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KIWANIANS HOLD INTERESTING MEET

New Federation Building for Marion Discussed — Plan Baskets for Unfortunate.

At the regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club last Tuesday, a very interesting and instructive program was rendered. Kiwanian Jones from Lexington and Kiwanian Deal from Hickory were welcome visitors.

The matter of a new Federal building for Marion was discussed. It was suggested that a building was needed that would be adequate to house a postoffice and to have several federal office rooms that are needed, especially in a county seat. A committee was appointed from the Kiwanis Club consisting of C. F. James, chairman; M. F. West and S. L. Copeland. This committee is to work with a committee from the Chamber of Commerce and exert every possible effort to further the plans for a new postoffice for Marion.

Concluding this discussion, F. R. Richardson led the Club in several spirited songs.

Two good extemporaneous talks were made by Rev. P. D. Mangum and C. F. James.

Rev. Mangum commented on the difference between love and friendship, saying one is supposed to serve friends and not use them, and that love is a more intense emotion than friendship, although many people say that friendship is greater than love because love is selfish. He remarked further, that we all should put on a spirit of the Good Samaritan this Christmas; have a pleasant greeting and good word for everyone, and that it is not hard to preach, but it is difficult to practice what we preach.

Mr. James alluded to the common practice of the average man patting himself on the shoulder, instead of having an unbiased introspection made of himself. He stated that the average man is damned because of self-inflicted pity, and a man that pities himself loses his self respect. Mr. James read a poem on "Pity" that was enjoyed and appreciated by his audience.

Sixty baskets of Christmas cheer will be given away to the needy and unfortunate in McDowell county by the Kiwanis Club. Each member of this organization is giving five dollars toward this basket fund. The club will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, December 24th at one o'clock. Luncheon will not be served. After current business is disposed of, in as brief a manner as possible, every Kiwanian will load their car with baskets of Christmas joy and deliver them throughout the county that afternoon.

TWO MEN ARRESTED FOR STEALING DRESS

Two aliens, Melvin Burchfield and Lamp Farley, of Elizabethton, Tenn., who moved here recently to work in the hosiery mills of this city, were arrested last Sunday for stealing a dress that Mrs. Jacob Smith had finished altering and had hung up in the back part of the lobby of the McDowell Hotel.

Policemen Allison and Nichols, who were standing on the outside of the hotel, knew they were suspicious looking characters and watched them. Allison saw Farley take the dress and tuck it underneath the bib of his overalls. When the two men were about to leave, the officers tapped them on the arm and marched them over to the jail house, there to let them reflect in complete solitude for their misdemeanor.

PENLAND-WALL WEDDING

The marriage of Miss Jennie Wall to Mr. C. W. Penland on December 4th has been announced by the bride's parents, Mrs. Penland is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Wall of Marion, N. C.

Mr. Penland is employed by the Southern Railway Company in Asheville. Mr. and Mrs. Penland will make their home in West Asheville.

"ON WITH THE SHOW", with a cast headed by BETTY COMPSON, is a gorgeous, spectacular, and lavishly produced ALL-COLOR picture that you will enjoy seeing. At Marion Theatre next Monday and Tues.

PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MEETS

Mrs. J. F. Jonas, president of the Parent-Teachers Association of Marion, presided over this group of interested mothers and teachers at their regular meeting last Monday afternoon.

Announcement was made of the advanced step in becoming a member of the P. T. A. congress of the state and nation, effective Dec. 9th.

F. R. Richardson, superintendent of the Marion schools, gave a short talk to the assembled parents on students' records. He stated that cards would be sent parents from time to time to let them know how their child was progressing, and when the child was falling behind, each parent would know just how to handle the situation.

An attractive program was presented by the students of the Marion school at the conclusion of the business meeting. The numbers on the program were: A folk dance, a lean and fat stunt, a reading by Annie Laura Stepe, and a barn dance. The program was well executed throughout.

It was voted to have the next meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association in the evening, so that the fathers, who have their business worries of the day and are unable to attend in the afternoon, could cast their cares aside and join the mothers in studying the vital issues that confront this organization from time to time.

EUGENE CROSS SCHOOL FORMS SAFETY PATROL

Following organization of a unit last week at Eugene Cross School, Marion now has two school boy safety patrols functioning. The Cross Mill patrol was organized by Mrs. Garland Williams, principal, and E. R. Wells, district manager of the Carolina Motor Club.

Several weeks ago the safety patrol movement was inaugurated here with formation of a unit at Marion High School. C. T. Matthews, director of the traffic and safety department of the club, came to Marion to organize the patrol and address the Parent Teachers Association.

Mr. F. R. Richardson, superintendent of schools, and other officials are thoroughly in sympathy with the club's accident prevention and the members of the patrol are meeting with splendid co-operation. The patrols are composed of honor students from the higher grades. Their mission is to teach the younger children to walk instead of run across streets, not play in the streets and cross highways and streets at regularly designated intersections and not "jay-walk." The patrolmen are posted on sidewalk curbs and do not go into the streets to direct vehicular traffic.

"Through organization and equipment of safety patrols and fostering educational measures in promoting safety methods among children and adults, the Carolina Motor Club is taking the lead in North Carolina in an effort to cut down traffic accidents," Mr. Wells pointed out. "Last year traffic accidents cost 675 lives in North Carolina, 136 of the victims being school children under 15 years of age. There were 27,000 fatalities from this cause in the nation last year."

YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED TWICE WITHIN TEN DAYS

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mace, who live in the northern part of McDowell county, have the right to boast that they are well married.

On November 27th, Clarence Mace and Miss Eula Wacaster obtained a marriage license from the register of deeds of McDowell county, took the license to Spruce Pine, Mitchell county, and were married there on the same day by a regular ordained minister.

After the ceremony, they returned to McDowell county and settled down to "live happily ever after", but when the marriage license was returned to the McDowell county register of deeds, he promptly informed the young couple that they were not legally married, and that they had best be married in McDowell, the county where the license was issued.

Last Saturday they appeared before T. B. Conley, a McDowell county justice of the peace, and renewed their vows in holy matrimony, and returned home to celebrate their second honeymoon.

TRIAL OF MARION DEPUTIES STARTS

Trial Gets Under Way at Burnsville; Jury Quickly Chosen; Trial Moving Fast.

Courtroom officials set a speed record in selecting the jury at the end of one day's session of the Yancey Superior court at Burnsville for the trial of eight deputies charged with murder in connection with the shooting of six textile mill workers in front of the Marion manufacturing company mill on October 2, in a clash between sheriff's deputies and strikers. Eleven farmers and one carpenter compose the jury.

Solicitor J. Will Pless, Jr., of Marion, who heads the prosecution counsel, announced that the state would seek a verdict of second degree murder. Conviction on this charge carries with it a sentence of from two to thirty years.

Clyde R. Hoey, representing the defense in the murder trial of the eight deputy sheriffs who went on trial at Burnsville last Tuesday morning announced shortly after the opening of court that their plea was "not guilty" to either of the two counts on which they were indicted.

The eight deputies on trial for the fatal shooting are Robert Ward, B. L. Robbins, W. A. Fender, T. M. Greene, William Twigg, Dave Jarrett, Jim Owens and Charlie Tate.

The trial was transferred to Yancey from McDowell upon motion of the state. The change of venue was granted by Judge G. V. Cowper of Kinston, who is presiding at Burnsville, after it was shown by state and defense that prejudices existed in McDowell county.

A formidable array of counsel represents the state and defense, respectively. In addition to the solicitor the state is represented by A. Hall Johnston of Asheville, D. F. Giles of Marion, who represented the strikers during the labor difficulties in Marion last summer, and Charles Hutchins of Burnsville.

Seven attorneys represent the defense: Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby, W. T. Morgan, Fred Washburn and Wallace Winborne of Marion; and E. F. Watson, D. R. Fouts and G. D. Bailey, of Burnsville.

NEBO SCHOOLS TO GIVE PROGRAMS NEXT FRIDAY

Nebo, Dec. 9.—On Friday evening at 7:30 a Christmas operetta will be given by the Primary grades of Nebo school and everyone is specially invited to be present. It is hoped that all will come to see these little folks give their program. There will be no admission charges. The operetta is "The Kidnapping of Santa Claus," by Effa E. Preston and George W. Wilmont.

The eleventh grade of Nebo High School has put out some very nice shrubbery in front of the building. As you pass the school, look and see what our eleventh grade is doing for our school in appreciation of the values the school has given them.

Friday morning the ninth grade will give a program and they wish to invite the public to their program on Friday morning, Dec. 20, the eighth grade is giving a Christmas program and this grade is very anxious for parents and friends to come and be a part in their program.

The honor roll for third school month is as follows: first grade: Ray Simmons, Lucille Simmons, and Margaret Moore; 2nd grade, Annie Laura Hollifield, C. H. Simmons, Martha McGimsey, Mary Louise Moore, and Jamie Nelson; 3rd grade Georgia Burkhardt, Jennie Dyson, Thelma Simmons, Nona Snyppes; 4th grade, Alva Snyppes, Alonzo Watson, Margaret Wessinger; 5th grade, Louise Jamison, Doris Moore, John Dyson, Robert Simmons; 6th grade, Anna Simmons, Margaret Wilson, Hattie Seagle; 7th grade, Karl Brown, Claudia Chapman, Margaret Moore, Catherine Watson; 8th grade, Edith Hollifield, Virginia Early; 9th grade, Marshall Poteat, and Burley Snyppes; 10th grade, Ella Bates Ray, and Maude Watson; 11th grade, Mabel Gibbs and Lillian Helms.

Don't miss seeing the ALL-COLOR musical extravaganza "ON WITH THE SHOW", at Marion Theatre next Monday and Tuesday.

DECEMBER 15 TO 21 LIVE AT HOME WEEK

Governor Calls Upon Citizens of State to Emphasize Living at Home Next Week.

Raleigh, Dec. 4.—North Carolinians under a proclamation issued by Governor O. Max Gardner are called upon to "live at home" the week of December 15 to 21.

By "live at home" the chief executive explained, he means to feature North Carolina grown products upon the household table, in the grocery stores, and whatever Tar Heels gather about the festive board.

He called upon civic clubs, ministers, judges, and all other citizens to emphasize living at home during the week.

Governor Gardner pointed out in his proclamation that while North Carolina produces almost every article of food needed to grace a table, thousands of dollars are spent each year to bring foodstuffs into the state. Referring to this, he declared it "economically unsound and as a practical matter wholly unnecessary."

The proclamation setting aside the week for calling attention of North Carolinians to the basic foods and table luxuries their state produces is part of the governor's agricultural program, launched soon after his inauguration. Principal emphasis so far has been given to urging farmers to use purebred seed and livestock and to market their produce upon economically sound principles.

In connection with "live at home week" the governor will give newspaper folk of the state a banquet at the executive mansion on December 19 with the menu to be made up entirely from foodstuffs produced in North Carolina.

Text of Proclamation

The proclamation of the governor follows in full:

"The people of the state are sending out of the state annually for the purchase of food and feedstuffs a sum in excess of \$250,000,000. An idea of the extent of this colossal drain upon our resources and earnings may be obtained from some simple comparative statistics. It would, for example, be sufficient to pay the total property tax, town and county, for four years. It is nearly twice as much as North Carolina has spent on roads over a 10-year period. It amounts to \$81 annually for every man, woman and child in the state, or more than \$400 for the average family.

"This state of affairs is economically unsound, and, as a practical matter, wholly unnecessary. With the exception of tropical fruits and spices, North Carolina can, by intelligent application and planning, produce every foodstuff consumed by man and beast and now largely purchased from outside markets. Our almost incomparable soil and climate are admirably adapted to the production of corn, wheat, rye, potatoes, beans, celery, lettuce, tomatoes, apples, peaches, and all the great secondary crops of hogs, cattle, poultry milk and butter.

Equipped to Live at Home

"No state in the American union is better equipped by nature to 'live at home' and no state is more dependent upon outside sources for almost every food necessity. We dissipate what might easily be converted into a gigantic surplus to meet this annual deficit in the realm of elementary production. Money that could be spent for better schools and homes and the comforts and conveniences of life goes for food and feedstuffs, of a frequently inferior quality, when almost everything we need could be economically produced on our own farms and in our own gardens.

"Now, therefore, I, Oliver Max Gardner, governor of North Carolina, with a view to focussing the attention of the people upon what appears to me to be their greatest single present need, and in pursuance of my general agricultural and 'live at home' program, do designate and set apart the week of December 15-21 as 'live at home week' and to this end urgently request the co-operation of all the people.

"Let the civic and luncheon clubs and the chambers of commerce hold a dinner at which nothing but the products of North Carolina farms

shall be served and in this let them enlist the active co-operation and participation of the farmers and their wives. It would not be improper, I think, and would certainly be highly useful for the ministers of the gospel to set aside Sunday, the fifteenth, for a sermon on the subject of living at home. When the wise Joseph was confronted by the prospect of a food shortage, he adopted practical measures for meeting the crisis and thereby saved from hunger his own people in another land.

"Let the superior court judges call this situation to the attention of grand juries and let the home and farm demonstration agents make this program their slogan. Let the retail grocers co-operate by advertising each week some North Carolina product and let the woman's clubs build their programs around this movement. Let the attention of the eight hundred thousand school children of North Carolina be focused upon it by appropriate exercises. And let the heads of every state institution and of the department of agriculture assist in practical ways in carrying forward this program upon the success of which the happiness and prosperity of all the people of the state so vitally depend."

HAWN AND BEAM PICK ALL CONFERENCE TEAM

After the 1929 football season was well under way the coaches and school authorities met and decided to form an athletic conference that would suit the needs of the teams in this section of the state. This conference was formed and called the Western Athletic Association of North Carolina. Superintendent Carver of the Hickory Public Schools was declared president of the new organization.

This association was divided into two sections of ten schools each. The western section includes: Marion, Lenoir, Morganton, Hickory, Shelby, Rutherfordton, Forest City, Hendersonville, Canton and Waynesville. Every season this association will declare a winning team and some reward will be given that team. The association will also pick an all-conference team.

Due to the fact that this association was not formed until about the middle of the football season a champion team will not be declared this year. But with the schedules and the result of these schedules Coaches Hawn and Beam declare the Marion grid team the unofficial Western North Carolina Conference Champion. Marion has played her five conference games without defeat and no other team in the association has done that. Morganton and Hickory were both undefeated but one or two games were tied in each case, so Marion should be granted first place.

Both the Marion coaches picked a first and a second all-conference team. These teams, as selected, appear below:

FIRST TEAM		
Position	Name	School
End	Dorsey	Forest City
End	Whitlock	Forest City
Tackle	Gilkey	Marion
Tackle	Conley	Morganton
Guard	Williams	Canton
Guard	Justice	Hendersonville
Center	Bowditch	Marion
Quarterback	Mackeral	Hickory
Halfback	Ouzts	Marion
Halfback	F. Blanton	Forest City
Fullback	Rabb	Marion
SECOND TEAM		
End	Short	Hickory
End	Williams	Marion
Tackle	Fox	Hickory
Tackle	Clay	Marion
Guard	Moore	Marion
Guard	Horton	Forest City
Center	Seaboch	Hickory
Quarterback	Shackelford	Waynesville
Halfback	Rash	Lenoir
Halfback	Newton	Hickory
Fullback	Lipscombe	Rutherfordton

In making the above selections Coach Hawn and Coach Beam considered the teams played, the results, and the experience and age of the players. The coaches were of the opinion that there were no outstanding ends in the conference this season. They also attempted no honorable mention because it would make the list too drawn out. However, there might have been a slight change in the star team selection if several conference players had not suffered injuries during the season. For example: Newton of Hickory would have had a first place position if he had played the entire season.

REPORT FILED BY HIGHWAY PATROL

Motorcycle Officers in This District Stopped 1,836 Cars During November.

According to the monthly report of Lieut. R. H. Beck, of the eighth district state highway patrol, 1,836 automobiles were stopped during November.

There were 94 arrests made for alleged violations of the state highway motor laws. A total of \$1,375.95 was collected from these violators. The patrolmen spent 1375 hours on duty and traveled 11,068 miles on their motorcycles.

Only one was killed in the eighth district and ten were injured. Other activities reported by the patrolmen follows: Accidents, 16; sentence 7 years and 4 months; total lights fixed at station, 684; reckless drivers, 6; drunken drivers, 9; improper license, 35; without license, 12; lost tags, 5; motorists warned about violations, 1,742; courtesies extended, 81; parked on highway, 249; passing on curves, 38; passing on hill, 29; hogging the road, 163; hears driving 15; total number of cards issued, 230; total cars stopped, 1,836.

CLINCHFIELD WOMEN ENTER KITCHEN CONTEST

On Saturday, December 14th, the kitchens of twelve of the Clinchfield women will be judged for first place in a contest which is being put on by the Home Economics Department of the Clinchfield School. These kitchens will be scored on the following points:

General appearance; color scheme, 10 points; arrangement of equipment, 15 points; cleanliness, 30 points; necessary equipment, small (eggbeaters, double boilers, spatulas, etc.) 10 points; lge. (stools, garbage cans, wood boxes, tables, etc.) 15 points.

The prizes for the contest have been given by some of the merchants of Marion. They are as follows: First, an electric toaster. Second, an aluminum roaster. Third, a set of china dinner plates, given by the McDowell Hardware Co. Fourth, an earthen mixing bowl.

The following women are entering the contest: Mrs. T. V. Ellis, Mrs. E. C. Hensley, Mrs. J. C. Norman, Mrs. Myrtle Arrowood, Mrs. J. M. Sullivan, Mrs. L. M. Early, Mrs. A. C. Ferguson, Mrs. R. B. Baker and Mrs. L. C. Duncan.

The homes of these women will be opened to the public on Saturday afternoon to the friends and others who are interested. It is hoped that many will come and see the improvements that have been made.

Much interest is being shown by the women of the community in this contest.

The judges are Miss Annie Benson Priest, of Asheville; Miss Mary York, of Barnardsville, and Mrs. Thomas Wilson, of Marion.

MRS. CHARITY E. SISK IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Ravages of fire claimed Mrs. Charity E. Sisk, aged 88, and widow of the late R. Harrison Sisk, on last Friday 24 hours after her dress had accidentally caught fire from an open-hearth fire. Mrs. Sisk was living at the home of her son, W. B. Sisk, in Marion where the fatal accident occurred.

Mrs. Sisk was born and reared in McDowell county, and never moved from the county during her life. She was a member of the Harmony Grove Baptist church for 75 years. This church is the oldest church in McDowell county, organized in 1844. The interment took place at the Harmony Grove Baptist church with Rev. W. F. McMahan officiating.

She is survived by three sons and six daughters, namely: J. M. and W. B. Sisk, of Marion; R. F. Sisk, of Forest City; Mrs. Mary Dixon, of Marion; Mrs. Maggie Toney, Drexel; Mrs. Carrie Gettys, of Glen Alpine; Mrs. Sallie Taylor, of Morganton; Mrs. Frances Helms, of Monroe and Mrs. Harriet Smalley, of Cowpens, S. C. There are also 55 grandchildren, and 77 great grandchildren.

"On To The Show" at Marion Theatre to see "ON WITH THE SHOW". Next Monday and Tuesday.