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Beam Re-elected Head of Marion City Schools

Hugh F. Beam was re-elected superintendent of the Marion City Schools for a term of two years at a meeting of the school board here last Friday night.

Supt. Beam has served as superintendent of the city schools for the past fourteen years. He was first elected to this office in 1935, having previously served as principal of the Marion Central school. He has been connected with the Marion schools for the past 21 years.

He is a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne college and completed post graduate courses at the University of North Carolina and Wake Forest college. He has served as lieutenant-governor and president of the Marion Kiwanis club, president of the Western District of the N. C. Education association and director of the North Carolina Education association.

The jurisdiction of the office of city superintendent includes the schools of Marion Central, Clinchfield, West Marion, East Marion and Eugene Cross.

The present board of the Marion (Continued on last page)

PLAN PROJECTS FOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL WORK

At the Monday night meeting of the Community Council of Marion good progress was made in regard to the selection of projects for the work of the council. Around ten projects were suggested for the consideration of the council, and three of these proved to be outstanding from the standpoint of interest of the council members and of the community as a whole.

It was decided that, in addition to the "Clean-Up" committee already functioning, committees should be appointed to study and plan toward projects on these three broad subjects: (1) School improvement, (2) Recreation, and (3) Better Government. The committees named are as follows: (1) The school committee consists of Albert Hewitt, chairman, Mrs. B. A. Dickson, E. P. Dameron, C. C. Elledge, and Eugene Cross. (2) The Recreation Committee is composed of M. W. Gordon, chairman, Therman Richie, Mrs. Polly Fox, Mrs. Colen Wright, Rev. P. L. Smith, and Mrs. Earl Godfrey. (3) The committee on Better Government includes Otis Broynhill, chairman. (Continued on last page)

Duncan Hurls One-Hitter For Marion In First Game Monday

Half of Marion turned up in Morganton Monday night to see the opening game in the Western Carolina Baseball League between Marion and Morganton. Higgins Duncan on the hill for Johnny Lanning's Marion Marauders, opened the season with a bang, as he came within two outs of registering a no-hit, no-run game for the Marauders. It was a no-run game as the locals blanked Sammy Bell's Morganton Aggies 6 to 0.

Duncan was superb from his first pitch to his last as he whiffed eleven opposing batsmen. For eight innings he and his team mates sent the Aggies back to their benches. In the last half of the ninth inning, with one man away, Arthur Wrozier, Morganton left fielder, lined Duncan's first pitched ball for a double to short left field, but was stranded on second as Duncan fanned the next man and forced the last one to pop to second. At no time during the game did an Aggie player advance beyond second base and this honor was few and far between.

Marion was able to gather only

Re-Elected



Hugh F. Beam, above, re-elected superintendent of Marion City Schools by board at meeting Friday night.

Marion Is Given High Rating In Music Contest

The Marion high school band, showing even better form than formerly, emerged from the Greensboro music festival last Friday with top honors. The band was awarded a "Superior" rating, the highest honor to be given.

In addition to the band, two soloists and an ensemble received honors in their classes. Bobby Ricks, French horn, was awarded an "Excellent" rating and Harry McCall made a "Good" rating with his oboe. The brass sextet composed of Larry Gibson and Connolly Miller (cornets), Dean Seagle (trombone), Bobby Ricks (French horn), Mickey Walker (baritone), and Ralph Fender (bass horn) received the top honor, or "Superior" rating.

Marion should be proud of the excellent showing of its band and its director, Bernard Hirsch, whose untiring efforts brought his band to the top in both Asheville and Greensboro festivals. The band expresses its grateful appreciation to the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs whose generous gifts of money for transportation made the trip possible.

Frozen Food Packing Demonstration April 29

Mrs. Lula P. Austin, home service advisor for the Duke Power company, will give a frozen food packing demonstration at the Community building Friday evening, April 29, at 7:30. The demonstration is sponsored by the Marion Garden Club and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Dr. Maier To Speak At Lutheran Church Here Tuesday Night

ERNEST DYSART TAKEN BY DEATH; RITES WEDNESDAY

Funeral services for Ernest Gibson Dysart, 54, who died Monday in Fayetteville, where he was employed, were conducted at Siloam Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Masons were in charge of the graveside rites and a group of Masons were pallbearers.

Dysart was a native of McDowell county, the son of the late M. and Mrs. Sam Dysart.

He was engaged in construction work and was employed as superintendent of a new plant being built in Fayetteville.

Death was attributed to a heart attack.

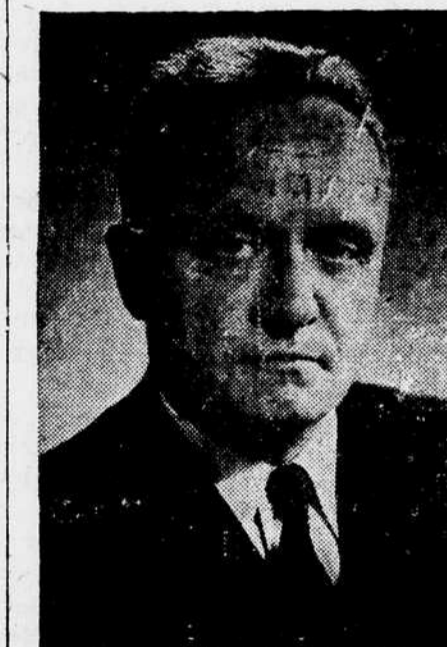
Surviving are the widow, Mrs. (Continued on last page)

Revival Continues Through Friday At The Baptist Church

The revival meeting at the First Baptist church, M. O. Owens, Jr., pastor, is reaching its peak, with Dr. H. H. Stenbridge from Forest City as the preacher. The meeting continues through Friday evening of this week. Throughout this week, services have been held in the morning at 7:45 and in the evening at 7:30. Fine crowds have been in attendance.

Wind Upsets Boat, Marion Fisherman Drowns In Lake

Dr. Maier To Speak At Lutheran Church Here Tuesday Night



DR. WALTER MAIER

Dr. Walter A. Maier, speaker over the International Lutheran Hour, the world's most widespread broadcast, will appear in person at a Lutheran Hour Rally in Asheville's city auditorium on Sunday, May 1, at 3:30; and in Marion on Tuesday, May 3, at 7:30 at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

The audience for Dr. Maier's gospel message is estimated at between 10,000,000 and 20,000,000 every week.

The Lutheran Hour has been sponsored from the beginning by the Lutheran Laymen's League. On Tuesday, when Dr. Maier speaks at St. Matthew's church, he and Mrs. Maier will be guests of the local laymen's league, of which Francis Nichols is president. The cost of the Lutheran Hour is about one and a half million dollars a year. A large part of this sum is contributed by Christians of all denominations. (Continued on last page)

Legislature Adjourns After Enacting More Than 1,300 New Laws

WBRM Goes On The Air Monday, May 9

Radio Station WBRM will begin regular broadcasting on Monday, May 9 at 6:00 A. M. All the equipment is now here and installation will be completed this week, according to John Randolph, chief engineer. Erection of the 210 foot tower has been completed, and the transmitting equipment is now being tuned up for equipment tests which will be conducted Monday morning, May 2, at 1:00 a. m. The transmitter building and tower is located on the Roy Curtis Dairy farm on old No. 10 highway to Asheville.

The new studio equipment was installed this week in the studios and offices in the Lonon building and will be ready for the equipment tests next Monday.

WBRM will operate on a frequency of 1250 kilocycles.

Mrs. R. H. Holler Claimed By Death

Mrs. Junie Isabell Holler, 71, wife of Robert H. Holler of Conover, Route 2, died in a hospital at Newton Monday night after an illness of two weeks. Funeral services were held at St. Timothy Lutheran church near Hickory Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Surviving are the husband, two sons, C. O. Holler of Marion and Robert Holler of Erwin, Tenn., three sisters and one grandchild.

11 Candidates Seeking Posts On Town Board

TOWN ELECTION

The biennial town election to choose a mayor and five aldermen for two-year terms will be held at the court house in Marion next Monday.

There are eleven candidates for the five seats on the board of aldermen. Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr., who is seeking re-election for a third term, however, has no opposition.

The contest for aldermen lies between the three incumbents and eight other candidates. Those in the race are: D. Pat Davis, C. Frank Goldsmith and Edward H. Rowe, incumbents; Clinton H. Norris, Otis L. Broynhill, M. W. Gordon, Joseph L. (Continued on last page)

Marion PTA Meeting Tuesday Night, May 3

The monthly meeting of Marion Central PTA on May 3 will be the last meeting of the school year. The program will feature a report of the year's work by the outgoing president, Mrs. Sam Yancey and the installation of the newly-elected officers of the organization for the coming year. These officers are: Mrs. S. W. Blanton, president, Mrs. Eugene Cross, Jr., vice president, Mrs. John Setzer, secretary, and Mrs. Wayne Suttle, treasurer.

The meeting will take place at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

Singing Convention

The First Sunday singing convention at Bethel Methodist church, four miles south of Old Fort, will be held next Sunday at 2 o'clock. All singers are invited to attend.

Highlights Year's Work Marion P.-T.A. In Window Display

A record year of achievement in PTA work by the Marion Central School Organization is represented visibly in a window display currently to be seen in Gordon's Furniture Store. This exhibit of the outstanding projects and accomplishments of the PTA this year points out the fact that \$1033.00 has been raised and is being spent for the benefit of the school, not counting money raised by Room Representatives, which, altogether, would total a round \$300.00.

Work is still going forward, so any report at this time is incomplete, but the window display points up the following as highlights of the year's work up to the present time:

A cake was given as door prize at each PTA meeting. A "Suggestion Box" was provided. Room representatives Organization formed. Achieved a paid-up membership of 300. Primary typewriter given by room representatives of Primary grades. A mix-master was purchased for the Home Economics department. School amplifier repaired at a cost of \$20.00. Slip-covers in teachers' room were cleaned. A central clock was placed in Elementary building.

Hallowe'en Carnival brought \$642.87 into PTA treasury. \$30.00

Raleigh, April 23.—The 1949 General Assembly completed its work late today after 94 days of deliberations. It was the fourth-longest session in state history.

The legislature, whose deliberations were marked by frequent disagreements among themselves and with Governor Scott, wrote more than 1,300 new laws on the books.

Most of these were local measures applying only to a single county or city, but many of them were statewide and will affect every person in the state.

Although the General Assembly did not do as much for school teachers as the House and Governor Scott wanted, it authorized the spending of more money than any legislature in history.

The lawmakers made direct appropriations totaling more than \$500,000,000, and they authorized elections on issuing some \$250,000,000 in bonds for building rural roads and to help counties in building schools.

To meet these appropriations the legislature authorized spending of more than \$120,000,000 in surplus funds and all the revenues the State expects to collect in the next biennium. Legislature leaders said that even so, the budget was out of balance by more than \$5,000,000.

Although Governor Scott said the spending program should be met by increased taxes, no new taxes were levied except for the contingent boost in the gasoline levy.

As a matter of fact the biennial revenue measure called for a reduction in taxes of about \$1,000,000 a year. Legislation to remove the sales tax from meals served in restaurants, which would have cost the State about \$3,000,000 a year was defeated.

The biennial appropriations bill which was passed on the last day of the session, calls for spending a record \$427,000,000 to operate State agencies, institutions and public schools during the next biennium.

This would provide a 20 per cent pay increase for State workers and about 28 per cent for school teachers.

One of the bitterest legislative battles was waged over Governor (Continued on page 6)

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CONGREGATIONAL MEET SET FOR NEXT SUNDAY

There will be a congregational meeting at the close of the morning service at the First Presbyterian church next Sunday to consider the possibility of employing a religious educational worker for the summer.