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Christmas Seal Sales Total \$974

Receipts from Christmas Seal Sales totaling \$974 were deposited through last Saturday against a quota of \$1250, Mrs. Edna Earl Stancell, Chairman, said this week. She said she was well pleased with the progress of the campaign. Mrs. Stancell also called attention to the fact that a booth in the post office will be open every morning this week for the sale of seals. The project this year is under sponsorship of the Marion Junior Woman's club. The public is reminded to respond to the appeal as soon as possible.

TOWN OF MARION RECEIVES PORTION OF FRANCHISE TAX

The State Department of Revenue allotted Marion \$418.30 in its second quarterly distribution of the portion of the franchise tax which the 1949 General Assembly assigned to the cities and towns, according to announcement last Saturday.

All told, the pot came to \$126,972.39. The total was slightly larger than the amount distributed on September 8, when the first distribution was made. That distribution, covering the three-months period ending last June 30, accounted for \$118,759.99. The checks mailed last week were for taxes collected during July, August and September.

KIWANIS CLUB HAS PROGRAM ON BANKING

A very interesting program was presented at the regular meeting of the Marion Kiwanis Club held in the community building last Tuesday evening. Kiwanian Robin Hood was in charge of the program and presented an educational picture to the club dealing with banking. Avery Fonda, assistant cashier and member of the Public Relations Office of the First National Bank and Trust Company of Asheville, presented the film and made explanatory remarks. Special guests for the occasion were the officers, members of the board of directors and employees of the First National Bank, Marion Industrial Bank, and McDowell (Continued on last page)

Marion High School Band To Give Pre-Christmas Concert

Following a custom of many years, the Marion High School band will play its annual pre-Christmas concert just before school closes for the holidays. The concert is set for Thursday night, December 15, at eight o'clock. The program, though not composed exclusively of Christmas music, is liberally interspersed with music fitting the yuletide season. The concert opens with two Christmas processional marches on "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." Other seasonal selections include a modern "Sleigh Ride" by LeRoy Anderson, "Gesu Bambino" (The Infant Jesus) by Pietro Yon and a musical setting of Clement Moore's delightful children's poem: "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Youngsters, both old and not so old, should enjoy this. Other numbers include "The American Folk Rhapsody" based on several early American folk songs, "Rogdes and Hart Selection" of some of their famous mu-

Hospital Drive Is Nearing The Deadline

Contributions to the Hospital Building Fund drive totalled \$20,000 yesterday, although only a very small part of the returns are in, S. R. Cross, fund chairman, said. The drive is scheduled to close on December 10, but donations will be accepted through the end of this month and will apply toward state and federal aid grants. The list of firms contributing one hundred per cent to date are: all employees of Cross Cotton Mills, Inc.; First National Bank, Clear Creek Lumber Company, Radio Station WBRM, Marion Bargain Store, McDowell Insurance Agency, Marion Hospital employees, white and colored, Rock Wool Insulating company of Asheville (local branch), Ayers Dairy, Tainters Drug Store. Departments reporting 100 per cent at Clinchfield Manufacturing company included the shop crew, outside crew and office employees.

MARION P. T. A. PROGRAM THEME ON CHRISTMAS

The Marion Central Parent Teachers association held its regular December meeting on Tuesday evening with the Christmas motif carried out throughout the meeting. The auditorium was beautifully decorated with greenery and red tapers burning in candelabra on either side of the stage and the officers table held an arrangement of the same theme. Mrs. R. C. Spratt conducted the devotional using the Christmas story from Luke, followed by the National P. T. A. presidents message, read by Mrs. S. W. Blanton, president, who presided during the meeting. Mrs. Blanton recognized the following PTA presidents from other Marion units: Mrs. T. L. Richie, from the East Marion unit, Mrs. Guy Hensley from Cross Mill; Miss Elizabeth Conley, from West Mar- (Continued on last page)

New Florist Shop Opened This Week

The Hunter Florist was opened Tuesday of this week on West Court street by Penn Hunter, owner of the Hunter Florist in Black Mountain. The new firm occupies the building formerly occupied by Penland's Shoe Store. Hunter has had eight years experience in the florist business.

Postal Receipts Show Increase Over Last Year

Postal receipts for November, 1949 totaled \$4,761.62 and in November, 1948, \$4,085.47. Postal receipts from January 1, 1949 to November 30, 1949 were \$48,885.17. The total for the corresponding period last year totaled \$41,401.33, a net gain of \$7,483.84. Bond sales for November 1949, were \$4,275. Postal Savings certificates issued for the month of November were \$39,171 and those paid \$52,820, a decrease of \$18,644.

CORN CONTEST WINNERS



The fact that McDowell county's younger generation of farmers really know how to raise corn was proved last Friday night when the Marion Rotary club observed Farmers' Night and presented awards to the boys shown here. Reading left to right Lynn Christy held first place with a yield of 152.9 bushels per acre; Roy Lonon followed second with 152.6; Bobby Eplee, third, 123.3. Bobby Jo Berryhill (who was not present for the picture) had a record of 120 and held fourth place. J. M. Mackey, Jr., far right, produced 119.6.

Eighth Annual Farmers' Night Observed By The Rotary Club

Day Of Prayer To Be Observed By Baptist Women

The Baptist Woman's Missionary Union will observe annual Day of Prayer at Bethlehem church on Friday, December 9, beginning at 10 a. m. Mrs. C. C. Parker will preside. All pastors are invited to attend. Mrs. W. D. Lawton will be guest speaker and officers will be elected for the coming year. The Rev. John Hicks, new pastor of the First Baptist church of Old Fort, will deliver the closing message. All ladies will assist in serving the lunch.

READ THE ADS AND TRY TO WIN A MOVIE PASS

The Marion Theatre and Marion Progress awarded theatre passes in last week's Read-The-Ads contest as follows: Theatre passes were awarded in last week's Read-The-Ads contest to Misses Fannie Mae Snipes and Mary Helen Rector for persons residing within the city limits. Troy Ellis won the student pass and David Norman the child's. County passes were won by Mrs. J. D. Little and Ted Bright. Each week from now until Christmas The Marion Progress and the Marion Theatre will award passes each week to two adults living within the city limits, two living outside the city limits, one to a student over 12 years of age and one to a child under 12. Anyone is eligible to try for these passes except employees of The progress and members of their families. Here's all you have to do. (Continued on page 11)

Pleasant Gardens PTA To Meet Tonight

The Pleasant Gardens Parent-Teacher association will meet at 7:30 o'clock, Thursday night in the school auditorium, Mrs. Locke Tate, publicity chairman, announced this week. An operetta will be presented by pupils of Miss Geneva Link's fifth grade and Mrs. Charles Corpening's fourth grade. (Continued on last page)

BLOODMOBILE AT CLINCHFIELD YESTERDAY

Volunteer donors for the Red Cross Bloodmobile visit to Clinchfield this week totalled 175, according to a report Tuesday by Miss Marie Jarrett, chairman of the unit. Those serving with Miss Jarrett were Rev. Paul Stokes, publicity chairman with Rev. R. C. Clontz and Rev. H. R. Cornelius as members of his committee. J. Atlas Cannon was recruiting chairman. Miss Ruth Greenlee is volunteer service chairman. Recruiters in the various departments are: Tom Hall, Wilford Taylor, Mary Boone, G. W. Davis, Bertie Biggerstaff, Carl Rowland, Grace Rowland, Octavious Young, Lillie Cooper. Herman Moore, Ella Wages, Stokes Proctor, Ella Reynolds, Max Harris, Pinkie Crouch, Carl Martin, Virginia Watson, Paul Pittman. G. E. Locke, Mildred Earley, BLOODMOBILE 24 s c M P-I Marshall McGalliard, Fuce Hughes, Myrtle Freshour, Morris Matthews, Rass Young, Daisy Foster. Jannette Curtis, James Rhymer, Nellie Norman, W. C. Higgins, Ben T. Wylie, Jr., Mae Browne, Charlie Greene, Bessie Proctor, Homer Taylor.

Deadline Set At December 11 For Crop Gifts

"Bring your gift for CROP to your church on Sunday morning, December 11," says S. J. Westmoreland, chairman of the county Christian Rural Overseas Program. The pastors of the churches will tell their people where to store the gifts, and then Westmoreland promises that a truck will pick up all the gifts from all the churches and bring them to the Farmer Federation Building, where they will be shipped by rail as part of North Carolina's Friendship Food Train. Westmoreland says that he hopes that the county will contribute one car load of corn to the hungry Christian people overseas. This is not a government undertaking and (Continued on last page)

Agriculture is the basic industry in America and no business compares with it in size, H. B. Caldwell, State Grange Master, said in his address at the Rotary Club Farmers' Night celebration last Friday. "Because of its size and importance, agriculture exerts influence over the economy of the nation. National income will follow rises and falls in farm income—employment and unemployment follows farm prices," he said. "We want more independent action and less monopolistic practice . . . We will (Continued on last page)

Amateur Show To Be Given At Nebo Friday

An Amateur Show consisting of a Black Face Quartet, Humorous Readings, Songs, Quartets, Instrument Playing and other talent will be presented at the Nebo High School on Friday, December 9, at 7:30 p. m. Judging from the people who have consented to help—this will be one of the best shows ever presented at Nebo. T. W. Stacy is to be master of Ceremonies. Jim Parks is President of the Club.

Zoning Commission Named For Town Of Marion

Marion Merchants Association To Meet Tonight

The quarterly meeting of the Marion Merchants association will be held at eight o'clock, Thursday night, December 8, in the Firemen's room, city hall, it is announced. The schedule of hours for Marion business firms to observe during the Christmas shopping season will be further discussed. All members are urged to attend. ATTENDS MEETING Bryan Gibson, personnel director of Marion Manufacturing Company, attended the three day Occupational Vision Congress held at State College last week.

Commissioners In Session Last Monday

The County Commissioners drew a jury list, approved road petitions and named the listers at the December meeting held last Monday. A motion was also passed to close the county offices on Saturday, December 24, and Monday, December 26, for Christmas holidays. Mrs. Mary G. Burgin was reappointed tax supervisor. Tax listers for the ten townships were named as follows: A. P. Poteat, Bracketts and Glenwood; Harlow Noblitt, Crooked Creek; C. M. Laughridge, Dy- (Continued on last page)

HOLLER'S MARKET TO HAVE OPENING NEXT WEDNESDAY

Holler's Market will be formally reopened next Wednesday following a remodeling program. The public is cordially invited to visit the store next Wednesday evening from seven until nine o'clock. Favors will be given the ladies. Rearrangement of counters, installation of new equipment and other improvements have made the store into a semi-self service store providing all the advantages of a modern super market and still maintaining a phone order service. The interior has been repainted in a light green with white ceiling, the most modern lighting fixtures installed and a new floor laid. Everyone is invited to the open house next Wednesday.

A A A Election Set December 15

The AAA County Committeemen and Community Committeemen elections will be held in the eight townships on December 15, it is announced. Elections will be for a term of one year.

Court Of Honor To Be Held Friday

The McDowell County Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held at 7:30 o'clock, Friday night, December 9, at First Methodist church, it is announced. Preceding the Court of Honor a Scouters' Training Course will be held at 5:30 o'clock and Scouters' supper at 6:30.

Zoning Commission Named For Town Of Marion

A zoning Commission for the Town of Marion was named at a call meeting of the Board of Aldermen Wednesday evening. The Commission will be composed of V. T. Eckerd, J. N. Morris, Marshall Dark, David Blanton and D. N. Lonon. The Board voted to change the name of Avenue A to Clay street and to place a traffic signal at the intersection of Clay street and Avenue A. Following a report by R. W. Proctor, attorney for the Town, on delinquent accounts of paving assessments, a motion was passed to collect these accounts. A proposed sewerage plant was discussed, but no definite action was taken.

Building Permits

The Town of Marion issued building permits this week as follows: Sterling Bower for construction of a frame dwelling on Broad street. Cost was estimated at \$8,000.