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Special Contest To Start Next Week

Beginning next week the Marion Progress in cooperation with the Marion Theatre will offer free movie passes to the Marion Theatre each week from now until Christmas.

Anyone is eligible to enter this contest except members of The Progress staff and their families.

A knowledge of history is desirable, but any diligent reader who is willing to concentrate on the subject for a few moments each week may win. Promptness will be one of the essential factors in securing these passes.

Each week there will be four adult passes, one pass to a student over 12 years of age and one to a student under 12. The four adult passes will be divided equally between persons residing within the city limits of Marion and the rural readers—two passes to Marion residents (only one to a contestant) and two to county readers.

Only the first one to present the (Continued on last page)



WOODROW W. JONES announced today he would be a candidate for Congress to succeed A. L. Bulwinkle of the 11th District, who has announced that he will retire. Jones, a Rutherfordton attorney, attended Mars Hill College and graduated with an LLB Degree from Wake Forest College. He is a former solicitor of Rutherfordton county, was in the Navy two years, served two terms in the State Legislature, is a past commander of the Fred Williams Post No. 75, American Legion of Rutherfordton, past president of the Rutherfordton Kiwanis club, and was a deacon of the First Baptist church of Rutherfordton three years.

FRANCIS MARION VOTES TO ASSIST LOCAL PROJECTS

The Francis Marion club voted to lend a helping hand to four community projects at its meeting in the community building Thursday evening.

A donation of \$15 was appropriated for the commercial department of Glenwood school to be used for the purchases of typewriters.

A motion was carried to offer aid in financing free lunches for underprivileged children of Marion High School.

Members voted a contribution of \$100 for the Teen-Age club and agreed to sponsor an advertisement in the Hylander, Marion High School annual.

Jones Pharmacist At Cut Rate Drug Store

H. F. Jones began work last week as pharmacist at the McDowell Cut Rate Drug Store. He is a former employee of the Cut Rate Store, and returns to Marion from Columbia where he has been a patient in the hospital there.

Water Shortage Necessitates Mill Closings

Water main on Mackey's Creek and Clear Creek broke Tuesday impeding the flow of water into Marion's reservoir and the mills were forced to close yesterday.

Service stations and other places of business which use considerable quantities of water were instructed to cooperate in conserving the supply while repair crews were at work repairing the damage.

ATTENDS CONVENTION

R. W. Proctor attended the annual convention of the North Carolina State Bar Incorporated in Raleigh last week-end.

DRIVE WILL BE LAUNCHED TO BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL

Funeral Services For I. W. Saunders Held Friday

Funeral services for Isaac Walter Saunders, 69, well-known Marion barber, who died early Friday in a Marion hospital were held Sunday in the First Baptist church here.

The Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr., pastor, officiated and burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Acting pallbearers were Hubert C. Martin, Milton McMahan, C. Y. Banning, Charles Poteat, W. C. Burgin, E. W. Parker, Sr., W. R. (Continued on last page)

Trustees Announce Plans For A New Building Of 60-Bed Capacity



S. R. CROSS will head the drive to raise funds for the new hospital building. The drive opens November 28 to raise \$100,000 to be added to funds already on hand.

Hamrick To Enter 11th District House Race

J. Nat Hamrick, Rutherfordton lawyer and businessman, has added his name as a Democratic candidate for representative from the 11th North Carolina district in the 1950 spring primaries.

The incumbent, Rep. A. L. Bulwinkle of Gastonia, has announced he will not run again.

The district embraces Cleveland, Gaston, McDowell, Madison, Polk, Rutherfordton and Yancey counties.

Charles E. Hamilton, Gastonia lawyer, had announced previously that he was a candidate.

A modern new 60-bed hospital and nurses home to serve the people of McDowell county will be built in Marion, the trustees of Marion General Hospital announced today.

The \$700,000 non-profit institution will cost the county less than one-third actual construction costs, according to W. L. Morris, chairman of the hospital trustees.

"If \$100,000 can be raised by McDowell county, plus the funds on hand, the state and federal governments will give us the rest," added Morris.

The government grants, available under terms of the Medical Care Commission's Good Health Program of Hospital construction, will meet over two-thirds of the building cost, or about \$450,000, if the county's share can be raised. Approximately \$120,000 of the county's share has been donated.

S. R. Cross has been named head of a committee to raise the additional \$100,000 needed by the county to qualify for the government aid. Other members of the committee are Joe Noyes and Otis Broyhill. The drive will open on November 28, and every citizen of McDowell County is urged to give his share.

The announcement climaxes a long study of the over-crowded Marion General Hospital, which must serve McDowell county's 25,000 people, as well as patients from surrounding counties without adequate hospital facilities. Originally built as a 32-bed institution, the hospital has added 10 more (Continued on last page)

Achievement Day Will Be Observed On November 12

McDowell County Home Demonstration clubs will observe Achievement Day on November 12 with a program at the community building, Miss Elsie Garrett, home agent, announced this week. Rev. M. O. Owens will be speaker.

Exhibits will be on display from each of the 13 home demonstration clubs and each of the 4-H clubs.

Funeral Rites For Mrs. Turner Held Saturday

Mrs. Lillie Ann Turner, widow of Louis E. Turner, died Friday morning at the residence, Marion, route 1. She was 88.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday in Nebo Methodist church with the pastor, the Rev. H. R. Cornelius, assisted by the Rev. Clarence Frazier, officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are four sons, William H. and John of Marion; Grover C. and Robert L. of Lenoir; one daughter, Mrs. J. M. Lawson of Lenoir; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Nannie Murphy of Hendersonville.

COUNTY TAX VALUATION GAINS OVER LAST YEAR

Funeral Rites For Mrs. Brown Held Sunday

Mrs. Mary English Brown, 71, widow of H. Sewell Brown, died at the residence in Ashford Sunday after a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted in Concord Methodist church Tuesday at 3 p. m. by the Rev. H. D. Jessup, assisted by the Rev. Carl McMurray, and burial was in the Brown cemetery.

She is survived by two daughters and five sons, Miss Beatrice Brown of the home, Mrs. G. C. Moore, Dewey G., Romulus J., Hudson H. and Eugene C. Brown of Ashford, and Jack Brown of Marion; nine grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Edgar R. Stair Elizabethton, Tenn.

County tax books for the year 1949 were turned over to C. M. Pool, sheriff and tax collector, two weeks ago.

Figures released from the office of Mrs. Mary G. Burgin, county accountant, this week show that the total valuation for the year 1949 is \$25,676,277, a gain of \$3,781,394 over the \$21,894,883 listed for the year 1948.

The tax charge for 1949 was \$266,732.77. The preceding year the total charge was \$228,959.08. Of that amount \$216,034.93 or 94.35 per cent has been collected to date.

Mrs. Kanipe's Mother Passes

Old Fort—News of the death this week of Mrs. W. A. Warren of Roxboro has been received here. She was the mother of Mrs. T. R. Kanipe of Old Fort.

Symphony Orchestra Goal Reached; Concert Scheduled

Leadership Day To Be Observed By County Women

Leadership Training Day will be observed by Home Demonstration clubs of this county today, (Thursday), Miss Elsie Garrett, county agent, announced this week.

Two representatives of each club in the county (in most cases the craft leader and her assistant) will meet at 9 a. m., in Miss Garrett's office for instruction in etching. The leaders will later demonstrate methods of etching to their respective clubs.

Sometime early in March, the North Carolina Little Symphony will play two concerts in Marion—the regular free student concert for the various schools of the community and the evening program for local members of the North Carolina Symphony Society.

Mrs. E. W. Parker, Jr., announced today that the \$750 goal had been achieved. Mrs. Parker was enthusiastic in her praise of the efforts of the local committee members, and for the generous response of local industrial and business leaders. She also voiced sincere appreciation for the fine publicity given the campaign by radio station WBRM and the local newspapers.

Local music lovers who have not yet obtained memberships in the Symphony Society may do so any time in the near future by contacting any of the local committee members. Last year the North Carolina Symphony broadcast over several nation-wide hookups and received recognition in "Time" magazine for the splendid work the orchestra is doing in the promotion of fine music throughout the state of North Carolina.

RAINED OUT GAME TO BE MADE UP

Marion High Rippers game with Rutherfordton, scheduled last Friday, was rained out and will be played November 28, it was announced yesterday.

The Rippers will play Lenoir Friday of this week at 7:30 o'clock in Lenoir. The Lenoir team has not been defeated in a conference game this season.

Robbery Reported At O. K. Station

Frances Dean Ray and Fred Hall were arrested on charges of breaking and entering after a robbery was reported at the O. K. Service Station, Chief of Police D. W. Smith said this week. Smith said both confessed to the charges.

He estimated the loss of candy and cigarettes at "less than \$50." Hall, 13, is a minor and will be under the custody of his parents until he stands trial in juvenile court. Ray will be given a hearing before the Mayor and will face trial at the next term of Superior Court.

The loss was discovered when the service station was opened Monday morning.

Quiet Hallowe'en Is Reported By Police Chief

Hallowe'en was quiet this year, Chief of Police D. W. Smith said. He said he was quite pleased with the way the public cooperated in response to his request to refrain from destroying property.

Smith, who has been Chief of Police since January 25, 1947, said this Hallowe'en was much quieter than last year.

HALLOWE'EN CARNIVAL PRONOUNCED A SUCCESS

New Druggist At Tainter's

Robert Louis Irwin, registered pharmacist, has accepted a position with Tainter's Drug Store and will begin his duties Friday, November 3, D. W. Tainter said yesterday.

He is a native of Allegheny county, graduate of Sparta High School and the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy. He was formerly associated with the Turner Drug company in Elkin. He served in the U. S. Navy 21 months and was associated with the North Wilkesboro Drug company three years. In 1945 he married Miss Sarah Rutledge of Elkin.

An experiment with the Marion High School Hallowe'en Carnival this year proved successful, according to a statement yesterday by Mrs. R. R. Cooke.

Eliminating the election of a Harvest King and Queen and cake auction sale, the main emphasis this year was directed toward providing entertainment for the students and allowing the parents to share in the event by participating.

Mrs. Cooke and Mrs. W. Ray Smith, Jr., were in charge of arrangements. It was estimated that several hundred persons visited the school during the evening. A square dance in the gym furnished entertainment for the high school students although a number of them also joined with the younger set in visiting booths at the carnival show. Net proceeds had reached \$368.55 yesterday.

Annual Banquet Of Methodist Women To Be Held Monday

Fire Wednesday At Smith Apartments

Firemen were summoned to the brick apartment house owned by W. C. Smith, on South Main street yesterday morning about seven o'clock. According to a report by firemen, fire in the chimney ignited, but was discovered before the blaze spread to the interior of the house. The portion of the chimney which ignited was in the apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Mays Flack.

Oil Furnace Exploded

An oil floor furnace exploded Wednesday morning in the residence occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph K. Stanley on North Garden street. No one was injured and fire damage was confined to a margin of the floor around the furnace.

Post Office Receipts Increased Last Month

Postal receipts last month totaled \$4,756.55, a gain of \$52.52 over October, 1948. Bond sales were listed at \$6,262.50 and the gain in postal receipts at \$3,357. These figures were released by Postmaster John Finley yesterday.

Two Prisoners Escape; One Returned To Cell

Two prisoners escaped from McDowell county jail about 10 a. m. Saturday, and one was recaptured during the afternoon the same day, Sheriff C. M. Pool said.

Crawford Roberts, whose charge was auto larceny, was arrested in Spruce Pine by a State Highway Patrolman after his escape and returned to jail here. Delno Pressley, of Glen Alpine, charged with assault with deadly weapon, was the other prisoner who escaped. It was stated that the door of the jail was left open while the cell was being cleaned.