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New Officers Of Marion PTA Installed

Officers of the Marion Parent-Teacher association were installed at final meeting of the year held Tuesday, May 3 in the school auditorium.

The new officers are: Mrs. S. W. Blanton, president; Mrs. Eugene Cross, Jr., vice president; Mrs. John Setzer, secretary, and Mrs. Wayne Suttle, treasurer.

Mrs. Sam Yancey, retiring president, presented a report of the year's work. Included in accomplishments of the association were:

Giving a cake as door prize at each meeting. Achieving a paid-up membership of 300 with annual dues of 50c. Suggestion box provided and used by members. School amplifier repaired. Three delegates attended a district meeting of PTA in Spindale on October 6. Grade mothers were organized in September and went into immediate action giving Hallowe'en, Christmas, Val- (Continued on last page)

ECONOMY AUTO STORE TO EXPAND

The building formerly occupied by the C. C. Bolch Motor company, corner of North Logan and West Court streets, is being remodeled for use by the Economy Auto Supply, E. Con Bost, Jr. said yesterday.

Bost said the building will house a filling station and provide for expansion of the business of Economy Auto Supply. Bost will continue to operate his present store in addition to the new business.

ROTARY MEETING

Ernest Ross, T. L. Richie and Jack Hewitt reported on the District Rotary meeting held in Hendersonville last week at the weekly meeting of Marion Rotarians last Friday.

V. T. Eckerd was the guest of J. R. Jameson.

METHODISTS TO SPONSOR ANNUAL TRAINING SCHOOL

The third annual McDowell County Training School, sponsored by the Methodist churches of McDowell County and vicinity and the Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, will open Sunday night at 7:30 at the First Methodist Church.

Three outstanding instructors have been secured and indications are that the school this year will surpass previous schools in both enrollment and interest.

Mrs. J. A. Gray, of Atlanta, will offer a course on "The Vacation Church School". She is a certified instructor for training schools and has taught extensively throughout the southeastern jurisdiction of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Gray is a recognized authority in the work of the Children's Division of the Church School, and the course will be of special interest to workers with kindergarten, primary and junior children. Parents, as well as teachers who are planning to work (Continued on last page)

Postal Receipts Show Increase

April postal receipts totaling \$4,397.31 showed an increase of \$921.31 over last April, according to figures released by Postmaster John Finley. Receipts for the first four months of this year were \$17,514.01, an increase of \$3,435.73 over the corresponding period last year.

Sales of U. S. Saving Bonds yielded \$10,706.25. Postal Savings certificates issued last month totaled \$52,583, and those paid \$46,216, a gain of \$6,367.



ASHBY ROBINSON

Robinson Reelected Old Fort Mayor

Ashby Robinson, incumbent, was re-elected mayor of Old Fort in the municipal election Tuesday with 254 votes. He was unopposed for re-election.

Aldermen elected were T. R. Kanipe, 227 votes; A. J. Harris, 275 votes; Clark Early, 227 votes; I. L. Caplan, 212 votes, and G. R. Bryson, incumbent, 172 votes. Defeated were H. A. Ragle, 119 votes, J. C. Hensley, 89 votes; Carl White, 66 votes; L. B. Rainwater 59 votes; R. R. Cloy, 42 votes, Baxter F. Beach, 17 votes, and Robert Wilkinson, 8 votes.

SEVEN McDOWELL ACTS MADE LAW BY ASSEMBLY

DR. MAIER SPEAKER AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Before a congregation filling the pews and extra seats, Dr. Walter A. Maier of the International Lutheran Hour spoke Tuesday night at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. His text was "My beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain."

Dr. Maier reported to the audience the result of his discussion of Protestant Union over the Town Hall of the Air. Of the first 10,000 letters received by the American Broadcasting Company, 83 per cent were in favour of the kind of union (Continued on last page)

DR. McMURRAY TO LECTURE

Dr. Carl W. Murray, will present a lecture on Egypt and the Pyramids at 7:30 p. m., Sunday, May 2, at the First Presbyterian church.

Seven local laws effecting McDowell county were placed on the statute books by the 1949 General Assembly. The laws enacted have these effects:

Raised members of the County Board of Education and County Commissioners (except the chairman who will continue to be compensated under the present plan of monthly salary) \$10 per diem effective July 1.

Terms of the County Commissioners will be staggered, beginning with the next election. One member (Continued on last page)

Marion Tops Cards; Loses To Skylarks

ERWIN SPEAKER AT KIWANIS MEET

A regular meeting of the Marion Kiwanis Club was held at the community building Tuesday evening with President Roy Davis presiding.

Kiwanian Ray Cline was in charge of the program and presented Will Erwin, president of the Lake City Broadcasting Company, as the guest speaker. Erwin discussed the establishing of a radio broadcasting station in Marion. He pointed out that it would be the purpose of the new radio station, which is to go on the air at an early date, to originate programs that will carry local interest.

The speaker announced that the studios for the new station, WBRM, would continue at the old location in the Lonon building, and that the transmitting tower is located on the Curtis farm some two miles west of Marion. He explained that his station had already run a trial broadcast and that reception had been received as far west as St. Louis, Missouri, and as far East as New Jersey.

MARION HOSPITAL WILL OBSERVE HOSPITAL WEEK

Marion General Hospital will join other hospitals in North Carolina in observing North Carolina Hospital Week May 9-15, Mrs. Geo. Kirkpatrick, administrator of the local hospital announced today.

The week will be featured by several special events, including "Hospital Open House, May 12, with guided tours of the hospital, and other features."

Special invitations are being extended to students in the senior classes of high schools throughout McDowell county to visit the hospital on May 12, between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 o'clock. In addition to being escorted on tours of the hospital with graduate nurses (Continued on last page)

Streetman Reelected For Third Term In Town Election Held Here Tuesday

BOND VOTE BOOKS OPEN SATURDAY

Registration for the State road and school bond election directed by the last General Assembly will start next Saturday T. W. Gowan, chairman of the McDowell County Board of Elections, said this week.

Gowan said he had received a letter from Hubert Olive, chairman of the State Board of Elections, officially informing him that Gov. W. Kerr Scott has set the election for June 4 and that registration should be conducted May 7, 14 and 21.

No absentee ballots will be allowed. Any person already duly registered need not re-register to be eligible to vote.

Revival Services At East Marion

Revival services began at the First Freevill Baptist church in East Marion last Sunday for a two weeks period, Rev. J. E. Floyd, pastor, announced this week. Rev. Wayne Smith, evangelist from Canton, is speaker for the services which begin each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

OTIS BROYHILL LEADS TICKET IN THE RACE FOR ALDERMAN



J. W. STREETMAN, Jr.

J. W. Streetman Jr., who is serving his second term as Mayor, was re-elected for a two year term in the annual city election here Tuesday. He was unopposed, receiving 662 votes. Two former members of the Board were reelected and three new members elected.

The vote was lighter than two years ago. Approximately 900 of the 1819 registered voters balloted.

Otis L. Broyhill lead the ticket with 707, followed by Frank Goldsmith with a vote of 625 votes. Joseph L. Noyes polled 569; M. W. Gordon 556, and D. Pat Davis 442. These will comprise the new Board.

Other candidates received the following vote:

Sam M. Yancey 425; Edward H. Rowe, incumbent, 401; Clinton H. Norris 275; Arthur M. Evans 173; J. P. Sisk 108; J. Roy Morrow 86.

FOUR ARRESTED WHEN POLICE RECOVER AUTO

Ben Hendley and Fred Hensley, local police, made four arrests Sunday night in connection with alleged larceny of an automobile. The automobile, a 1934 Chevrolet, was returned to Leroy Shade, owner, soon after the incident occurred.

George Lyffe, charged with driving drunk and driving without an operator's license, was bound over to Superior Court under bond of \$400. Eugene Jackson, aiding and abetting drunken driving bound over under \$300 bond; Dennis Smith and Clifford Ash, each charged with larceny of automobile, were bound over under bonds of \$750 each.

STUNT NIGHT

Stunt Night will be held at West Marion School Friday, May 6, at 8:00 p. m. Students of each grade under the direction of their teacher will present a stunt. A fast moving program of songs, singing games, and plays will be presented. You can't afford to miss it.

POOL CAPTURES 132ND STILL THIS WEEK

Sheriff C. M. Pool captured his 132nd still Tuesday. Three were captured since last Wednesday.

One was found on J. L. Morgan's property between highway 221 and the Fish Hatchery road. Pool was assisted by Paul Morgan, Old Fort deputy sheriff, Constable Mark Toney, and Richard Loftis, deputy, in demolishing a steam outfit of 50 gallon capacity, destroying 17 gallons of liquor and 500 gallons of beer.

The preceding Wednesday, Pool was accompanied by Louis Fratz, Clarence Pink and Pete Wallis, of Hickory, A. T. U. agents, in raiding a still on Newberry Creek, tributary of Curtis creek. The 50 gallon steam still was located between the Carter place and "Wink" Arney's property. Sixteen barrels of beer were poured out and the still dynamited.

The third was found Monday on Curtis creek in Old Fort township. It was of 50 gallon capacity. Pool, Paul Morgan, Willard Toney and Mark Toney destroyed the still and (Continued on last page)

FRANCIS MARION CLUB TO SPONSOR HORSE SHOW

Campbell Resigns Bank Position

Milton L. Campbell, who became connected with The First National Bank of Marion, on March 1, as Executive Vice-President, submitted his resignation, effective April 23, due to the recurrence of an old physical ailment which made it practically impossible for him to live in this climate, W. R. Chambers, president, announced this week.

Campbell has returned to Florida where he enjoyed good health for many years. His letter of resignation is as follows:

"It is very regrettable that I find it necessary to submit here (Continued from first page)

Pollard Elected Third Member Of Welfare Board

B. F. Pollard was elected a member of the McDowell County Welfare Board last week to serve a three year term. He succeeds M. W. Gordon who is completing a three year term.

Other members of the Board are Mrs. J. H. L. Miller, chairman, and J. F. Harmon. One member of the Board is appointed by the Legislature, one by the County Commissioners, and the third member is named by the other two. Pollard was elected by the two present members.

Spring Federation Set For Friday

The Spring Federation of Home Demonstration clubs will be held at two o'clock, Friday, May 6, in the office of Miss Jean Steele, county agent. The program will be composed of skits by various clubs.

The Francis Marion Club's Third Annual Horse Show will be held at the show grounds on Rutherford Road on May 13 and 14. This year the show will be sponsored for the benefit of the Underprivileged Children of McDowell county.

Jeff Harston of Nashville, Tenn., one of the outstanding horsemen of the country has been secured as judge for the event. There will be three performances, being Friday night, Saturday afternoon and Saturday night.

More than ninety entries have already been received, this being the greatest number of entries ever received. Among the largest exhibitors are Long's Stables Newton, Jack Boyd Stables, Simpsonville, S. C., Spring Lake Farm, York, S. C., Plaza Farm, Charlotte, Ford Stables, Clover S. C., Crosswood and Huckleberry Hill Farm of Marion.

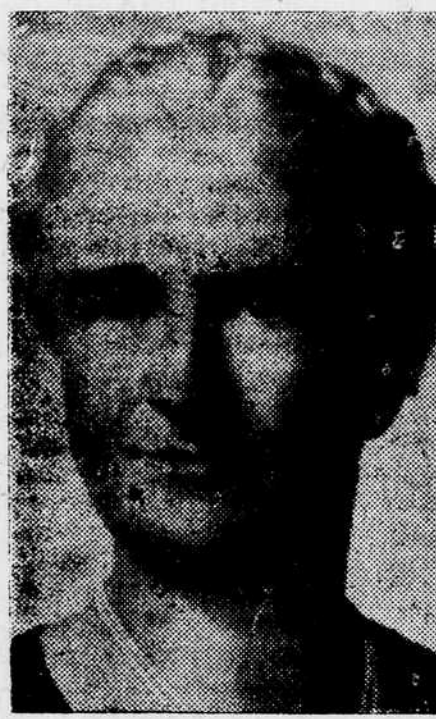
There will be many of the south's finest gaited horses represented in the show, several champions being among them.

This should be Marion's biggest and best show, and a large attendance is expected, H. T. Conley, chairman, said yesterday.

Wisconsin is the leading dairy state.



MRS. J. A. GRAY



MRS. E. H. OULD