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Corn Contest Winners Announced At Annual Rotary Farmers' Night

The Seventh Annual Farmers' Night was observed by the Marion Rotary club last Friday night with a banquet held at the community building. Seventy-six Rotarians, farmers and other guests attended.

D. Pat Davis, president, presided and introduced the special guests after which he called upon the members of the club to introduce their guests for the evening. Rev. Chester Smelser pronounced the invocation.

A feature of the evening was the presentation of prizes to winners of the annual corn growing contest sponsored by the Rotary club. These prizes were awarded by Pat Davis, president.

Arnold Baker, winner of first place, received \$25 for his yield of 156.42 bushels per acre of N. C. 26. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baker, route 1, Nebo.

Lynn Christy, second place winner, was awarded \$15. His yield was 154.84 of N. C. T20. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Christy, route 1, Nebo.

Robert Brinkley, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wright, route 3, Marion, was awarded \$10 as winner of third place. His yield was 138.32 of US 282.

The speaker, F. H. Jeter, editor of the Extension Farm-News, Raleigh, was introduced by James McCall, of the local agricultural service.

Jeter commended the club for sponsoring the corn contest, and said every farmer who gives aid to boys in achieving success in farm projects is entitled to the respect of all citizens. He told of the work of Rotary and other civic clubs in promoting corn growing contests, dairy, pig and other club work, and the progress that had been made throughout the state as the result of these projects.

He said while N. C. ranked third in value of crops, the state is far short in the production of hay, dairy products and grain crops, that 70 per cent of the land is not producing these crops.

He pointed out that co-operation in business and industry in promoting farm projects, greater production of the soil and providing a market for products grown here were essential for a prosperous and better state.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES ANNOUNCED

Christmas services in the local churches will begin Sunday, December 19.

Plans for services have been announced as follows:

First Methodist

A Vesper Service will be held at five o'clock, Sunday afternoon, December 19, in the church auditorium. The program will feature a playlet illustrated with slides of famous paintings. Music will be furnished by the youth and junior choirs of the church.

Margaret McLarty, Larry Gibson and Alan Pless will play the leading roles. Narrators are Joby Smith, Pollyanna Atkins, Eleanor Grayson and Bill Suttle. E. C. Carnes will have charge of backstage arrangements.

First Presbyterian

The First Presbyterian church will present a pageant under the direction of Mrs. John Finley Sunday evening, December 19, at 7:30 o'clock. A White Christmas offering will be taken for local charities and a Joy Gift offering for Ministerial Relief.

The Sunday School will have a Christmas tree and program at seven o'clock, Monday evening, December 20.

A Christmas theme will also be carried out in the Worship Service next Sunday morning.

First Baptist Church

A cantata "Childe Jesus," by Clokey and Kirk will be presented at 7:30 o'clock, Sunday evening, December 19, at the First Baptist church. The cantata consists of Christmas carols of various eras and countries, some dating back to the (Continued on page 6)

POST OFFICE TO BE OPEN SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Marion Post Office will be open all day Saturday, Postmaster John Finley said yesterday.

The usual half holiday will be omitted December 18 and the office will observe the week day hours of 8 a. m. until 6 p. m.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS ARE ANNOUNCED

Christmas holidays for most of the local stores, offices and other establishments were announced this week.

Virtually all stores will observe Saturday and Monday as Christmas holidays. The Post Office will be closed on Christmas Day only. The First National and Marion Industrial Banks will close Saturday and Monday. The North Carolina Employment Service office will observe Friday, Saturday and Monday as holidays.

The court house offices will be closed Friday and Saturday.

Schools in the Marion City unit will close for Christmas vacation on December 17 and reopen January 3. County schools will close December 21 and reopen January 3.

Hilton Addresses Kiwanis Club

Carl Whitesides was in charge of the program at the Kiwanis meeting held in the community building last Tuesday evening. He presented to the club as guest speaker Dr. J. H. Hilton, Dean of Agriculture, State College of the University of North Carolina.

Dean Hilton discussed the future of agriculture in North Carolina and was highly encouraging in the views he took on the subject. The speaker, a relative new-comer of North Carolina, was high in his praise in the natural position of our state and compared it to several sections of the mid-west where he had spent some thirty years in agricultural work.

As an example of what can be done by agriculture in North Carolina, Dr. Hilton used corn as an example. He used charts to show the tremendous increase in yield per acre in this commodity emphasizing the tremendous gains being made during the past four years.

President V. T. Eckerd presided at the meeting and recognized a number of guests among whom were included: Miss Helen Smarr, Mrs. Rosamond Braly, Miss Mickey Mitchell, Miss Celia Owens, Mrs. Ray Cline, Reverend M. O. Owens, Jack Hewitt, Charles C. Elledge, Homer Hagna, Edgar Morgan and Bruno Bruner. A large number of the above mentioned guests assisted the Kiwanians in their presentation of the Kiwanis Minstrel.

Wildlife Club Elects Officers For New Year

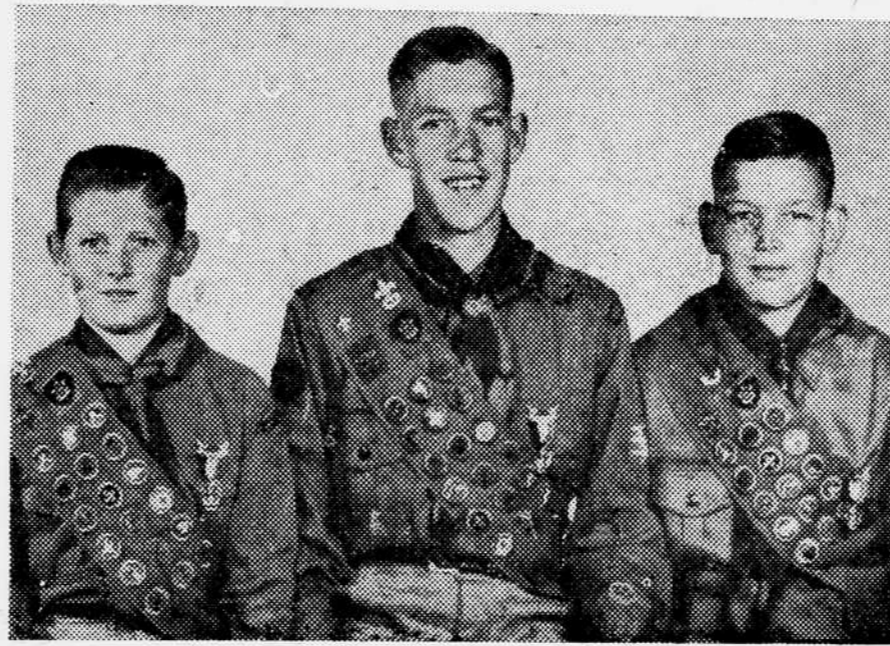
Joe Blalock was elected president of the McDowell County Wildlife club this week. He succeeds S. L. Homewood.

Other officers elected at the meeting held Monday evening in the community building were: Robert Carpenter, vice president; Dysart Martin, secretary, and E. D. Ricks, treasurer.

Win Donat, of the education division of the Wildlife Commission, spoke of proposed changes in the game laws. Members adopted resolutions instructing Roy W. Davis, McDowell's representative in the 1949 General Assembly of North Carolina, in regard to the wishes of the club regarding the proposed changes.

GOVERNOR-ELECT SCOTT TO TAKE OATH JANUARY 6

Raleigh—Now it's official. Governor-elect Kerr Scott will take the oath of office in inaugural ceremonies here on January 6.



EAGLE SCOUTS—The three boys in the photo above were proud and happy last Friday night when they were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at the Court of Honor.

Reading left to right they are: Gerald Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Murray; Jack Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Coyt Murray, and David Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Patterson.

Three Eagle Scout Badges Awarded At Court Of Honor

The McDowell County Boy Scout Court of Honor was held Friday night at the First Methodist church. After presentation of a film, "The Diesel Engine," and a prayer by Rev. H. M. Wellman.

Eagle Scout badges were presented to: Jack Murray, David Patterson and Gerald Murray, all of troop 4, Marion. Following the custom of the Piedmont Council the Eagle badge was presented to the Scout's mother who pinned it on her son. The Scout then presented the mother with a miniature Eagle Scout badge. R. M. Schiele, scout executive, made the presentation talk to the Eagle scouts.

John Gilkey presented the Francis Marion club's Arthur Allen award to Henry S. Brown, of troop 1, Ashford, as the most outstanding scout of the year.

The following were advanced in rank:

Tenderfoot rank: Charles D. Bengt, troop 2, Marion; Harles Moore, troop 4, Marion; Arnold White, Frank White, Frank Harkbrode, J. C. Norman, Jr. and Donald Seagle, troop 3, Marion; Sam Yancey, troop 6, Marion, and Tommy Brown, troop 1, Ashford.

Second class: Johnny Cooke and Billy Wilkinson, troop 6, Marion; Bobby Hughes, Willie Hughes and Taylor Russell, troop 3, Marion.

First class: Donald Johnston, troop 6, Marion; Charles Burgin, William Jaynes and Robert Parker, troop 1, Sugar Hill.

Merit Badges

Carpentry: Charles Burgin, William Jaynes, Donald Wilkerson and Norman Melton, all of troop 1, Sugar Hill.

Dairying: Norman Melton, troop 1, Sugar Hill.

Dog Care: Norman Melton, troop 1, Sugar Hill.

Farm Home Planning: Kerry Montieth, troop 1, Sugar Hill.

Farm Layout: Kerry Montieth, troop 1, Sugar Hill.

Farm Mechanics: David Patterson, troop 4, Marion.

Firemanship: Lee Holland, troop 1, Sugar Hill.

First Aid: Wayne Bradburn, troop 4, Marion.

Home Repairs: Dean Ennis, troop 4, Marion; Charles Burgin, William Jaynes, Bronson, Montieth and Robert Parker, troop 1, Sugar Hill.

Horsemanship: Robert Parker, troop 1, Sugar Hill.

Machinery: Norman Melton, troop 1, Sugar Hill.

Masonry: Lee Holland and Bronson Montieth, troop 1, Sugar Hill.

Music: Ray McCurry and Gene Cross, troop 6, Marion.

Pathfinding: Howard Ward, Harold Hughes, Frank Locke, Dean Patrick, Billy Roland and F. H. Hughes, troop 3, Marion; Billie Wilkerson, troop 1, Sugar Hill.

Pioneering: Bill Wilson, troop 6, Marion.

Poultry Keeping: Bobby Bright, troop 5, Marion.

Public Health: Wayne Bradburn, troop 4, Marion.

Public Speaking: David Patterson, troop 4, Marion.

Reading: Bobby Bright, troop 5, Marion.

Scholarship: Jack Brown, troop 1, Ashford.

W. E. Landis Died Tuesday; Funeral Today

William Edwin Landis, 82, died Tuesday afternoon in the residence here after a lingering illness.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. children; two brothers and five sisters, Mrs. J. S. Cowan and Mrs. James L. Laughridge of Marion, Mrs. G. E. Cowan and Ben Ladis of Dysartville, Mrs. J. E. Satterwhite of Rutherford College, Mrs. R. L. Daves of Drexel and John Landis of Lumberton.

Landis was reared in the Dysartville community, was in the furniture manufacturing business for many years, retiring about ten years ago on account of his health.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a. m. in the residence, West Henderson street.

The Rev. Carl McMurray, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will officiate and burial will be in Oak Grove cemetery. The Masons will conduct graveside rites.

Library Trustees Meet Wednesday

The Board of Trustees of McDowell Public Library met at the Community Building in Marion last Wednesday afternoon. Members of the Board are S. W. Blanton, Mrs. Homer Beaman, Miss Ruth Greenlee, Mrs. J. F. Jonas, I. L. Caplan, and R. J. Noyes. Mrs. S. W. Blanton, chairman, presided. Mrs. Homer Beaman, secretary-treasurer, read the minutes. Miss Alice Bryan, librarian, gave a report of library service for the entire county, including the Bookmobile and library service in Marion and Old Fort. Highlights of the National Plan for Library Service and the North Carolina Library Survey were presented and discussed.

Reporting on the condition of libraries in the nation Miss Bryan said:

"To reach the 1946 National average of library income of 52 cents per capita, North Carolina must have additional annual income of \$544,572 A request of \$500,000 for each year of the biennium 1949-50, 1950-51, for State Aid to Public Libraries has been presented to the Advisory Budget Commission, and will be presented at the 1949 session of the General Assembly."

The McDowell Public Library, and almost every other Public Library in North Carolina, its growth and present quality of service to the North Carolina State Aid to Public Libraries.

Musical Program At Story Memorial

The Young People of the Story Memorial Presbyterian church at West Marion will give a musical program at 7:30 o'clock next Sunday evening.

The public is invited.

Pre-Christmas Band Concert Will Be Given Tonight

LANNING NAMED PLAYING MANAGER

The Marion Recreation association named John Y. Lanning, formerly of Albany, N. Y., as playing manager for the 1949 baseball season at a meeting in the city hall last Friday. Lanning has accepted the position, according to announcement yesterday.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY PROGRAM HELD LAST SATURDAY

Betty Conley and Bobby Epley were named the outstanding 4-H club boy and girl for the year 1948 at 4-H Club Achievement Day held in the office of Miss Jean Steele, county home demonstration agent, last Saturday. Each was presented at \$25 U. S. Savings Bond contributed by the First National and Marion Industrial Banks.

F. H. Jeter, of the State Extension Service, was guest speaker. The keynote of his address was: "Boys and girls in the United States can look forward to the day when they can assume positions of power and leadership. In no other nation in the world is that possible."

He emphasized the possibilities open to all 4-H club youths by citing instances in which rural boys and girls had achieved renown by carrying out the practices taught them in their 4-H club work. Jeter said 4-H youths were not merely interested in doing work, but in doing it well.

In the absence of the president, Dorothy Dean Dobbins, vice president, presided and minutes were read by Frances Barlowe, secretary. Scripture was read by Ruth Boyd. The North Cove 4-H club sang "Silent Night," and a Christmas folk song was rendered by Helen Boyd. A reading, "Only Then Can You Keep Christmas," was given by Gladys Baucum.

The Dysartville club was awarded first prize for the best programs and record books during the year.

Awards for the year were presented by the Vice President to the following club members:

Thelma Morgan, of Glenwood, best canning exhibit; Marilyn Brinkley, North Cove, best canning record; Louise Cook and Kate Morgan also received canning awards; Ellen McPeters, Pleasant Gardens, best Safety Record; Eloise Anthony, Pleasant Gardens, first place in room improvement.

Senior Dress Contest Winners: Betty Conley, of North Cove, first; (Continued on page 9)

Johnson Electric Co. Moves to New Location

The Johnson Electric company will be open for business at its new location on South Main street, today (Thursday), Andrew Tainter, manager, announced this week.

The new building, adjacent to McDowell Cleaners, has a modernistic front with display windows slanting toward the entrance door. The interior is finished with fluorescent lighting, tile floor and streamline design.

Formal opening will be held in January.

Soil Committeeman Named Last Week

William Greenlee was elected a member of the County Soil Conservation committee for a term of three years in elections held last week. He succeeds James Goforth whose term expires December 31 and will assume office on January 1. Other members of the committee are J. R. Jameson, chairman and Tom Stacey.

ADDITION MADE TO FLORIST SHOP

An addition to the Roseland Florist building on North Main street was completed this week. The addition houses a storage refrigerator.

Two interesting selections are featured on tonight's band program: first, a solo "Romance" by Anton Rubinstein spotlighting Bobby Ricks on the French horn, and second, "The Christmas Story", narrative by high school principal Charles Elledge and Christmas carols by Miss Jonas' Girls' Glee club. Background music for both features will be furnished by the band.

George Gershwin's music also plays a prominent part in the program. "A Gershwin Selection" includes such favorites as: "Strike Up the Band", "I've Got Rhythm", "Liza" and many others. To top off the Gershwin part of the music, the band has programmed "The Little Rhapsody in Blue" which consists of the main melodies of the complete Rhapsody. Cole Porter's "Begin the Beguine" is always good for an enthusiastic reception because of its universal popularity. Not to forget some of the old masters, J. S. Bach will also get a hearing in his "Arioso" and "Prelude and Fugue in B flat Minor."

The concert is scheduled for eight o'clock in the high school auditorium and will commence promptly. Members who will appear in the first concert are:

Flutes: Hilda Goodman, Pollyanna Atkins, Janelle Harrison, Oboes: Harry McCall, Bassoon: Mary Lou Haire,

B Flat Clarinets: Audrey Koon, Vivian Suttlenyere, Sewell Laughridge, Peggy Creasy, Joyce Pace, Jane Shiflet, Hubert Martin, Jewell Reel, Joe Eckerd, Bill Suttle, Virginia McBee, Charlene Arrowood, Jean Matthews, Betty Cuthbertson, Ellen Ann Morris,

Alto Saxophone: Bobby Lang, Ikey McLain, Tenor Saxophone: Gray Proctor, Baritone Saxophone: David Finley,

Bass Clarinet: Mary Belle Grayson,

Cornets: Larry Gibson, John Laughridge, Marshall Dark, Connelly Miller, Bill Hawkins, Norman Elliott, Kenneth Cannon, Bill Smith, Blake Suttle, Pauline Davis,

French Horns: Bobby Ricks, Jane Brown, Thelma Sturgeon, Betty Jo Settle,

Baritone: Mickey Walker, Gene Cross,

Trombones: Dean Seagle, Donnie Godfrey, Jimmy Greene, Glenn Wall, Dean Morgan, Guy Smith,

Basses: Bobby Curtis, Ralph Fender, Karl Warlick,

Percussion: Helena Browne, Patsey Cooper, Bill Bradford, Minnie Jane Bowman, Dorothy Norton, Loretta Walker.

LOCAL MERCHANTS COMPLETE PLANS FOR HOLIDAYS

The Marion Merchants association voted to observe the period from December 24 through December 27 as Christmas holidays, extend closing hours during the holiday season, and resume Wednesday afternoon closings in January, at the meeting held Friday in the city hall.

Members present voted to close their places of business December 25, 26 and 27 and to remain open until 8 p. m. from Friday, December 17 through Friday, December 24, except grocery stores, which will observe the usual closing hours until December 22. From December 22 until Christmas they will remain open until 8 p. m.

The Wednesday afternoon closing which was discontinued during the holidays will be resumed the first Wednesday in January.

Permit Issued For Mill Addition

The Town of Marion issued a building permit to C. Jack James Monday for the construction of an addition to his manufacturing plant on Logan street.

The permit calls for a concrete and brick plant to be constructed at an estimated cost of \$8,000.