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SCOTT TO BE SPEAKER AT DEDICATION SUNDAY

Governor Scott To Give Address At Dedication Of Radio Station

Governor Kerr Scott will deliver the principal address at formal dedication of Marion's new WBRM radio station here next Sunday.

Ceremonies to be held in the Marion High School auditorium will begin at 2 p. m. Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., will preside and the program will include speeches by representatives of public education, industry, civic clubs churches, agriculture and business firms. Music will be furnished by the Marion High School band.

Out of town guests of honor scheduled to be present for the occasion will include the Mayors of Spruce Pine, Newland, Burnsville and Old Fort.

Marion's first radio broadcast went on the air Monday, May 9.

Marion Merchants Elect Directors For Coming Year

The names of directors of the Marion Merchants association who will serve during the coming year were announced this week by Mrs. Ethel Crisp, executive secretary.

They are: S. R. Perkins, retiring president; S. W. Blanton, V. T. Eckerd, John Ray Jameson, Amos Seagle, all reelected, and Carl McCall and D. W. Tainter, newly elected.

These directors will be installed at the quarterly meeting of the Association in June. After the meeting the directors will elect a president and vice president.

TO SPEAK HERE



GOVERNOR SCOTT

Kiwanis Club Pledges Aid To School Band

The Marion Kiwanis club held its regular weekly meeting Tuesday evening at the Marion Community building with Roy W. Davis, president, presiding.

Kiwanian Ray Cline, in charge of the program, announced that a Round Table Discussion would be held following the reading of the minutes and reports by the secretary. During the round table discussion the splendid work of Bernard Hirsch, director of the high school band, was recognized and a movement was started to purchase new band uniforms for the entire band as a gesture of appreciation for the public service rendered by this high school organization.

The Kiwanis club went on record of pledging the purchase price for 15 uniforms. It was pointed out that

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Millwood Rites Held Saturday

Funeral services for Zaddock V. Millwood, 69, of Clinchfield, who died early Thursday after a long illness, were held at 2 p. m., Saturday. The Rev. Charles C. Parker, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Cornelius officiated. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Etta Turner Millwood; two daughters, Mrs. L. C. Pace of Clinchfield and Mrs. C. P. Manley of Greenville, S. C.; two brothers, B. J. Millwood of Greenville, and Joseph Millwood of Spartanburg; one half-sister, Mrs. G. Coleman of Columbia, and four grandchildren.

Elliott Names Committeemen For Better Schools, Roads, Inc.

Marion High Commencement Will Be June 5-6

Commencement exercises of the Marion High School will begin with the Baccalaureate sermon to be delivered at eight o'clock, Sunday evening, June 5, by Rev. C. C. Cross, pastor of the East Marion Baptist church. Final exercises will be held Monday evening, June 6. Tuesday, the eighth grade will observe Achievement Day. Reading certificate, perfect attendance certificates and awards will be presented.

Plans Underway For Poppy Day

Poppies by the thousands are coming from the skilled fingers of disabled war veterans in preparation for Poppy Day, May 28, Mrs. Sam Proctor, Poppy Chairman of McDowell Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, announced today.

Mrs. Proctor is directing arrangements for the observance of Poppy Day here, when the veteran-poppies will be worn to honor the dead of both world wars and to aid the disabled and the children of veterans. Describing the poppy-making activities she said:

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McDOWELL COUNTY WOULD SHARE IN BOND ALLOTMENTS

Raleigh—McDowell county will receive \$422,000 for school building and \$1,540,000 for road building if voters on June 4 authorize the issuance of school and road bonds, according to a letter received by county commissioners from Governor W. Kerr Scott.

School and road bond bills passed by the 1949 General Assembly allocate those amounts to be spent in the county, provided that the people authorize the issuance of the bonds when they vote in the June 4 election.

For school building McDowell county would get \$250,000 as its

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DR. K. W. RAMSEY

Dr. K. W. Ramsey Elected President Of N. C. Society

Dr. Kenneth W. Ramsey, of Marion, was elected president of the North Carolina State Optometric society for the new year at the forty-second annual convention of the society held in Charlotte last week and Mrs. Ramsey was elected vice president of the Ladies' auxiliary of

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Committeemen Chosen For Various Sections Of McDowell County

W. P. Elliott, director of Better Schools and Roads, Inc., has announced the addition of six names to his list of committeemen.

The new committeemen are: E. Parker, Sr., Marion; Bogard V. Lawing, Nealsville; W. F. Blanton, Dysartsville; R. L. James, Mackey's Creek; John Dobbins, Nick's Creek, and W. C. Huskins, Woodlawn.

Elliott urged all committeemen to attend a meeting at the court house in Morganton next Saturday when Governor Scott will speak. He said: "This meeting is of special interest to the Chairmen of the ten counties and their committees comprising the Ninth Highway District.

Other committeemen previously named are: Madison Hensley, North Cove; Dock Good, Sevier; John Burnette, Hanks; Marion Padgett, Cross Mill; John Buckner, Clinchfield; Bill Biggerstaff, Dysartsville; John Simpson, Higgins; Dallas Rowe, Noho; Howard Harris, Marion; Grady Walker, Glenwood; Joe Laughridge, Chapel, and Frank Pyatt, West Marion.

ATTENTION!

The McDowell County Draft Board requests that all questionnaires which have not been returned, must be returned immediately.

City Schools Board Reelects Teachers

C. C. Elledge Reappointed Marion's Central Principal

The Board of Trustees of the Marion City Schools held the annual election of teachers and principals for the Marion City Schools last Tuesday night.

Charles C. Elledge was elected to succeed himself as principal of the Marion High School for the school term 1949-1950. Other principals elected were as follows: Miss Ruth Greenlee, Clinchfield Elementary School; Miss Mamie Stacy, East Marion Elementary School; Mrs. Garland Williams, Eugene Cross Elementary School; and Matt McBrayer, West Marion Elementary School.

The following teachers were elected for the 1949-1950 school term: High School—A. H. Ditt, Bernard Hirsch, Miss Mary Frances Harrill, Miss Mildred E. Glenn, E. L. Carter, Mrs. Flora S. Homewood, Mrs. Emily English Morris, Mrs. Marguerite B. Gilkey, Mrs. Patty Leake Hewitt, Miss Betsy Webster, Mrs. Kate Z. Finley, and Mrs. Edith L. Davis.

Marion Elementary Schools: Mrs. Ethel B. Gray, Mrs. Kate B. Mc-



C. C. ELLEDGE

Lain, Mrs. Mary C. Finley, Mrs. Leola Bame Wright, Mrs. Ethel C. Giles, Miss Mary E. Thornburg, Mrs.

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McDOWELL POST AMERICAN LEGION ELECTS OFFICERS

The McDowell Post No. 56 of the American Legion elected officers at a meeting held Tuesday evening in the community building.

Clarence Wise was elected Commander of the local post succeeding G. W. Wilson. Other officers are: Ben Hendley, first vice commander, chairman of membership committee; E. P. Dameron, second vice commander, chairman legal committee; Sam Proctor, third vice commander, finance officer; Clarence Steppie, fourth vice commander Americanism and publicity; Guy

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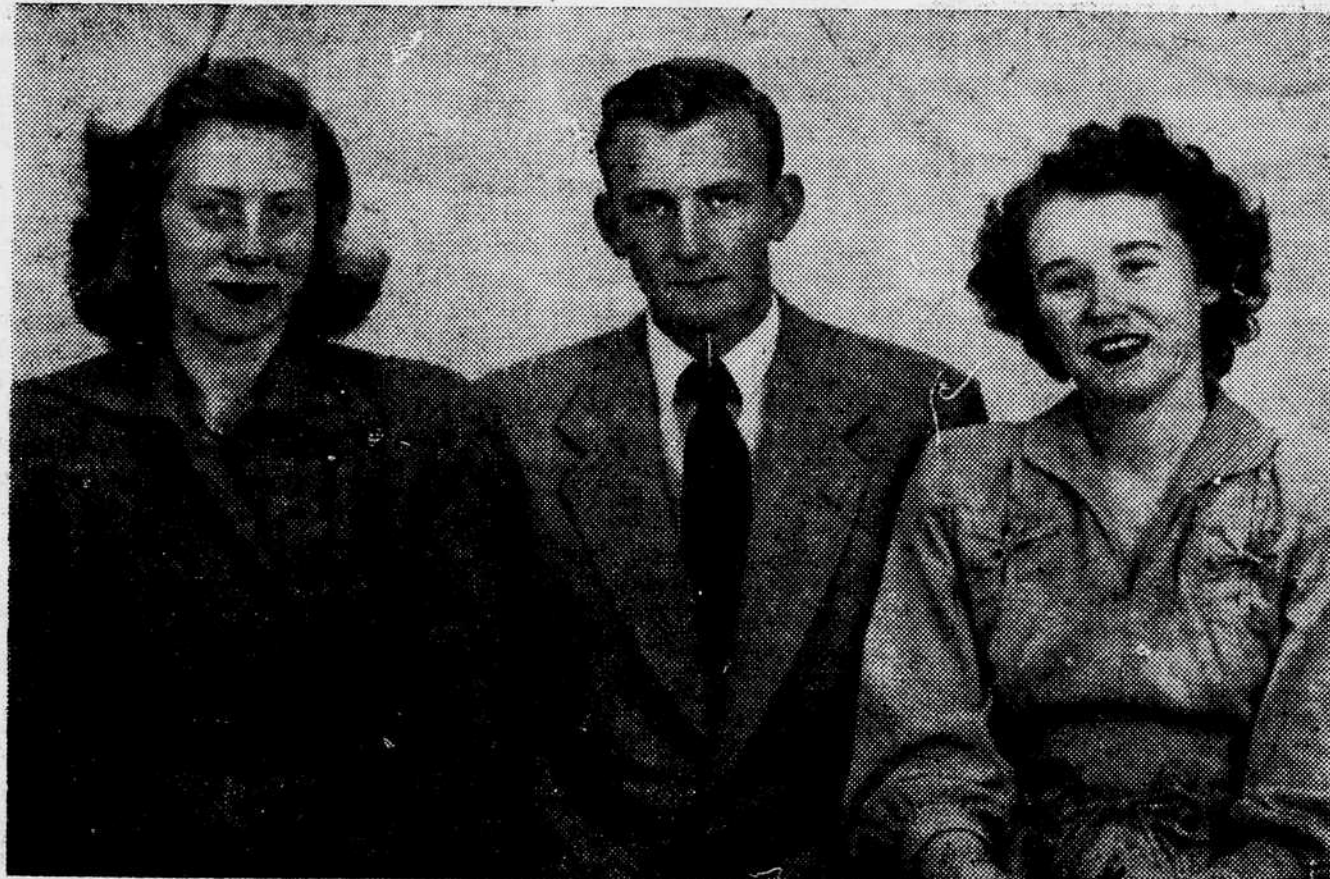
Television Set Now On Display

The public is cordially invited to see the new General Electric Television set on display at the City Tire and Appliance company.

No television can be given at present, but the G. E. will deliver the goods soon.

City Tire and Appliance company is the first store in Marion to exhibit television sets.

MARION HIGH HONOR STUDENTS



Margaret Ann Davis, left, John Conley Laughridge, center, and Joretta Devinyne, right, tie as honor students of the Marion High School this year. Miss Davis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Davis, member of the Marion High School band three years, Glee club two years, Future Teachers club one year, Debaters' club one year and the Honor Society. Laughridge son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Laughridge, member French club, band, football, basketball, president Debaters club, Highlander club, class officer, Dramatic club, and Victory club. Miss Devinyne, daughter Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Devinyne, Library, Victory clubs, marshal, National Honor Society, member of the cast in the junior play, Debaters' club, Highlander club, co-editor the Highland, vice president senior class, Foreign Language club, Story Tellers club, Teen-Age Ten club, voted most original, Oratorical contst.

Clinchfield Yard Contest Winners

Corn Trophy On Display

The trophy to be awarded the winning state of North Carolina vs. Virginia corn-growing contest is now on display in the window of Belk Broome company. The exhibit is designed to instruct local farmers in methods of corn growing which will contribute toward winning the contest. Samples of hybrid corn grown in McDowell county are also on display.

The trophy will be awarded the state with the greatest increase in 1949 over the 1948 yield.

Winners of the 1949 Clinchfield Yard Contest were announced this week as follows:

Jerry Hall, first prize; J. C. Norman and Zora Rowland tied for second; O. C. Norman, third; H. Sigmon, fourth; Claude T. Young, fifth; Earnest Harklerode, sixth, and Lee Rowland, seventh.

Those receiving honorable mention were: Charlie Turner, H. C. Gossett, E. V. Reel, J. H. Cannon, Ralph Styles, L. C. Pace, E. C. Condry, E. C. Wages, A. A. Mason, H. D. Davidson, G. W. Davis.

Broadus Taylor, J. W. Reese, P. V. Nichol, Seth Young, Charles Dun-

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East Marion Yard Contest Winners

Track Winners To Be Entered In State Contest

Marion High winners in the track meet held in Morganton on Friday, May 6, will be entered in the State contest to be held at Chapel Hill, C. C. Elledge, Marion High School principal, said last week.

Gilbert Packett won three of the six first places for Marion. He led in the 100 yard dash, the 200 yard dash and the discus throw. John Finley won first place in the broad jump, a distance of 18 feet. Kenneth Cannon won first place in pole vault, and Guy Smith in the shot put.

Buy U. S. Savings Bonds.

Mrs. Willard Toney was winner of the first grade grand prize in the 1949 East Marion Yard Contest, it is announced.

Mrs. Charles Pettit won second, Mrs. Grady Moody, third, and Mrs. C. C. Cross, fourth.

Other prizes were won by Mrs. Charles D. Hall, Mrs. J. C. Daniels, Mrs. Carl Helms, Mrs. Clyde Randolph, Mrs. Howard Toney, Mrs. A. R. Flack, Mrs. T. G. Smith, Mrs. Frank Neighbors.

Mrs. Belvin Moore, Mrs. Ray Lane, Mrs. David Windham, Mrs. Everette Lawing, Mrs. Loy Toney, Mrs. W. A. Fender, Mrs. Adam Duncan, Mrs. J. D. Miller, Barney McKinney.

Those receiving honorable mention were: Mrs. O. W. Greene, Mrs. Liza Moody, Mrs. Lloyd Broome, Mrs. T. W. Goforth, Mrs. Floyd Bruner, Mrs. William Autrey, Mrs. Jeter Buchanan.

Mrs. Walter Phillips, Mrs. Ralph

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