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W. K. M. Gilkey Rites Held Last Friday

W. K. M. (Bishop) Gilkey, 72, member of a prominent Marion family, was found dead in bed in his home on Augusta Avenue early Thursday morning. His death was attributed to a heart ailment.

Funeral services were held Friday at the residence. The Rev. James B. McLarty, pastor of the First Methodist Church officiated. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

A son of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Gilkey, he was born in Marion, February 21, 1877.

He was a member of the board of stewards of the First Methodist Church and a former city alderman.

He had engaged in various business activities, including the operation of Marion Veneer Company, Gilkey Hosiery Mill and a machine shop. He held interests in several mica mining projects.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Harriett Kirby of Charlotte; a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Gilkey James; a son, John M. Gilkey; and two grandchildren, all of Marion.

Pallbearers were: Eugene Cross Jr., Oliver Cross, Albert Neal, Will J. Young, J. E. Neal, Terry Moore, H. T. Conley and W. C. Chambers.

COW OWNERS TO DISCUSS GRADE A MILK

S. L. Homewood, county farm agent, wants every farmer in McDowell county who owns a cow to attend a meeting in the court house at one o'clock, Tuesday, March 15.

F. R. Farnham and Jack Cobb, county sanitarian, will be speakers.

Prices of Grade A milk and Grade C milk will be discussed and farmers will be told what steps are necessary to produce Grade A milk.

Cobb will explain sanitary rulings relating to the production of Grade A milk.

Following the meeting the group will visit two Grade A dairies established here recently. The tour will also include a visit to two pastures where ladino and orchard grass have been seeded and farmers are using it to produce cheaper milk.

Marion Marauders To Begin Training

Home Agents And Officers To Meet Here

The three County Council officers of McDowell county, one state officer, one district officer and home demonstration agents from Swain, Burke and Mitchell counties will meet in the office of Miss Jean Steele announced last week.

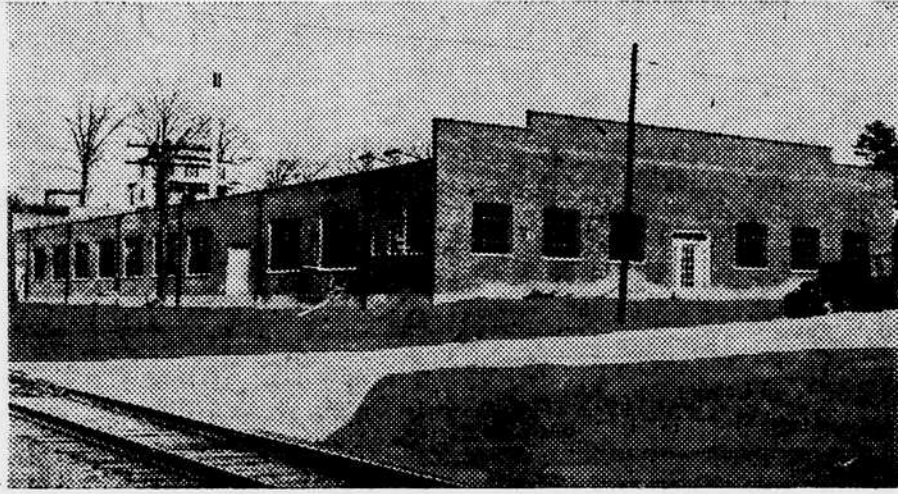
Mrs. Pauline Hotchkiss, district agent, Mrs. J. H. L. Miller, member of the board of directors of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, Mrs. Watson Wilson, district secretary and the three local officers, Mrs. J. W. McCorry, president, Mrs. Guy Lonon, vice president, and Mrs. Marion Wilkerson, secretary, will be included in the group.

The group will make plans for a meeting of District Four.

Baptist Men To Meet Tonight

The Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church will hold their regular monthly business meeting at the church this evening at 6:45. Dinner will be served following the meeting.

JOSEPHINE MILLS, INC.



The new home of the Josephine Mills, above, was completed recently on the Southern Railway facing Avenue A. The 13,300 square feet of floor space contains 120 knitting machines. Mill officers are: C. F. Smith, president; W. Alec Smith, vice president, and Carter Hudgins, secretary-treasurer.

Division Meeting of American Legion To Be Held Here

Kiwanis Host to Football Squad; Ditt Speaker

The Marion Kiwanis club entertained members of the high school football squad, cheer leaders, Coach Art Ditt, and Principal Charles C. Elledge at the regular weekly meeting of the club held Tuesday evening in the Marion community building. S. R. (Dick) Perkins, vice-president, presided in the absence of President Roy Davis, and James B. Laughlin was in charge of the program.

BERLIN PARCELS TO BE REFUSED

The Post Office will not accept packages for delivery in Berlin, Germany, Postmaster John Finley said this week.

He said instructions had been received from the Chief Inspector's office to refuse parcels addressed to Berlin because of transportation difficulties in Europe.

The Fifth Division of the American Legion will hold an Officers Conference, Oratorical Contest and Go-Getters banquet here Saturday, March 12.

The program has been announced as follows:

OFFICERS CONFERENCE
McDowell County Court House
1:00-1:30 Concert by Marion High School band under direction Bernard Hirsch.

Advancement of colors.
Invocation, Rev. J. B. McLarty.
Address of welcome, Mayor J. W. Streetman.

Response, Beaman L. Pinner.
Introduction of Speaker, Cecil B. Dobson, Commander 5th Division.

Address, James E. Green, Past Commander largest legion post in the world; Past Commander Dept. of Nebraska; Chairman of National Americanism Commission.

Reports and Discussion.
National Defense, Reece Skull.
Americanism, Burgin Pennell.
Boys' State, Isham Henderson.

Oratorical Contest, C. M. Stepp.
Junior Baseball, Barron Caldwell.
Rehabilitation, Karl Muschette.
Retirement of Colors.

GO-GETTERS (FREE) OFFICERS AND ORATORICAL CONTEST BANQUET
(Community Building)
6:30-7:30

Formal Opening, Cecil B. Dobson.
Invocation, Chaplain James L. McLarty.

Address of Welcome, Joe B. Mann.
Response, Felix Picklesimer.
Introduction of prominent guests.
Address, Joseph Grier, N. C. Dept. Commander.

ORATORICAL CONTEST
McDowell County Court House Auditorium
8:00-10:00

Formal opening and advancement of colors, Cecil B. Dobson.
Introduction of guest speakers.
Contest, Judges Decision.

Award of Prize, C. M. Stepp.
Retirement of Colors.

MARION CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL WINS TOURNEY

The girls and boys of Marion Central capped both ends of the eighth grade scholarship by defeating the Cross-School girls 23-10; the boys had it harder as they won a close 17-16 game over a fighting Clinchfield team.

The Central girls took the lead and held it throughout the game. Misses Black and Garland were high scorers for the winners with 9 points apiece. While Gauge was high for Cross School, Barlowe, outstanding Central player, turned in a good game, aided by Smith and Haynes who held the Cross forwards four field goals.

The Clinchfield boys took the lead and held it the first half but in the second half, with Johnson and Dixon scoring successive goals, Central went out in the front to remain.

Concert Drive Is Launched With Good Start

The annual membership drive of the Marion Community Concert Association got off to a good start last week with emphasis on renewal memberships, Paul Story, president, said today. The Association had approximately 500 memberships last year. All indications are, according to Story, that at least 90 per cent of these will be members again. In addition, it is hoped that a large number of new members will be added in the current drive. The success of the three concerts presented this past season was such that many who did not have memberships were attracted.

The Membership Drive is under the direction of Mrs. Walker Blanton and Mrs. Donald McIntosh, Jr. They are being assisted by a dozen or more teams of workers, each under the leadership of a team captain. Here for the week to assist in the drive is Abbot Lake, Jr., a representative of Columbia Concerts, booking agent for the artists. Lake indicated that he was well pleased with the way the drive has gone.

GEORGE KEESE TO ADDRESS WILDLIFE CLUB

The McDowell County Wildlife club will meet at 7:30 p. m., Monday, March 14, in the court house, Joe Blalock, president, announced Tuesday.

George Keese, commissioner of the eighth district, will be the principal speaker. He will explain laws and regulations in regard to game. He will also discuss recommendation of sportsmen for regulations in their communities.

Others expected to present their views in regard to laws and regulations in the protected areas will be E. A. Heers, U. S. district forester; Tom Huffman, Mount Mitchell chief forester and representatives from the Mt. Mitchell game preserve.

All interested persons are urged to attend and express their views.

TYERS PRESENTED IN CONCERT HERE

John Tyers, American baritone, was presented in concert by the Marion Community Association, on Monday evening.

The program was a varied one. There were operatic numbers rendered with beauty and ease, among them the "Serenade" from Mazart's "Don Giovanni", the "Drinking Song" from Thomas' "Hamlet", and "Valentine's Aria" from "Faust."

There were semi-classic numbers such as "None But The Lonely Heart" by Tschalkowsky, "The Blind Ploughman" by Clarke. The program ended with a group of popular and humorous ditties, among them "A Mele's Tail" by Webb, "The Deaf Old Woman" arranged by Kathleen Davis, "I Got Plenty O' Nuthin'", "Water-Boy", "O What A Beautiful Morning" and "Sylvia".

Bond Sales Heavy At Post Office

The Marion Post Office sold \$3,450 worth of U. S. Savings Bonds last month.

Postal savings certificates were issued for \$62,693 and \$50,620 paid, making an increase of \$12,073 in the amount on deposit.

February postal receipts totaling \$3,742.78, showed a gain of \$626.19 over the amount recorded in February, 1948.

Postal receipts for the past two months were \$7,793.60, an increase of \$1,022.76 over the corresponding period in 1948.

Red Cross Appeals To Rural Areas

PLEASANT GARDENS LEADING IN THE SCHOOL DIVISION

Optometrist



Dr. James Johnson has opened offices for the practice of optometry in the Eckenrod Building on East Court street. He is the son of Mrs. Johnson and the late Dr. J. H. Johnson. He received his Doctor of Optometry degree from Northern Illinois College of Optometry.

The strongest appeal in the current Red Cross campaign was made to rural residents this week. The canvass of rural workers this year was believed to have been the most extensive ever made in this county, and was conducted by letters.

E. C. Carnes, fund campaign chairman, said the only division nearing completion of its work is the residential division with a total of \$369.40 which does not include two colored section—the Airport road section and Zion Hill.

The work of the schools, business, advanced gifts, industrial and Old Fort divisions is well underway. Carnes said, but no contributions have been turned into headquarters so far. He said Pleasant Gardens is leading the schools division in do-

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Scout Masters Of This County To Have Classes

All Scout masters, assistant Scout masters and assistant Scout leaders of McDowell county will meet for the first of a series of six sessions of leadership training groups at 5:30 o'clock, Friday afternoon, March 11 in the Hut of the First Methodist church, Rev. J. B. McLarty announced yesterday.

R. M. Shiele, Scout executive for the Piedmont Council, will teach the course. This course will be known as "Introduction to Scouting" or "Fundamentals of Scouting."

This meeting will precede the regular Court of Honor at 7:30 p. m.

Other sessions will be held prior to the Courts of Honor in March, April, May, September, October and November.

This project was set up by the County committee on Leadership Training. Rev. J. B. McLarty is chairman of the McDowell County Boy Scouts of America.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Rev. J. B. Bowman, pastor of the Old Fort Circuit, is calling the second quarterly conference for the charge to meet at the Ebenezer church Thursday night, March 10, at 7:30.

County Commissioners Endorse Elliott

The County Commissioners in session here Monday recommended that W. P. Elliott be appointed a member of the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

A road petition was approved requesting the county to keep up the road from the Sugar Hill road to a section just beyond C. M. Pool's home, about one-half mile in length.

Board Of Aldermen Have Meeting Tuesday

The Board of Aldermen in session Tuesday evening voted to purchase an enclosed garbage collector truck.

A motion was also passed to buy 100 street markers for the Town of Marion. It was also moved that a resolution be drawn up recommending W. P. Elliott as a member of the State Highway Commission. J. Y. Lonon was appointed tax collector.

Farmers Federation Has Annual Meeting

MARION MERCHANTS TO MEET MARCH 10

G. Lloyd Langdon, agricultural engineer, of Asheville, will address the Marion Merchants association at its meeting Thursday, March 10, it is announced.

S. W. Blanton will explain the proposed Fair Trade Law.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the city hall. The speaker will discuss better agricultural conditions for Marion and McDowell county.

During the business session merchants will discuss the closing hour for the Wednesday half holiday.

S. L. Homewood will introduce the speaker and progress made concerning the Dysartsville road will be further discussed.

All merchants in this county are invited to be present.

MARION PTA TO MEET

The Marion Parent-Teacher association will meet at eight o'clock, Thursday night, March 17, in the school auditorium, it was announced yesterday.

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