

Elbert E. Stamey, 44, a World War veteran of Altamont, Yancey county, died in the Marion General Hospital last Thursday afternoon of injuries sustained when the automobile he was driving was in collision with a car owned by Norman F. Coker, Jr., of Charlotte.

The accident occurred approximately one mile south of Linville Falls at about 7 o'clock last Wednesday night. Stamey was approaching Marion and Coker was going in the opposite direction.

Miss Clayton Sullivan, of Charlotte, who was riding in the car owned by Coker, suffered a rib fracture, a fracture of a wrist, and an ankle sprain. She was taken to a Charlotte hospital. Coker was not injured.

Investigation of the accident was made by State Highway Patrolman J. J. Johnson, of Marion. No arrest has been made.

Funeral services for Stamey were held last Friday afternoon at the Pisgah church in Yancey county.

He is survived by his widow and three children, E. E., Jr., Frank and Lillian Stamey.

BRADLEY'S STORE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed Bradley's Cash Grocery store in East Marion last Thursday night, the blaze being discovered too late to save any of the stock.

The Marion Fire Department answered the alarm call at approximately 12:30 last Thursday night, but reached the flaming building too late to save it. Water was played on surrounding homes and buildings to protect them from the blaze. Bucket brigades went into action and helped to keep the flames from spreading in the neighborhood.

It is understood that only a small part of the store and its furnishings were covered by insurance. No estimate on the loss has been given.

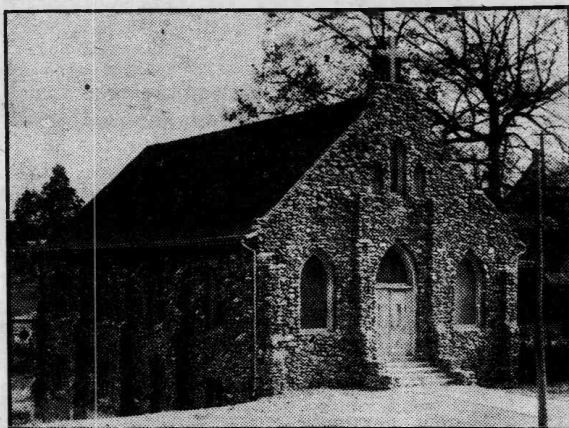
NEW RECTOR COMES TO ST. JOHN'S AUG. 1ST

Rev. David N. Peoples, who has been serving a church in Savannah, Ga., for some time, will become rector of St. John's Episcopal Church here in August. Mr. Peoples is expected to arrive the first of August and will hold his first service in St. John's Episcopal Church on Sunday, August 4.

M'CALL PURCHASES NEW FUNERAL COACH

The McCall Funeral Home of Marion purchased a new LaSalle coach last week. The new car is now in operation at the home.

Mr. C. R. McCall drove the coach to Marion from Lima, Ohio, last week.



ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH — Above is a view of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of Marion, which will observe the fifth anniversary of its dedication next Sunday with special services.

FUNERAL RITES ARE HELD FOR J. Q. GILKEY

**Well Known Citizen Of Marion
And Western N. C. Passes
After Brief Illness.**

Funeral services for John Quince Gilkey, 66, of Marion, vice-chairman of the State Board of Conservation and Development and one of Western North Carolina's most prominent citizens, who died Wednesday morning, July 3, about 9:20 o'clock, were conducted at the First Methodist church here last Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

Officiating was the Rev. W. A. Jenkins, pastor, assisted by Dr. E. F. Bray, Rev. J. C. Cornett and Rev. L. D. Thompson, of Lenoir, former pastor of the church. Interment was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Mr. Gilkey died in the Marion General Hospital. He became ill while in New York attending a meeting of the North Carolina World's Fair committee, of which he was a member. He returned to Marion two weeks ago and had been in the hospital since. A heart ailment, first serious about a year ago, was the immediate cause of his death.

In addition to his many civic and industrial activities, he found time to show interest in the wild life of the state and its natural resources, especially in Western North Carolina.

He was a member of the State Board of Conservation and Development for 17 years, having begun his service when the body was the State Fish Commission.

In 1932 he was a North Carolina delegate to the Democratic national convention at Houston, Texas.

He was a pioneer in the good roads movement in the state prior to 1921 when the new road set-up in North Carolina was made. At one time, he was a director of the old North Carolina railroad. As a young man he worked for the Southern Railway.

Mr. Gilkey served the people of Marion and McDowell county in many capacities, including the position of chairman of the city schools and the county road commission. He was for several years an official of the McDowell Building and Loan Association and a director of the First National Bank of Marion. He was for a number of years president of the Marion Grocery Company and was one of the original developers of the Lake Tahoma properties.

During the time of the National Recovery Administration, Mr. Gilkey was state compliance officer of the NRA with headquarters in Greensboro. He was instrumental in bringing to McDowell county the state fish hatchery and was a prime mover in obtaining the state game refuge for Western North Carolina.

At the time of his death, Mr. Gilkey was an officer of Linville Caverns, Inc. The corporation owns and operates, as a scenic attraction, the Linville caverns near Marion. The caverns were developed under Mr. Gilkey's direction as general manager.

Born in Marion on March 15, 1874, the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Gilkey, he was throughout his life

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CCC TO ENROLL 2,400 IN THIS STATE IN JULY

**Qualifications Changed; Boys
Not On Relief May Enroll
Under New Regulations.**

Washington, July 3.—North Carolina boys from families in moderate circumstances but not in need of relief will be considered for enrollment in Civilian Conservation Corps for the first time this month.

James J. McEntee, CCC director, announced today that Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt had approved a modification of the eligibility regulations governing the selection of young men for the corps to permit such enrollment.

The revised regulations will be in force during the July replacement enrollment, when approximately 2,400 young men and war veterans will be signed up to fill vacancies in North Carolina camps caused by the departure of men to accept employment, or because their terms have expired.

"Prior to the change in eligibility standards, enrollment in the junior contingent of the CCC was limited to young men whose families were on relief, eligible for relief, or whose incomes were below the normal standards of living in the community," McEntee said.

"The revised regulations will make it possible to enroll boys from families in moderate circumstances if the boy is in need of employment and training and his family is unable to give him needed education, job training and vocational opportunities.

"Priority always has been given to young men in the order of need. The same policy will be followed in the July enrollment."

All enrollees whose families have incomes below the normal standard in their community must send home \$22 a month of their cash allowance of \$30 a month. Orphans without dependents and boys from families in moderate circumstances will deposit \$22 a month with the chief of finance of the United States Army, who is C.C.C. fiscal agent. Money saved by enrollees is paid them when they complete their terms of enrollment.

CASE IN COURT HERE ENDS IN COMPROMISE

A compromise judgment was reached in McDowell County Superior Court here Tuesday in the case of W. C. Bates vs. Henry Greene, after the court had ordered a mistrial.

The two parties to the action, which was brought over a dispute about a boundary line, were each taxed one-half the court costs.

Presiding at this civil court term is Judge W. H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte.

BELK-BROOME'S JULY SALE BEGINS FRIDAY

The Belk-Broome Company announces a big annual clearance sale beginning Friday, July 12th. The opening hour is set for 9 a. m. Special values in all departments are listed in a two page ad. in this paper.

MAN HELD FOR MURDER AFTER FATAL ACCIDENT

Charles T. Williams of Grassy Creek, is being held in the McDowell county jail here on a charge of murder as a result of an automobile accident which resulted in fatal injuries to Charles McKinney, 39-year-old Little Switzerland man, according to Sheriff Grady Nichols.

McKinney died in the Marion General Hospital Monday night. He suffered a fractured skull in the accident and had been in a semi-conscious condition since Sunday morning.

The accident occurred about 9:00 o'clock Sunday morning on Highway 221 a short distance from Marion. Sheriff Nichols said that Williams was thought to have been driving the automobile and lost control just before it crashed into a bank near Woodland.

Burnie Wyatt, also of Grassy Creek, another occupant of the car, has been released from the county jail after a hearing before U. S. Commissioner J. L. Nichols on a charge of drunkenness. He was not injured in the accident.

Williams received a cut in the back of the head in the crash. He is being held under \$1,500 bond.

Funeral services for McKinney were held at Collis cemetery Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

He is survived by one son, Rex McKinney; one brother, Briscoe M. McKinney; five sisters, Mrs. Alf Self, Mrs. James Waycaster, Mrs. Lydia Self, Mrs. Reid Queen, all of Little Switzerland, and Mrs. Troy Boone, of Micaville; one half-brother, Sevier McKinney, of Little Switzerland; and one half-sister, Mrs. Emma Biddix, of Spruce Pine.

FOUR ALIENS LISTED ON COUNTY RECORDS

Four aliens have registered with the clerk of court in McDowell county since the Bolick Alien Registration Act went into effect in North Carolina in 1927, according to the county records.

Charles M. Lecka, an Albanian, registered with the clerk of court in 1927. He listed his residence as Marion.

During the past few weeks three other aliens have been listed on the county records. Jack Manick, of Old Fort, a native of Sweden, was registered June 20. Miss Bertha Miller, of Old Fort, a native of Germany; and Mrs. M. E. E. Kearsey, of East Marion, a native of England, registered recently.

The Bolick registration act requiring the registration of all aliens in North Carolina was passed by the General Assembly of 1927. The provisions of the act have not been enforced in the state until recently.

SPEED PATROLMAN TO BE EMPLOYED BY TOWN

The town of Marion will hire a patrolman for an indefinite time to check on speeding on the city streets, it was decided at a meeting of the Board of Aldermen last week.

The patrolman will be hired in the effort to prevent speeding within the city limits of Marion, said Mayor Zeno Martin. It is understood that the appointment will be made in the near future.

In further action taken by the Board it was agreed to begin the advertising of town property for sale for taxes the second week in August. The Board voted to renew its membership in the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

Approving a movement for the establishment of a national guard unit here, the Board voted to allow the use of the Community building as headquarters for the unit as long as should be necessary.

COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE TO OPEN AUGUST 29

McDowell county schools will open for the fall term August 29, announced N. F. Steppe, county superintendent, this week.

Thanksgiving holidays will be given all county students on Nov. 28-29 and school will close for the fall term on December 20.

After the Christmas holidays, the spring school term will begin January 6 and will continue until April 25, when summer vacations will begin.

LUTHERAN CHURCH WILL OBSERVE ITS 5TH ANNIVERSARY

**Special Services To Be Held
Sunday; Rev. J. G. Spillman
Guest Speaker.**

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will observe the fifth anniversary of the dedication of its church next Sunday.

The guest speaker at 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning will be the Rev. J. George Spillman, president of the Southeastern Lutheran District of the Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and other states. He will be accompanied by J. Schmidt, a lay member of the Board of Governors of the Southeastern District. Mr. Spillman is pastor of the large Bethlehem congregation in Baltimore with two assistant pastors serving under him.

At 8 o'clock Sunday evening the pulpit will be filled by Rev. F. A. Freed, pastor of Christ Lutheran church in Hickory and a member of the Mission Board of the Southeastern District.

Both of these men are able and pleasant speakers. Special music will be rendered at both services.

During the past five years in the church building of its own St. Matthew's Lutheran has been making slow but steady progress.

During these years St. Matthew's Lutheran congregation has been most ably served by J. H. L. Miller as president, who was elected to replace J. Lichty, the first president of the congregation. During the entire existence of the congregation Vernon T. Eckerd has supervised the financial matters as treasurer of the congregation. During the past eight years John Sigmon has served as first elder. The other elders at the present time are B. M. Isenhour, Harvey Fox, and A. J. Hewitt. Chaffie Sigmon has served as deacon of the congregation for eight years.

Other deacons at present are Poley Fox, Henry Willis, Harold Davis, and J. McKinney. The ladies of St. Matthew's Lutheran have been active in assisting the congregation in all matters under the four years presidency of Mrs. Vernon T. Eckerd. Other officers at the present are Mrs. Paul A. Boriack, vice-president; Mrs. Richard Shaw, treasurer; Mrs. B. M. Isenhour, and Mrs. A. J. Hewitt, entertainment committee; Mrs. L. M. Hemphill and Mrs. Henry Willis, program committee.

The Sunday School has had a very fine and healthy growth in spite of many losses due to removals to other towns. Vernon T. Eckerd served as superintendent for three years in the courthouse and now five years in the church. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hemphill are serving the Sunday School as secretary and treasurer assisted by Miss Louise Miller.

The Lutheran Laymen's League, the young people's organization, has been pursuing a most active and wholesome program, headed by Francis Nichols for the past year.

"On this fifth anniversary Sunday," the pastor states, St. Matthew's desires to express its deep gratitude to God and to the good people of Marion who have on many occasions been so helpful and encouraging in its work and invites the entire community to come and worship with us in thanking and praising God on this our fifth anniversary Sunday."

STREET CLEANER IS ON REGULAR SCHEDULE

A daily regular schedule for Marion's new street cleaner has been established this week, according to an announcement of town officials. Each morning at approximately 4 o'clock all streets in the business area of the town are washed and swept.

Merchants have been requested by Chamber of Commerce Secretary Walter J. Cartier to sweep the sidewalks in front of their stores every night. Trash should be swept into the gutters where the street cleaner will dispose of it in the early morning hours, he said. Cooperation on the part of the merchants and business men of Marion will reduce dust in the town by 90 percent, he stated.