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DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF TWO MARION BANKS REELECTED AT ANNUAL MEET

CHAMBERS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF BOTH THE INSTITUTIONS

The stockholders of the First National Bank held their annual meeting Tuesday, January 11, 1949, at their banking house in Marion. W. R. Chambers, president of the bank, presided at the stockholders meeting, and J. N. Morris, cashier, acted as secretary.

The result of the operations of the bank for the year 1948, was viewed and reported to the stockholders. It was stated \$25,000.00 had been added to the surplus, with satisfactory earnings for the year. At the close of business for the year 1948 the capital and surplus amounted to \$350,000.00, undivided profits and reserves \$37,855.63, and the total resources on this date \$4,327,933.45.

The stockholders gave the officers and directors a vote of thanks for the successful conduct of the bank during the past year.

At the stockholders meeting, the following directors were elected: W. R. Chambers, W. L. Morris, J. N. Morris, William C. Smith, J. F. Snipes, C. A. Workman, Sam M. Yancey and A. S. Bradford.

At the close of the stockholders meeting, the directors met and re-elected the following officers: W. R. Chambers, president; W. L. Morris, vice president; J. N. Morris, cashier, and W. F. Grant, assistant cashier.

Other employees of the bank are: Ray M. Simmons and W. F. Grant, Jr., tellers, and Inez Patton, Ruth Byrd, Florence Finley and Beatrice Harris, bookkeepers, and Delbert W. Rutherford, janitor.

MARION INDUSTRIAL BANK

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Marion Industrial Bank was held Tuesday, January 11, 1949, in their bank building at 12 West Court street. W. R. Chambers, president of the bank, presided over the stockholders meeting, and in reporting on the year's operations, stated that the total resources at the end of the year were \$324,226.62, which is more than \$26,000.00 above the resources at the end of the previous year, and that the facilities of the bank during the year had been expanded to include automobile and home appliance financing, which had greatly increased the total volume of loans over any previous year. This bank, since its organization, has specialized in making loans for any worthy purpose, to be repaid in weekly or monthly installments.

The directors of the bank were re-elected as follows: W. R. Chambers, J. F. Snipes, T. H. Henderson, C. A. Workman, J. C. Rabb, Sam M. Yancey and W. W. Neal, Jr.

At the directors meeting following the stockholders meeting, the following officers were re-elected: W. R. Chambers, president; C. A. Workman, vice president, and Miss Doris Hill, cashier. Mrs. Doris Truesdale was named bookkeeper.



REELECTED—W. R. Chambers was re-elected president of the First National and Marion Industrial Banks when annual meetings of the banks were held here Tuesday.

MISS WILSON FATALLY INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

Funeral services were conducted here Tuesday afternoon at Harmony Grove Baptist church for Miss Mary Ann Wilson, 30, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Rex Wilson and sister of Elbert Wilson all of Marion.

Miss Wilson, superintendent of nurses at the Ellen Fitzgerald Hospital Polio Convalescent unit in Monroe, was one of three persons fatally injured in an automobile accident near Monroe last Sunday morning.

The incident occurred when the car skidded on a curve and crashed into a telephone pole.

Besides Miss Wilson the dead were:

Irene Ruth Eisemann, 28, clinical instructor of nurses at the Polio unit; and Wriston Lee, Jr., 35, the institution's purchasing agent.

Gil Clontz, a teller of the American Bank and Trust company of Monroe, survived the accident with superficial bruises.

Extricate Victims

Passing motorists extricated the victims from the wreckage and summoned an ambulance shortly after car veered out of control and crashed at 1:45 a. m., six miles from Monroe on the Charlotte-Monroe highway.

Miss Eisemann was declared dead on arrival at Charlotte's Memorial hospital. Miss Wilson died less than an hour later in the Charlotte hospital's emergency room, and Lee succumbed to his injuries shortly after.

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Dedication Of Methodist Parsonage Slated For Wednesday, January 19

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, recently appointed resident bishop of the Charlotte area of the Methodist church, will dedicate the new Methodist parsonage at a special service of worship to be held in Marion's First Methodist church on Wednesday evening, January 19, at eight o'clock.

Immediately preceding the dedicatory service the Methodist Men's Fellowship club will observe "Ladies' Night" with a supper meeting at 6:30 in the Community building. Supper will be provided for two hundred fifty members and friends of First church. An interesting program has been arranged under the direction of R. G. Honeycutt, president of the Fellowship club.

The service of dedication will be

held in the church sanctuary at eight o'clock at which time Bishop Harrell will preach. Representatives of the church will present the parsonage for dedication to Bishop Harrell, who in turn will conduct the ritual of acceptance and dedication.

Arnold Pyatt, chairman of the ticket sale committee, urges that all who would like to get tickets for the supper do so this week. Tickets are available from the following men: Arnold Pyatt, Arthur Evans, Ernest Ross, David Gray, Norman Steppe, Jr., L. D. Atkins, John Snoddy, Colon Wright, Robert Wilson, Wayne Suttle, Joe Tate, Pete Bolch, R. G. Honeycutt, Lum Burgin, and Pat Davis. Tickets may also be secured from Miss Ruth Taylor at the church office.

Superior Court To Be Convened Monday, Jan. 17

The January term of McDowell County Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases will convene Monday with Judge Felix Alley presiding.

The docket includes seven cases charged with assault with deadly weapon, five breaking and entering and larceny, two breaking and entering, two perjury, one crime against nature, one grand larceny, one charge of disposing of mortgaged property and a number of minor cases.

Assault With Deadly Weapon
Grover Norman will face charges of assaulting Willard Upton with a deadly weapon to wit a knife. Other charges were listed as follows: Theo Silvers, assaulting Howard Kelly with a deadly weapon to wit a knife, inflicting serious injury. Luther Silvers, assaulting Howard Kelly with a deadly weapon to wit a knife and inflicting serious bodily injury.

Howard Kelly, assaulting Theo Silvers with a deadly weapon to wit a knife. John Russell Hayes will be required to answer a charge preferred against him for being in an accident resulting in death. Henry J. Boone, assaulting an officer, Chief of Police D. W. Smith on October 2, and resisting arrest. William Lee Allison, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Hearings scheduled for charges of breaking and entering and larceny are: Charles Corpening, William Twitty, Willie Lou Black and James Edward McDowell.

Vernon Carson and S. H. Clontz, Jr. will face breaking and entering charges.

Howard Kelly and Bertha Silvers will be tried for perjury, Sam Avery for crime against nature, Frank Harbison for grand larceny and Will Black for disposing of mortgaged property.

Marion High School Football Schedule

The Marion High School football schedule for the 1949 season includes 12 games.

In announcing the schedule Coach Art Ditt said it was the hardest schedule ever arranged for a Marion team. Two new opponents will appear on the schedule, Shelby and Waynesville.

The Rippers will open the season September 9 when they play the strong Columbia, Olympia, S. C. team here in Marion. Arrangements are under way for a game on September 2. The Marion "B" team will play Bessemer City on November 18 while the "A" team goes to Waynesville.

- Sept. 2—Open
- Sept. 9—Olympia at Marion.
- Sept. 16—Hickory at Hickory.
- Sept. 23—Shelby at Marion.
- Sept. 30—Morganton at Morganton.
- Oct. 7—Brevard at Marion.
- Oct. 14—Charlotte Tech at Charlotte.
- Oct. 21—Hendersonville at Marion.
- Oct. 28—Rutherfordton at Rutherfordton.
- Nov. 4—Lenoir at Lenoir.
- Nov. 11—Canton at Marion.
- Nov. 18—Bessemer City at Bessemer City ("B" team).
- Nov. 18—Waynesville at Waynesville ("A" team).
- Nov. 23—Forest City at Marion.

Nebo PTA To Meet On January 20

The Nebo Parent-Teacher association will meet January 20 in the school auditorium, it is announced this week.

Mrs. James Brooks will be in charge of the program. N. F. Steppe will speak on school finances and John Crouch, pastor of Nebo Baptist church will conduct the devotional. All parents are urged to be present.

COURT OF HONOR

The McDowell County Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held at 7:30 p. m., Friday, January 14, at the First Methodist church.

LODGE OFFICER



PAUL J. STORY was installed as Worshipful Master of the Mystic Tie Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 237 last Friday evening.

Mystic Tie Lodge Installs Officers

The Mystic Tie Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 237 installed officers for the coming year Friday evening with Clarence Wise retiring worshipful master, in charge of the ceremony.

Paul J. Story succeeds him as worshipful master. Others were installed as follows: Alec Smith, senior warden; Carl Potat, junior warden; B. H. Laughridge, treasurer; Pat Davis, secretary; Dysart Martin, senior deacon; Philip Laughridge, junior deacon; Carl Whiteside, senior steward; J. W. Lancaster, Jr., junior steward; Rev. T. L. Kluttz, chaplain; Gilbert Holifield, tyler.

ATHLETIC GROUP ELECTS OFFICERS

The McDowell County Athletic association held its first meeting of the year at Nebo school Monday. After a delicious banquet served by the house economics class, officers were elected as follows:

W. P. Whitesides, principal of Glenwood school, president; T. W. Story, of Nebo, vice president; Mrs. Patty, of Old Fort, secretary-treasurer.

A committee was appointed by the president to select officials and trophies for the county basketball tournament.

The next regular meeting will be held in March when plans for a county-wide field day will be discussed.

BASEBALL SEASON PLANS UNDERWAY

J. C. Rabb, business manager of the Marion Baseball club is making preparations for the 1949 season. He is making preliminary plans, contacting a number of prospective ball players, conferring with playing manager John Y. Lanning and making plans for selling the concession rights to the ball park.

This issue of The Progress contains an advertisement publically inviting interested persons to place bids for the concession.

Baseball Season Plans Discussed

John Lanning, of Asheville, playing manager of the Marion Baseball club for the 1949 season, met with baseball officials here yesterday to make plans for the coming season.

J. C. Rabb, business manager of the club, J. F. Snipes and Otis L. Broyhill talked with Lanning in regard to checking the equipment and needs and made plans to visit Florida schools within the near future with reference to observing prospective players.

Pleasant Gardens PTA To Meet Tonight

The Pleasant Gardens Parent-Teacher association will meet at 7:30 p. m., Thursday, January 13 in the school auditorium, Miss Geneva Link, publicity chairman, has announced.

The Glee club will also present several numbers. Mrs. Caroline Fullerton will give a reading.

County Criminal Court Will Be Discontinued Here As Of January 31

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPT RESOLUTIONS TO ABOLISH COURT

County criminal court in McDowell will be discontinued as of January 31.

Plans to discontinue the court were completed at a special session of the County Commissioners held last Thursday. The court will be held as usual on Tuesdays for the next two weeks and abolished as of January 31.

The commissioners unanimously adopted the following resolution:

POLIO CAMPAIGN CHAIRMEN NAMED

S. J. Westmoreland and M. W. Gordon were named co-chairmen of the 1949 Polio Campaign of McDowell county with Mrs. Rosamond Braly as vice chairman.

The campaign is scheduled to begin January 14 and continue throughout the month. A quota of \$10,000 has been set for this county.

"Because of the severe outbreaks last summer, which heavily drained funds of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, at least 50 per cent more will be sought this year," the chairmen said.

"That whereas, it appears that a number of criminal cases in the County Criminal Court of McDowell County and in the Superior Court of McDowell County has declined in recent months; and whereas, McDowell County has five weeks of criminal court in the Superior Court each year, and for the past several years the Superior Criminal Courts have used less than one-half of the five weeks allotted to this County for criminal courts;

"And whereas, it is the opinion of the Board of County Commissioners of McDowell County that the conditions prevailing in said County are such as to no longer require the continuance of the McDowell County Criminal Court;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that the County Criminal Court of McDowell County be, and the same is hereby abolished as of January 31, 1949. It is further resolved that the Clerk of the County Criminal Court of McDowell County be, and he is hereby authorized, as provided by law, to transfer to the Superior Court of McDowell County all cases which may be pending in the said County on February 1, 1949."

The courts have been held here since September, 1931 when the Board of County Commissioners ordered: "therefore, upon motion duly made and seconded, ordered that a county criminal court for McDowell County be established as provided by Chapter 89 of the Public Laws of 1931 and that the said court shall hold regular sessions on Monday of each week."

This move was made in accordance with an act passed by the State Legislature as of March 9, 1931, authorizing Boards of County Commissioners to establish County Courts with criminal jurisdiction.

The following September the Commissioners agreed to the establishment of criminal court for McDowell county and the first term was held September 11, 1931. The late Mr. E. H. Dysart was the first judge presiding, Roy W. Davis was prosecuting attorney and D. S. Gardner was appointed associate judge. J. L. Laughridge was appointed Clerk of the said Criminal Court.

Presbyterian Pastor Arrives Here

Dr. J. E. Flow arrived here the first of January to serve an indefinite period as supply pastor of the Conley Memorial and Landis Memorial Presbyterian churches.

Dr. Flow, who has been retired, came to Marion from his home in Concord to serve as pastor until a permanent appointment is made. He is residing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George S. McCall.

MARION PTA TO MEET TUESDAY

The January meeting of the Marion Parent-Teacher association to be held at 8 p. m. next Tuesday will feature a legislative program, Mrs. P. J. Story, publicity chairman, announced this week.

C. C. Elledge, principal of the Marion high school, and H. F. Beam, superintendent of the Marion City Schools, will lead an open forum discussion of recommendations of the North Carolina Education commission.

Entertainment will be furnished for the younger children while their parents attend the meeting. A cake will be awarded as door prize.

East Marion Baptist Church To Launch Enlargement Campaign

The East Marion Baptist church is beginning a program of enlargement the week of January 16-22 with a Sunday School Enlargement Campaign under the direction of Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist church. The campaign features a religious census of the community, the detailed tabulation of the results, and a week of re-organization and training of workers.

Faculty members for the week will be Miss May Bomar, former Educational Director of the First Baptist church here, and now of Spartanburg, S. C., who will teach the courses for Nursery and Beginner Workers; Mrs. Earl W. Holmes, of Farmville, N. C., who will teach the courses for Primary and Junior

Workers; Miss Louella Brown, Associational Missionary for the Catawba River Association, Morganton, N. C., who will teach the Intermediate workers; and Rev. Mr. Owens, who will be director and will teach the Young People and Adult workers.

The East Marion church has just recently completed the addition of a beautiful educational building to house its Nursery, Beginner, Primary, Junior and Intermediate departments. It is one of the most complete for a church of this size to be found anywhere in North Carolina. The sanctuary of the church was remodeled and redecorated at the time of the addition. The whole plant is one of the most commodious and best arranged anywhere in this section.

Rev. C. C. Cross is the pastor.