

TARLETON SPEAKS ABOUT EDUCATION TRENDS, PTA MEET

Good Program Heard at First Annual Conference of Dis- trict 2 Wednesday.

Speaking at a conference of Parent-Teacher associations here Wednesday, J. J. Tarleton, superintendent of Rutherford county schools, said the trend of education has been and is away from static classics toward training that permits broader activity and a fuller enjoyment of life.

Mr. Tarleton, in a well prepared speech, said some present trends of education are vocational education, which influences an expression of personality and tends to develop character; training the pupil to adjust life to group thought and action; to spend more time in school, since home life is less centralized in modern times; holding clinics to promote health of pupil and community; a longer school term, with addition of another grade; and a drift toward federal aid, and possible federal control of the schools may follow federal aid.

Mrs. W. P. Dorsey, district director, presided. The morning session was opened with music by the school band, and Rev. A. R. Batchelor spoke briefly. Superintendent Hugh Beam extended a welcome, and took time to say that he felt "the primary aim of the school is to fit the pupil for life." He said this can be done by developing the child mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually. "Older people," he said, "must lead younger ones out of the predicament they seem to be in. To do this, we must set an example before them."

Mrs. Harry Woodson, president of Shelby PTA, reported, and reports were made by the district director, council and local officers.

A statement of national and state objectives was made by Mrs. J. B. Sidbury, state PTA president, emphasizing the fact that every member should watch legislation affecting the schools.

District officers were elected, as follows: Mrs. W. P. Dorsey, of Ruth, director; Mrs. L. P. Johnson, Rutherford, associate director; Mrs. Homer Beaman, Marion, secretary-treasurer.

At the afternoon session, Mrs. T. W. Gowan made a fine talk on rural associations, citing the fine work at Pleasant Gardens by the PTA. She said hers is a community of cooperation, where the school, the church, grange, and all groups work together, with the result that the PTA is enabled to be of very helpful assistance in promoting the school and community interests. Mrs. H. B. Hunter, of Union Mills, also made an interesting talk along the line of rural activity.

TRAVELING NEWSMEN HERE FOR BRIEF STOP

The party of newspaper, magazine and tourist agency executives traveling through the state as guests of the board of conservation and development, stopped in Marion about a half-hour Thursday morning. They came from Lake Lure and headed north and east after leaving here, traveling in two buses and several cars. There were nearly a hundred men and women in the party.

Upon arrival here, they were greeted by Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., in a short speech of official welcome, to which Coleman Roberts, in charge of the party, made brief response. Light refreshments were served by the Junior Woman's Club, with music by high school band.

J. F. Wilkinson, mayor pro tem, directed the local program.

The police department handled the situation very well, with Captain Lee W. Erwin in command.

MINSTREL TONIGHT

The fall minstrel show of the high school band and glee club will be staged in the high school auditorium tonight. A large cast has been drilled by Bernard Hirsch and Mrs. Augusta W. Klontz in a program of songs and minstrel specialties, promising a fine entertainment.

MCDOWELL TEACHERS ATTEND NCEA MEETING IN ASHEVILLE, 15-16

Schools of Marion and McDowell were well represented at the meeting of western district of North Carolina education association in Asheville October 15-16, a majority of all teachers and principals attending one or both days.

The fall meeting ended with election of C. C. Erwin, Forest City, president; I. N. Carr, Mars Hill, vice president; Miss Beulah Hoffman, Asheville, secretary.

In election of group officers, Mrs. W. A. Young was chosen for president of the dramatic arts teachers; Mrs. R. B. Smith, vice president of librarians; Miss Mary Kellah Ouzts, secretary Latin teachers; Miss Alice Moretz, secretary, social science group. Mrs. Young, formerly vice-president, made a splendid talk on first year study of dramatics.

Outstanding men and women of business and education were heard in the association's meeting which was a successful gathering.

The Friday night's program was marred by the sudden death of C. B. Anderson, principal of Hall Fletcher high school in Asheville, who died of a heart attack while attending the meeting.

LEGION INSTALLS OFFICERS; ANNOUNCE OFFICE OPEN WEEKLY

At a regular meeting of McDowell Post of the American Legion held in the veterans room of the community house, R. K. Davis was regularly installed as post commander and with him other post officers who will direct Legion affairs during the year.

Prior to the installation ceremony an oyster supper was served by the entertainment committee, and a period of good fellowship was enjoyed.

A business meeting followed, with discussion of plans for the year's activities.

It was announced that the veterans room will be open weekly, on Tuesday night from 7:30 to 9:30, with Commander Davis or the post adjutant, H. D. Hoover, in charge. All post members and other service men who would like to affiliate with the Legion are cordially invited to make use of the post facilities.

LUTHERAN CONFERENCE TO MEET HERE, SPRING OF 1938, ST. MATTHEW'S

Extended an invitation by Rev. Paul A. Boriack, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, the southeastern pastoral conference of the Lutheran church voted to hold the 1938 spring conference in Marion next year. A three-day session will be held in St. Matthew's immediately after Easter, 1938.

Many offers of property for an assembly ground were made at the conference in Greensboro. Among them, the advantages of locating the Lutheran Assembly at Lake Tahoma were very ably presented by Hugh F. Beam president of the Kiwanis Club of Marion. It is expected that the matter will be given serious attention at the spring conference.

It is understood that the movement is supported by many leading laymen and ministers of the Lutheran Church.

LOCK UP 15 PLAIN DRUNKS IN WEEK-END DRIVE, CITY, COUNTY

Law officers of Marion and McDowell county had a little more than usual work on their hands in the 48 hours ending Sunday night, with a total of 17 arrests.

City officials locked up eight plain drunks during the period, all of whom were quiet and orderly after a nap in the town cells.

At the sheriff's office it was noted that seven plain drunks, one drunk driver, and a larceny case made up the record of county activity over the weekend. One group of five may have been eligible for admission to the weekend circle but a shortage of witnesses prevented official cognizance, it was said after investigating a wreck.

RENEW BALDWIN AVENUE

A fresh application of tar composition has been laid on Baldwin Avenue from Highway 70 at Clinchfield to Number 221 near East Marion, improving the busy road connection very much.

KIWANIANS ELECT NEW LEADERS FOR COMING CLUB YEAR

Carpenter Succeeds Beam— Good Report Made of Fin- ances, Year of Activity.

Election of officers for 1938 was held by the Kiwanis Club Tuesday night, the following well known citizens being named:

Albert Carpenter, president; R. Lee Conley, vice president; J. Grayson Neal, second vice president; C. B. Dobson, re-elected secretary-treasurer.

These officers, with Hugh Beam, retiring president, and the following constitute the board of directors: Cato E. Holler, S. L. Home-wood, Dr. D. M. McIntosh, Jr., S. J. Westmoreland, J. D. Henry, J. B. Laughlin, Dr. B. A. Dickson, J. G. Beaman.

These names were presented by a nominating committee of which the members were W. G. Ballew, H. D. Bishop, S. J. Westmoreland. The rules were suspended and the nominees were elected by acclamation. The new officers will be installed at the last meeting in December and will take charge January 1, 1938.

The formal program was presented by J. Grayson Neal, consisting of a sports quiz. A diploma was awarded Kiwanian Homewood for a high rating.

Reporting on the condition of the club at this time, Secretary Dobson said it is in better financial condition than usual, with all past and current obligations paid, and a small balance on hand.

The club during the year had supported the horse show, donated the use and income of Cove Echo to the boy scouts, assisted the glee club in attending the music festival, and had lent its support to other public enterprises.

SATURDAY NAMED AS TAG DAY BY LADIES OF PTA WAYS, MEANS

Saturday, October 23, will be "tag day" in Marion, it was announced.

Mrs. G. B. Justice, of the Parent-Teachers ways and means committee, said a group of young ladies and school children will be out early Saturday morning for the purpose of "tagging" every citizen and collecting from each a contribution to the PTA milk fund.

Providing milk for school children is one of the worthy activities of the parents and teachers, many small ones having been beneficiaries of their thoughtfulness in the winters of the past. It is to further aid this worthwhile work that tag day is an annual event in Marion.

Mrs. Justice and associates hope the public will feel liberal minded Saturday and greet the taggers with a smile and generous donations.

TAX BOOKS IN HANDS OF SHERIFF NICHOLS EARLY PAYMENT URGED

Books for the collection of 1937 taxes in McDowell county have been turned over to Sheriff Grady Nichols, who requests by formal notice in today's paper that payment be made as soon as possible.

At the office of Mrs. Mary G. Burgin, county accountant, it was said that the sum of \$96,386.42 had been paid through that office before the books were delivered to Sheriff Nichols.

Sheriff Nichols said that for convenience of the taxpayers, he had placed books for the collection of taxes in Old Fort township at Bradley's drug store in Old Fort, where taxes due in that township may be paid.

A discount of one per cent is allowed on taxes paid this month, at any time on or before November 1.

Taxpayers may save some money and facilitate handling of tax matters by paying their 1937 taxes due the county, at an early date.

The trade marked sport, ping pong, derives its name from the sound the balls make when in play. It is a trade name owned by the game's manufacturers.

METHODIST MEET WILL HEAR REPORT OF PROGRESS HERE

Local Church Has Made Sub- stantial Contributions to Program, and Home Work.

Rev. P. W. Tucker, presiding elder, Rev. John W. Moore, pastor of the Marion First church, with other ministers and delegates, left Tuesday for the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Asheville, October 20 to 31.

The First Methodist Church of Marion will report important progress during the year. There have been 66 new members received, a net gain of 28 and bringing the total enrollment to 620. Also, appreciable increase in membership and contributions in all organizations have been recorded, all obligations were paid, with a surplus on benevolences, support of a special missionary provided, and at the same time, fine interest in church school and public worship noted.

Officers of the board of stewards are: J. C. Rabb, chairman; J. L. Martin, vice chairman, and secretary to the treasurer; J. F. Wilkinson, treasurer; Eugene Cross, Jr., secretary of the board.

J. F. Wilkinson is chairman of the finance committee; J. H. Beaman, chairman church property; Carlton Gilkey, ushers; J. H. Beaman, missions; U. E. Cross, secretary-treasurer.

Concluding his second year here, last Sunday Mr. Moore expressed his and Mrs. Moore's appreciation for splendid cooperation, "good cheer and friendliness, making the year a happy one" for both.

AT BLACK MOUNTAIN

Dr. Clifford Porter, 51, died suddenly in Concord Monday afternoon. The funeral was held at his late home in Black Mountain Wednesday morning, October 20.

Dr. Porter was a resident and business man of Marion a number of years ago and still had extensive interests here, being at the time of his death president of the McDowell Hardware Company, a progressive Marion corporation. He was a native of Concord, where he was visiting relatives when he died of a heart ailment. He had made his home in Black Mountain 24 years, a prominent druggist and business man of that city.

H. D. Bishop, secretary and manager of McDowell Hardware company, with other business associates and friends of Marion attended the funeral in Black Mountain Wednesday.

Dr. Porter is survived by his widow, two daughters, his mother, four brothers and two sisters.

CONFERENCE OF 200 HELD AT PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH HERE

The Western North Carolina conference of the Pentecostal Holiness church held in East Marion was attended by 200 ministers and delegates during the four-day session October 15-18. Rev. J. W. Kelley is pastor of the local church.

The 65 churches of the conference made excellent reports of progress, both in financial gain and extension of spiritual aid to a larger membership. Conference finances were reported in fine condition by the conference treasurer, C. D. Burchell, of Greensboro.

Leading ministers and laymen of the church delivered fine sermons and talks in discussion of church objectives and problems.

NEW HOMES IN CITY

A new home is being built on State street for Mr. and Mrs. William Hall. The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Brooks, also on State street, is being remodeled with additional rooms.

A new home, of native stone, is being built for Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Poteat, at Pleasant Gardens. Sam E. Proctor has recently completed a new residence structure in East Marion.

TEACHERS OF MARION NEARLY 100% MEMBERS OF NCE ASSOCIATION

At a meeting of city teachers held Thursday, it was reported that nearly 100% are members of the North Carolina Education association. Urging teachers to attend teachers institutes and the district meeting of the association, Superintendent Hugh Beam explained some amendments proposed to the association's constitution then pending, local teachers voting favorably.

In a general talk to the teachers, Mr. Beam said teachers should know the individual pupil, his or her problems and capabilities; the teacher should strive to direct the child's energy in useful ways. "There is no such thing as a really bad boy," the superintendent said; instead, the boy is usually full of energy which may become annoying. The pupils, he said, need a cheerful atmosphere, a calm and bright outlook on life. Efforts should be made to build a firm, stable, useful, straightforward character. The school shares a responsibility with the home and church to train good citizens.

HOWARD DAMAGE SUIT REMAINS IN McDOWELL SUPREME COURT RULES

In a batch of 45 opinions handed down in Raleigh October 13, the state supreme court passed on three cases from McDowell county.

The high tribunal reversed the finding of the lower court in Hildebrand versus McDowell Furniture company. S. B. Hildebrand was named administrator of the estate of Wesley Williams, killed in a motor accident while returning from a furniture exhibition in High Point. Indemnity was allowed under state compensation laws and approved in superior court here.

No error was found in Sorrells versus Decker, a suit involving mortgage lien on real estate.

In the case of A. W. Howard versus Queen City,...

which took the life of E. S. Byrd at Pleasant Gardens, an effort was made for change of venue to Buncombe county, which was denied by the court in McDowell county. The ruling was affirmed by the supreme court.

MARION FALLS BEFORE LENOIR GIANTS, 24-0 PLAY D&D OCTOBER 22

A powerful defense and clever passing by Lenoir spelled defeat for Marion's orange and black gridgers here Thursday afternoon, the blue and white visitors taking the long end of a 24-0 score. Coach Soup Porter agreed with Marion officials that his team outweighed the locals by as much as 15 pounds per man.

Although losing the hotly-played contest, Coach Harry Ream was pleased with the showing his men made on the defensive, the line holding well at critical periods, a decided improvement on previous tests. Weak on passing, the home team picked up considerably in the last half, yielding only one touchdown after the visitors had crossed the goal line three times during the first and second quarters. Four times Lenoir failed to kick the extra point.

Superintendent Beam and athletic officials were very pleased to see a good crowd at the game, first of the season on the home field. A good representation of students and teachers assisted by the Hirsch band joined city fans in rooting for the home team.

Officials were Bus Newton, Lenoir-Rhyme, referee; Dula Hawkins, Presbyterian Junior, head linesman; Kelly Gilkey, Wake Forest, umpire. Marion will play the school for the deaf at Morganton tomorrow in Morganton.

OLD OFFENDER TAKEN AFTER 2-YEAR DODGE

Wednesday Sheriff Nichols said Lee Bradley, 30-year old resident of this county, had been brought from Buncombe county and placed in jail here to await trial on charges of breaking and entering, the offenses having been committed two years ago.

Since that time, Nichols said, Bradley had been on the dodge, except some time spent on the Buncombe chain gang for offenses in that county.

RED CROSS OPENS OFFICES IN CITY HALL, ROLL CALL

Chairman Mrs. Chas. Harris Organizing Effective Groups Field Work, Nov. 11 to 25.

An efficient organization of local facilities prior to the beginning on November 11 of the annual membership drive and Red Cross Roll Call is being completed by Mrs. C. A. Harris, recently appointed chairman of the drive.

With the view of a more effective centralization of activities, Mrs. Harris has established Red Cross offices in city hall, the aldermen very obligingly having lent space overlooking Logan street for this purpose.

Mrs. Harris said Wednesday that leaders and working committees are being mobilized for the drive which begins Armistice Day and ends Thanksgiving. She said that those to whom she has offered opportunity to aid in the drive have very willingly agreed to co-operate, no one having declined, and that every part of the county will be well-organized before the drive begins.

Zeno Martin, chairman of McDowell Chapter of the Red Cross, said yesterday that the people of McDowell county have responded so readily to calls heretofore that it is only necessary to remind them that a new drive is on. "We have all seen in the past year," Mr. Martin said, "how effective Red Cross work is carried on, and to what a great extent it aids the public in time of need. In all great emergencies, at home and abroad, the Red Cross comes forward with first aid, in cities and on highways, has rendered aid to ex-service men, given milk to

Red Cross in flood disasters was such as to truly deserve our sincere commendation.

"We hope and believe that our people will respond as liberally this year as they have been accustomed to doing," Chairman Martin said.

RAIN FALL OF 6.7 INCHES IN MARION

Everybody in this vicinity knows there was a heavy rainfall in this section between Sunday midnight and early Tuesday morning. It was 6.7 inches, measured at Duke Power company substation near Oak Grove cemetery.

Although streets were flooded, Catawba River and creeks in the county overflowed the banks, no material damage was done to bridges or highways, according to reports. There will be some damage to crops, however, and farm work will suffer considerable delay, it was learned from McDowell farmers.

M'IVER, BURGIN AT SOIL MEET IN RALEIGH

W. C. McIver and W. S. Burgin, of McDowell soil improvement association, attended a meeting in Raleigh of soil conservation authorities held Friday and Saturday.

Mr. McIver said there was discussion of the 1938 program, which has not been fully worked out until further legislation is enacted, but it promises greater benefits as the program appears at present. The 1937 program was also discussed, with prospects of satisfactory participation throughout the state and attractive benefits to those who complete compliance requirements, Mr. McIver said.

ORDER TRAFFIC LIGHT FOR MAIN AND COURT

After a trial of traffic light at Logan and Court streets with the view of minimizing accidents at busy street intersections, and finding it works well, additional lights are expected to be placed at several other points in Marion, H. D. Bishop, alderman, said.

A light for Main and Court street crossing was ordered, to be placed as soon as it arrived, he said. Further use of the lights will be determined upon after this one has been tried.