

EXPECT 150 HERE AT DISTRICT PTA MEETING, OCT. 20

First Assembly of Newly-Organized District Embracing Eleven Western Counties.

The first annual conference of District Two, N. C. Congress of Parents and Teachers will be held in the high school auditorium here Wednesday, October 20, opening at 10 a. m. with Mrs. W. P. Dorsey, district director, presiding.

It is expected that as many as 150 may attend, representing 11 western counties. Ladies of the Presbyterian Auxiliary will serve a luncheon in the church at 12:30.

Following the general theme, "The Child—Not My Child", the program will be along these lines:

Registration at 9:30; formal opening with music by the high school band; inspirational service conducted by Rev. A. R. Batchelor, greeting by Supt. Hugh Beam and response, Mrs. Harry Woodson, president Shelby PTA council.

Reports at 10:30: statement of national and state objectives at 11:30 by Mrs. J. P. Sidbury, state president; presentation of awards, election of officers, recognition of state and district committees at 12 noon.

Mrs. H. B. Hunter, state rural service chairman, will report on rural associations at 1:30 p. m. followed by glee club music. At 2:00 o'clock, N. F. Steppe, county superintendent of education will introduce J. J. Tarleton, superintendent of Rutherford schools, who will speak on trends of education.

At 2:30, a question and answer period will be conducted by Mrs. D. D. Alley, vice president, followed by resolutions, announcements, and adjournment.

Following Marion ladies have been named conference chairmen: Mrs. W. R. Alley, general chairman; Mrs. Homer Beaman, vice chairman; Mrs. G. B. Justice, registration; Mrs. A. R. Batchelor, information; Mrs. R. B. Crisp, hospitality; Mrs. Geo. S. McCall, music and pages; Mrs. E. C. Klontz, publicity; Mrs. J. W. Streetman, luncheon.

Officers of the Marion unit of the association, who are making arrangements for the meeting, are Mrs. W. R. Alley, president; Mrs. Homer Beaman, vice president; Mrs. W. G. Ballew, secretary; Miss Ruth Laurence, treasurer.

RUMFELT INJURED IN COLLISION WITH CAR FROM TENNESSEE, HERE

David Rumpfelt was taken to Marion Hospital Sunday afternoon suffering from severe injuries received when his car was hit by a Tennessee car returning from the Duke-Tennessee football game Saturday.

The Tennessee chauffeur, Erskine Longmire, negro, was arrested and lodged in jail.

Officers said the Tennessee car was rounding the curve at Clinchfield, westbound, and was in the middle of the road when it swung into the Rumpfelt car going east. Both cars were wrecked.

At the hospital, Rumpfelt was found to have a badly injured hand, severe bruises, and probably internal injuries. No one else, in either car, was seriously hurt.

M'DOWELL CLUB BOYS TAKE HIGH STAND AT ASHEVILLE CATTLE SHOW

Competing with thoroughbred cattle at the Asheville cattle show October 8, boys of McDowell 4-H clubs took second place in a field representing eleven counties. Buncombe county was first.

The honor was won in the Guernsey group, McDowell's Jerseys coming off not so well.

Individual honors were won by James and Kenneth Gill, Cap Miller, Eugene Dysart, Hall and Nelson Morgan, Billy Moody.

S. L. Homewood, county agent who accompanied the young cattleman, said the stock exhibited by the McDowell lads showed up well against the best stock sent in from all the surrounding counties, as the awards would prove.

OFFICES OF THE NYA UNDER ORGANIZATION COMPLETE BY MONDAY

With the closing of Camp Eleanor and liquidation of its affairs practically complete, executives of the camp have returned to Marion and will take up new duties Monday Morning, it was learned yesterday. Mrs. D. F. Giles, former camp director, will assume directorial control of the western district of the state NYA comprising 48 counties. The office in city hall is already occupied by Mrs. Giles's staff. Mrs. Giles will give her whole attention to administration, receiving reports from district and smaller units, and will have no part in placing of boys and girls locally.

Mrs. H. W. Stauffer, former camp project supervisor, is ready to assume the work of district supervisor with jurisdiction over three counties, to be located in the courthouse here. Just recently, Mrs. Stauffer received from C. E. McIntosh, state NYA director, a letter of commendation, in which he praised her work in Camp Eleanor very highly, and also her work in this county. He said the conduct of the camp was "a most remarkable piece of work" and also commended her as a "friend of the girls".

Mrs. Ralph Alexander is continuing in NYA work and will be located as assistant supervisor, in the same office with Mrs. Stauffer.

The Marion office in the courthouse is the place to which applicants should go for information in regard to opportunities offered girls and boys under the national youth administration.

VIRGIL POTEAT DIES OF GUNSHOT WOUND AT HANDS OF JAS. WRIGHT

Virgil Poteat, 21, died in Marion Hospital Monday morning from the effects of a gunshot wound inflicted by James Wright, 38, Saturday night, October 9, at a store in the Moorehead Ridge section of town.

Officers said the men engaged in an altercation in the store and after Poteat had invited the other out to settle the matter, Wright followed him out and shot him. The pistol bullet entered the breast near the heart and ranged downward where it lodged near the spine.

Wright was arrested Sunday night in Black Bottom by Sheriff Grady Nichols and Deputies Gibbs, Robbins and Roland, after an all-day search. Reported from various sections of the city during the day, Wright walked into a trap Sunday night about eleven o'clock.

A warrant charging murder was issued and after a hearing, Wright will be held for trial in the superior court.

Funeral services were held for young Poteat at the residence of his parents Tuesday afternoon and burial in the Hoover cemetery followed.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Poteat, seven sisters and five brothers: Mrs. Lee Bruner, Mrs. Earl Sigmon; Ben, Hugh, Robert, Paul and Billy Poteat; Misses Annie Ray, Kathryn, Georgia, Pauline and Thelma Poteat, all of Marion.

SHERIFF TAKES STILL RUNNING HOT, TENDERS WARNED, MAKE ESCAPE

Sheriff Grady Nichols and Deputy Bill Gibbs captured a still in operation Friday afternoon, after an unusual experience.

The officers were on a still hunt on Catawba river, when in the distance they heard the echoing notes of a hunting horn, which they concluded was a warning from a lookout to men at a still. It encouraged the officers to make further efforts to find the gin mill. As they trudged up and down hill, suddenly they heard a voice call, "You fellows better get out o' there; the sheriff's coming." And very soon they came upon the scene of operations.

A well-established still was found hot and still running, about five gallons of "sugar" whiskey having been "run" into a tin wash tub, and more pouring forth every second.

The still was destroyed, with about 500 gallons of mash. But no arrests were made, due to the watchful lookout who gave warning just in time, the officers said.

Next Wednesday at Marion Theatre a drama-romance "I PROMISE TO PAY".—adv.

KIWANIANS MOVING TO SECURE MODERN BRIDGE STRUCTURE

Believe Main Street Overhead Bridge May Be Replaced With One of Concrete.

The Kiwanis club has initiated a movement to have the old wood and asphalt overhead bridge on Main street across the Southern Railway replaced with a modern concrete structure.

A definite step toward the goal was taken at a meeting of Kiwanis directors held at the home of Kiwanian W. G. Ballew Thursday night. The club president, Hugh Beam, appointed a committee to handle the matter with state and federal authorities with the view of bringing about a successful termination of their worthy plans.

Mr. Beam said the club had information that federal and state funds for such purposes are available, and that with the proper effort in the right direction, the project may be taken up with every hope of favorable action by highway authority.

A special committee was named to handle the matter, with instructions to proceed immediately in co-operation with local authority toward placing the proposal before responsible officials. J. G. Neal is chairman of the committee, with W. G. Ballew and Zeno Martin.

The directors had called to their attention the need of improvement on secondary roads of the county, particularly connecting roads leading to cemeteries and schools. To work for improvement of this condition, the president appointed S. J. Westmoreland, chairman, H. D. Bishop and J. G. Neal a committee to take the matter up with highway officials and cooperate in any possible way.

Hugh E. Noell, division engineer, of Statesville, was present and gave some helpful information in regard to county roads.

R. Lee Conley, chairman, I. J. Londner and W. G. Ballew were appointed to a committee for the purpose of making plans and arrangements for a public entertainment in the near future.

COURT, LOGAN TRAFFIC LIGHT A WARNING FOR CARS AND PEDESTRIANS

The automatic traffic light at the intersection of Court and Logan streets is having a beneficial effect in regulating traffic at the busy crossing, Chief of Police R. S. Clay said.

All vehicles are required to stop on red light and proceed only when the light shows green. Similarly, those who walk are required to stop and go as the light signals red or green, the chief said. Jay-walking is forbidden; pedestrians are required to cross at a right angle at street corners, and are not permitted to amble around in any direction, according to traffic rules.

The Court and Logan light was placed as an experiment; if it works well others will probably be installed at busy corners on Main street, it was said.

FIRST HOME GAME ON MARION FIELD TODAY LENOIR HERE AT 3:30

The crack outfit from Lenoir high school will play the Marion lads in the first home game here this season starting on the Marion field at 3:30 today.

Coach Harry Ream has a fighting aggregation ready to do battle with the invaders in a spirit worked up to a winning pitch.

The high school band will play for the opening game. The field is in fine condition. Superintendent Hugh Beam, the coach, the team, and the whole school look for a big crowd to help root the home team to victory. Game starts at 3:30 this Thursday, afternoon.

BUILD NEW HOMES

Carl McCall and R. L. Penland are building new homes, both on State street. Each is erecting a modern frame cottage to be occupied as a family residence as soon as completed.

NEWS PAPER PARTY STOPS HERE TODAY ON TOUR OF STATE

Approximately 100 from 23 States Arriving at 10 A. M. Pless To Extend Welcome.

Approximately 100 newspaper men from 23 states will arrive in Marion at 10 o'clock this morning and will be received with due honors in the hotel block of Main street.

The party is touring North Carolina as guests of the state board of conservation and development and the governor's hospitality committee. Beginning the tour in Asheville Monday, the party stopped last night in Rutherford county. They will proceed from here into the Blue Ridge area.

J. Grayson Neal, chairman of the mayor's committee charged with arrangements for the occasion, announced that Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., will deliver an address of welcome upon arrival of the party. Young ladies of the Junior Woman's club will serve light refreshments. The program here will be brief and very informal. After greetings have been exchanged and a short rest, the party will continue the journey.

The police department announced that the hotel block of Main street from Court to Fort street, will be closed while the ceremony is taking place, the motoring public being asked to detour around the block.

People of town and county are invited to attend the brief program and give the visitors a cordial welcome.

M'DOWELL SCOUTS ADVANCE IN HONOR COURT HELD OCT. 8

The first scout court of honor of the autumn season was held in Morganton October 8, for Burke and McDowell troops, R. M. Schiele, scout executive, Piedmont Council, in charge.

McDowell scouts were advanced as follows:

Tenderfoot rank, W. S. Moody, Eugene Dycart, Hugh Bradsher, J. R. Quinn, Homer Walker, Lawrence Edwards, Troop 1; Charles Dobson, Troop 5; Carl White, Melvin White, Howard Oates, Wm. Epley, Harold Kanipe, Wm. Arney, Arnold White, Old Fort.

Second Class: J. C. Bowman, Jack Houck, Troop 5; Max Nesbitt, Woodward Grant, Old Fort.

First Class: John Snoddy, Jr., Troop 2; Billy Alley, Troop 5; Raymond Simons, Old Fort.

Merit badges, in athletics: Carroll Melton, Troop 1; carpentry, Raymond Simons, Old Fort, Billy Alley, Harold Little, Troop 5; civics, Rev. A. R. Batchelor, Troop 5 scoutmaster.

Farm mechanics: Chas. McGimsey, Troop 1; first aid, Dr. P. N. De Vere, scoutmaster, Troop 1; handicraft, Raymond Simons, Old Fort; Pat Hendley, Troop 1; pathfinding, Rev. A. R. Batchelor, scoutmaster, Troop 5; pioneering, David Graham, Troop 2.

Pottery: Billy Alley, Gene Anderson, J. C. Bowman, Troop 5; Public health, Dr. P. N. De Vere, scoutmaster; safety, Dr. P. N. De Vere, Wm. Laughridge, L. C. Resor, Troop 5; swimming, John Snoddy, Jr., Troop 2, Dr. P. N. De Vere, scoutmaster, Troop 1.

Life rank: Carroll Melton, Louis Cutlar, Troop 1.

PAUL JENNINGS HURT IN MOTOR WRECK ON ROAD TO CROSSNORE

Paul Jennings was seriously injured in an automobile accident Saturday afternoon on the highway between Crossnore and Linville Falls. He was taken to Marion Hospital with a fractured thigh and broken pelvis bone.

Mr. Jennings was riding with Albert B. Carpenter, who was driving, Jake Coffey and J. C. Fleming. On the wet pavement, the car skidded around a curve and headed into a bank at the side of the road, it was said. The other occupants of the car were not hurt severely.

At the hospital yesterday it was said the young man was doing as well as could be expected in view of the nature of his injuries.

FIRST MARION AIR MAIL HANDLES 629 PIECES, A SUCCESS

An Eastern Airlines plane, on a round-up of mail from airports in western counties, Tuesday carried the first airmail ever to be dispatched from Francis Marion flying field.

Local postal officials said the plane carried 629 letters, destined for points all over the country. There were 325 pieces mailed by patrons of the Marion office. The other 304 letters came from all over the United States, from stamp collectors who desired the "covers" commemorating the "first" airmail from this office by plane. It will be understood that many letters are mailed or received here, traveling in part by air but arriving or departing in or out of this office by train.

A large crowd of interested persons appeared at the airport to see the plane, which was fifteen minutes late and stopped only long enough to take on the mail bags and resumed its journey west.

Miss Rena Neal, Marion postmaster, said the local postoffice people appreciate very much the co-operation given by the public in making airmail week, October 11 to 16, a success. During this week, mail is taken off by plane from every city or town having an airport.

BEAM COMMENDS LAW OFFICERS, EFFICIENT TRAFFIC REGULATION

Having the safety of school children at heart, and anxious to give credit where it is due, Superintendent Hugh Beam, of the city school system, said yesterday that he was moved to praise the efficiency of local policemen in handling traffic at the postoffice corner of Logan and Court streets.

"I have watched the movements of hundreds of children at this busy street intersection," Mr. Beam said, "and I think they are given the fullest protection by the officers. There are many cars and trucks passing or parking near the postoffice, but the watchful officers take care of the little ones and make every effort possible to protect them from harm."

"Speaking for myself and members of the faculty, I want to thank Chief Clay, Captain Erwin and other policemen for their careful handling of traffic at this corner," Mr. Beam said.

Asked about public cooperation in enforcing traffic regulations at this point, Chief Clay said he had been very pleased with the conduct of motorists, who have exercised great care during the hours children are passing to and from school. "We have had only one case of reckless driving," the chief said, "and he paid a fine for his disregard of traffic rules."

SCHOOL BOARD HONOR MEMORY LATE MEMBER IN MEETING OCT. 12

The city school board, Chairman J. Fleming Snipes presiding at a meeting held Tuesday afternoon, adopted a motion to express by suitable resolutions, the board's appreciation "of the splendid service rendered the schools of Marion by the late Ernest J. House, while a member of the board, and at other times". Hugh F. Beam and Robert W. Proctor were appointed to draw up the resolutions.

The board took steps to advertise for bids on school furniture needed to equip the new building in West Marion.

Other matters of a routine nature were given attention.

AT RED CROSS MEETING

Zeno Martin, chairman of McDowell Chapter of the Red Cross, and Mrs. C. A. Harris, chairman of the 1937 roll call in McDowell, attended a district meeting in Asheville October 8, when broad plans were outlined for the fall drive beginning November 11 and ending Thanksgiving Day.

DR. M'INTOSH BETTER

Dr. D. M. McIntosh, Sr., Wednesday was improving after a severe illness at his home in Old Fort. He suffered a bilious attack Sunday and for more than forty-eight hours was in serious condition, culminating in a further severe attack on Tuesday night. He was relieved after treatment by attending physicians and yesterday was said to be definitely better.

BAPTISTS STARTED NEW CHURCH YEAR WITH DEBTS PAID

Departments Re - organized With Capable Executives in Charge, All Activities.

Selection of executive officers of the various departments of church work has been in progress at the First Baptist church during the past month, with all phases of activity now well organized for the new church year.

The church closed the association year with all bills paid and a balance in the treasury, the pastor, Dr. B. F. Bray said.

The outstanding experience of the church during the year was the holding of a sane and constructive evangelistic campaign, with the assistance of Dr. E. Gibson Davis, pastor of the First Church in Spartanburg, and Prof. Ronnie Pierce, of Wingate College.

W. R. Chambers is chairman of the board of deacons, C. A. Workman, vice chairman, E. W. Parker, secretary.

In the Sunday School, C. B. Dobson is general superintendent. Other executives of this department are R. C. Spratt, assistant superintendent; Miss Josephine Blanton, executive secretary; Roy J. Ellis, assistant secretary; Mrs. W. O. Gibbs, pianist, Miss Katherine Wall, assistant pianist; J. D. Little, director of music.

Departmental heads of the Sunday School are: E. W. Parker, superintendent, young people and adults; Mrs. A. F. Wagner, M. D. Ledbetter, junior and intermediate; Mrs. W. R. Chambers, beginner and primary; Mrs. Howard Davis, cradle roll; Mrs. J. L. Sparks, home department.

Mrs. B. F. Bray and Mrs. C. B. Dobson are directors of the Baptist training union, Miss Grace Cannon, executive secretary, Misses Phyllis Raburn and Margaret Bolich, pianists.

Other officers are G. G. Pendergrass, church clerk; Nelson Parker, church secretary; C. A. Workman, treasurer; T. H. Henderson, chairman of ushers; R. C. Spratt, chairman of finance.

WHITE MAN ADMITS KILLING NEGRO, IN SELF DEFENSE, CLAIM

Ed Suttles, white man about 34, was held in jail yesterday after admitting, Sheriff Grady Nichols said, that he fired the shot which killed Dolph Francis, colored, 54, Tuesday afternoon near Dysartville.

Sheriff Nichols said he responded to a call and found Francis dead in the road. An examination by the coroner, Dr. G. B. Justice showed Francis had been killed by No. 4 shot fired from a shotgun, the body showing 33 wounds, from above the heart to the knee.

Ed McNeely, colored, 38, was taken in charge for questioning. Later, Suttles was arrested and jailed. Early Wednesday morning, Sheriff Nichols said Suttles sent for him and in his cell at the jail confessed that he fired the shot that killed Francis, claiming self defense, as the negro was advancing on him with a stone in his hand, the Sheriff said.

Ed McNeely was released and investigation of the circumstances attending the shooting was continued Wednesday, Sheriff Nichols said.

LINVILLE ROAD OPEN NINETEEN ON THE WAY

In answer to a number of inquiries, W. A. McNeill, resident engineer, said yesterday that the Linville Falls highway is completed and in use by many motorists daily. The road is in excellent condition from Woodlawn to the county line at Linville Falls, he said, one of the best roads in the section.

The engineer said a survey of the Woodlawn-Marion end is under way preparatory to relocation and construction of a modern highway to connect Marion with the improved road to Linville Falls and Little Switzerland. He said he hoped construction may begin shortly after survey is finished.