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## NEBO HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

The Baccalaureate Sermon will be delivered by the Rev. M. O. Owens, pastor First Baptist church in Marion, Sunday, May 15 at 3 p. m., in the school auditorium.

The Senior Class Night will be held Wednesday, May 18 at 8 p. m., in the school auditorium.

The Graduation Exercises will be held Friday, May 20 at 8 p. m. The Literary Address will be made by E. C. Carnes, Marion attorney, in the school auditorium.

There will be 11 graduates: Betty Craig, Donald Wells, Hunter Ballew, Lawrence Berryhill, Jack Dobson, Donald Farr, Estene Jarrett, Jean Stacey, Leo Watson, Freida Fender and Wayne Mundy.

### Motor Company Name Changed

The Snipes Motor company which was operated as a partnership until April 1 with R. J. Morris and J. F. Snipes as partners has been incorporated under the firm name of Snipes-Morris.

The partners, J. F. Snipes and Jack Morris, will continue their association in the new corporation and J. N. Morris has been added as a new member.

## Old Fort Commencement Will Begin Next Sunday

### Marion High Band Concert To Be Held May 25

Wednesday, May 25 is the night designated for the final band concert of this school term, Bernard Hirsch, director announced this week. The High School musicians made a highly creditable showing in the recent Competition-Festival held in Greensboro. The local band rated along with such bands as Gastonia, Salisbury, Charlotte, (Continued on last page)

## Pleasant Gardens School Commencement May 15-20

### Baptist Ministers To Open Revival In East Marion

Revs. C. L. Pressley and Paul Quinton, well known Baptist preachers of Rutherfordton, who are devoting full time to Christian work, will open a revival in their tent in East Marion, Sunday, May 15, at 3 p. m. at the corner of Bostic and Yancey streets. Services each night at 7:30 for several weeks and Sundays at 3 p. m. Evangelist Norman G. Lemons of Shelby will do the preaching.

These men have just closed a four weeks' revival near Forest City in which 76 people were saved.

### Glenwood P T A To Sponsor Wedding

The Glenwood Parent-Teacher association will sponsor a Womanless Wedding in the school auditorium Friday night, May 13. The cast is composed of members of the Sugar Hill, Dysartsville and Glenwood communities. Proceeds will be used toward the purchase of a typewriter for the Commercial Department of Glenwood School.

### Spring Federation Of Demonstration Clubs Held Friday

McDowell County Home Demonstration clubs observed Spring Federation last Friday afternoon in the office of Miss Jean Steele, county agent. Mrs. J. W. McCurry, president, presided over an attendance of approximately 70.

The program consisted of numbers by each of the clubs. From the Turkey Cove club, Mrs. Russell Hollifield and Mrs. Arthur Duncan rendered a duet. Mrs. Harlow Noblitt, Bethlehem club, presented a devotional. Others assisting were Mrs. Clyde Peek, Miss Ruth Noblitt and Mrs. Waldon Hollifield. Mrs. J. W. Bolton, North Marion club secretary, read minutes of a recent meeting.

"Influence of Home Demonstration Work on the Jones Family," was the title of a program presented by the Nebo club. Those taking part were: Mrs. J. J. Crouch, Mrs. L. W. (Continued on page 6)

### CHANGE ANNOUNCED IN BASEBALL SCHEDULE

J. C. Rabb, business manager of the Marauders, calls attention to the change in the schedule of Marion-Morganton games this week. Last week the games were reversed from the original schedule, but later it was found necessary to change back to the original schedule. Tonight, Marion will play Morganton on the home field.

### McDOWELL COUNTY BUSINESS CENSUS STARTED MONDAY

The field enumeration for the 1948 Census of Business was started in McDowell county on Monday, May 9, 1949. C. Carroll Oldham, District Supervisor for Western North Carolina, with offices in Asheville, announced that David N. Lonon will be in charge of the enumeration for the entire county. This Census is required by law. (Continued on last page)

## HORSE SHOW SCHEDULED FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

### Open House Will Be Held By Rulane Co.

The public is cordially invited to attend Open House at the Rulane Gas Service, just beyond the Clinchfield Railway underpass, Wednesday and Thursday. The latest models of gas appliances will be on display from 8 a. m. until 9 p. m. these two days.

A gas range will be given as a prize and refreshments will be served.

### Joseph Noyes Named Foreman U. S. Court

Joseph L. Noyes of Marion was named foreman of the grand jury for the United States Court for the Western District of North Carolina which convenes in Asheville last Monday. Judge Wilson Warlick of Newton, is presiding, sitting in his first session of court in Asheville since he was elected to the Federal bench. United States Marshall Jacob (Jake) Bowman of Marion took the oath as grand jury officer.

### Funeral Services Held Sunday For Mrs. Henson

Funeral services for Mrs. Esther Henson, 63, widow of John Henson, who died Friday at the home of a sister, Mrs. R. F. Henson of Nebo, RFD 2, were held Sunday in Mrs. Henson's residence.

The Rev. Roy Webb officiated and burial was in Clear Creek Baptist church cemetery.

She is survived by four sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Henson, Mrs. Gilmer Long and Mrs. M. H. Cook of Waynesville, Mrs. Thomas Evans of Weaverville and Charles and Thort Jenkins of Cove Creek.

## Old Fort School Winner Of County School Field Meet

### SHELBY FARMERS WIN OVER MARION BY TEN-THREE SCORE

On a rain-soaked field in Shelby, under a heavy laden sky the Marion Marauders went down in defeat 10 to 3 to Joe Borich's Farmers. Time and again it looked as though the umpire might stop the game, but both teams managed to slip and (Continued on last page)

## WBRM BROADCASTS STARTED MONDAY

### Tests Prove Marion Broadcasts Are Heard In 18 States And Canada

### TOWN BOARD TO BE SWORN IN AT MEETING TONIGHT

Members of the Board of Aldermen will be sworn in at a special meeting to be held in the City Hall tonight (Thursday), Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr. said yesterday.

This will be the last meeting of the old Board.

### Sprinkle Injured Monday Morning

Paul Sprinkle was treated at the Marion Hospital Monday for injuries received when a sand bin at the Becker Sand and Gravel company caved in on him. Harry Haskemp, superintendent, said he was informed that Sprinkle's injuries were of a minor nature.

### Atkins Awarded Fireman's Diploma

L. D. Atkins, Sr. received his diploma last week at the Fireman's College and Drill School in Charlotte for completing courses four consecutive years.

Others attending the school from Marion last Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday were: H. R. Wilkinson, Fred Hensley, Clarence Miller, and Clyde Miller.

Marion's first radio broadcast over the new station WBRM went on the air last Monday.

Beginning at 6 a. m., the first words to be broadcast after the station identification, were the words of a prayer by Rev. M. O. Owens, pastor of the First Baptist church.

The announcer informed his listening audience that a prize would be awarded the person writing in from the greatest distance to the local station. The winner was a listener from Toronto, Canada. During the testing period officials said the local station was heard in 18 different states and Canada.

Members of the radio station staff said reception was very good and they had been complimented for the (Continued on last page)

## ROBERT ELLIS FATALLY INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Funeral services were conducted here Monday afternoon for Robert E. Ellis, 27, who was fatally injured early Friday morning in an automobile accident near Huron, Ohio.

Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr. conducted the rites at the first Baptist church and was assisted by Dr. Carl W. McMurray. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

The car driven by Ellis, who traveled for Bailey Meter Company, Cleveland, crashed into the end of a bridge at about 5 a. m., according (Continued on last page)

### American Legion Will Sponsor Junior Baseball

The following boys are going out for American Legion Junior Baseball which is sponsored by the McDowell Post No. 56 W. E. Carter, recreation director, announced this week:

Ray Harding, Jimmy Lonon, Mickey Walker, Ray McCalliard, Bryant Gourley, Harold Dean Lawing, Kenneth Cannon, Charles Styles, Louis Wilson, Mickey Potat.

Guy Wells, Sam Mills, Bennie Parker, Stanley Perkins, Dean McKinney, Terry Lowery, Rod Randolph, Jerald Gibbs, Howard Ledbetter, Wesley Buchanan.

Jack Smith, Clifford Seagle, Ray Perkins, Kenneth Woody, Charles Willis, Dilly Proctor, Marshall Dark, Earl Bright, Carl Moody, Dean Webb, Harold Condrey.

Frankie Morgan, Kenneth Greene, Jerry Atkins, Jack Robinson, Joe Buchanan, Guy Davis, Bo Huffman, Earl Stiles, Donald Ross, Ralph Hawkins.

Harold Mask, Fred Parker, Charles Walker, Charlie Smith, Bill Wilkerson, Cecil Stott, Allen Kistler, Jack Harklerode, Buddy Styles, Winfred Hollifield.

Delano Shook, Ralph Bean, Paul Wyatt, Erwin Heers, Lynn Sprinkle, Jimmy Johnson.

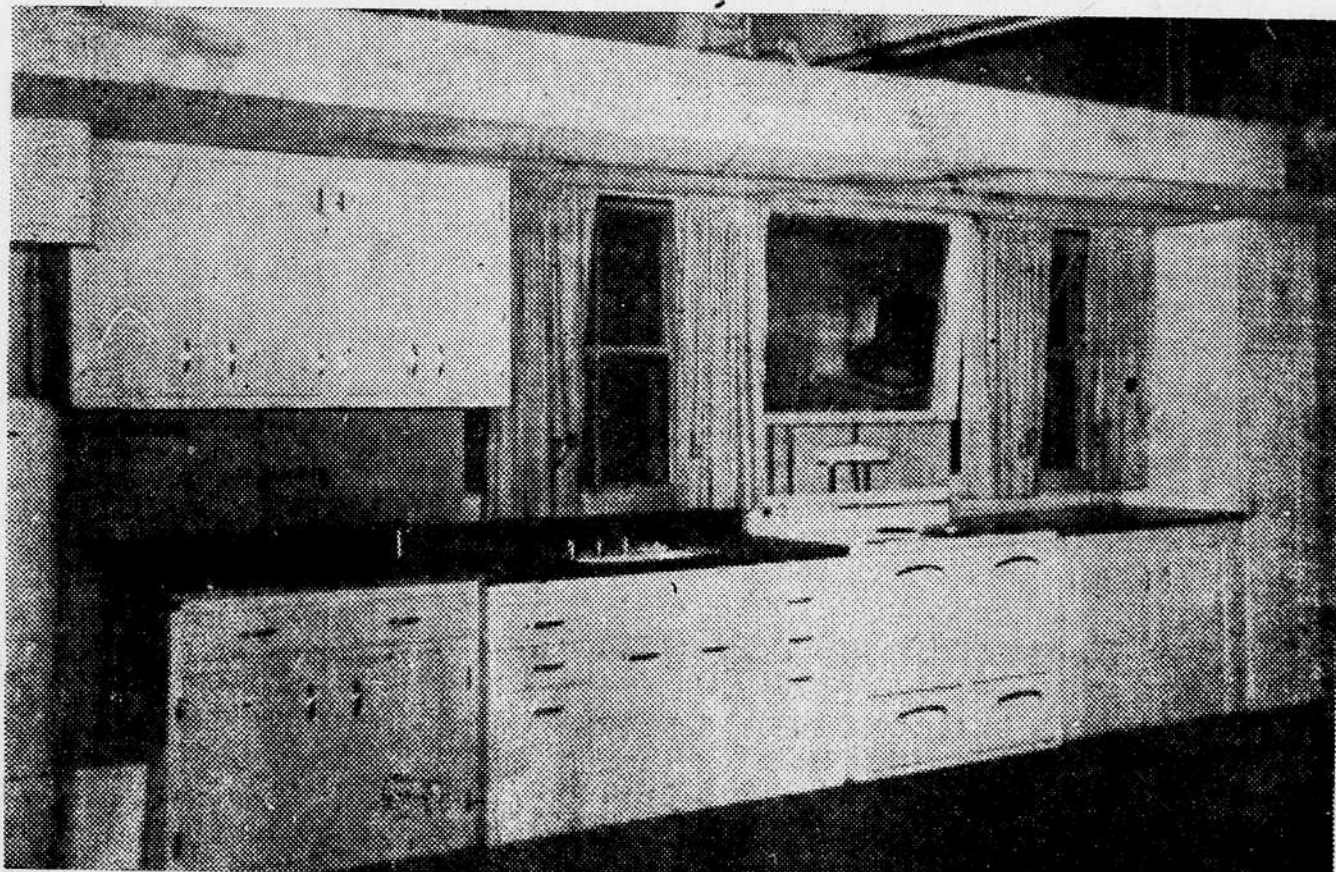
### Hail Damage Reported Slight

Damage from the hail here Tuesday was of little consequence, but erosion caused by the storm was severe in some cases, S. L. Homewood, county farm agent, said yesterday. Homewood said he had talked with farmers and had observed some of the damage himself. Many fields were badly eroded, but the smaller grains escaped any serious damage, he said.

The hail storm occurred about noon Tuesday and was one of the heaviest in several years.

The local weather bureau recorded 2.59 inches of rainfall from Thursday of last week through Monday of this week.

## HOME DEMONSTRATION OFFICE



The kitchen of the McDowell County Home Demonstration office is shown above. McDowell County was recently commended for having one of the most outstanding Home Demonstration offices in the United States. The office also contains a laundry, office equipment and tables for serving large groups.

### Atkins Honored At Davidson

L. D. Atkins, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Atkins, Sr., of Marion, has been elected Executive Councilman of Davidson College Band for the next school term, according to word received here. He is a member of the Junior class.