

Victims Of Trap Gun Shot Doing Nicely Today

Sheriff Grady Nichols And Deputy Gibbs Believed Re- covering From Wounds.

On last Friday evening about seven o'clock Sheriff Grady Nichols, Deputy Sheriffs W. O. Gibbs and James Roland and Constable B. L. Robbins, acting on a tip received at the sheriff's office that there was some liquor being unloaded at the service station of Boyd Mace in the eastern section of the county, and a second tip that there was "plenty there", proceeded to the place with a search warrant.

The sheriff and his deputies found Mace in his place of business. The Sheriff read the warrant to Mace. The latter told the sheriff and his party to go ahead and search the place. Several jugs, one case of half gallon fruit jars and one case of quart jars containing liquor were found on the main floor of the station, it was stated. These were placed in the sheriff's car.

One of the officers then went around the building to the back where a door to the basement was found locked. The officers requested the key from Mace who told them that the lock was broken and that it could be pulled open. Deputy Gibbs opened the door. Plenty of liquor was said to be in sight. There was a case of tax-paid liquor upon the floor.

On a table in plain view, Gibbs stated, there was a box in which were seen five 1-gallon jugs. In the middle of the box, as Gibbs described it, there was one jug taller and of a different color than the other jugs surrounding it. This was the view from the door as Sheriff Nichols, Deputy Gibbs, and Constable Robbins were entering the basement. The officers filed in the order stated. The sheriff took hold of the tall jug, gave it a shake, and a blast blew him and Gibbs out of the door badly wounded.

Robbins is said to have escaped the blast by having stooped over just at that time. He and Gibbs assisted the Sheriff to the car. Gibbs acted heroically, being badly wounded himself. Roland, who had remained up stairs, drove the car to rush the wounded officers to the hospital. The sheriff was found to be shot in the left arm and in the lungs. Gibbs was wounded very similarly except that his wound was too far to the left to have taken effect in his lung. Both men had bled profusely on their way to the hospital.

The two officers who had not been wounded returned to the scene of the tragedy to search for Mace. Suspecting that he might have tried to make his escape, they took blood hounds with them. Upon their arrival, they found that Mace had gone but that he had removed all of the liquor from the basement before he departed.

However, in his evident excitement, he had left the tall jug in the box on the table. When an examination was made, it was found to contain water; but attached to it were small copper wires leading to a shot gun which had been concealed behind a pasteboard box placed above it on the ground behind the basement wall.

When Sheriff Nichols shook the bottle, the wires attached pulled both triggers of the gun. The loads tore two holes through both sides of the box and lodged in the flesh of the officers.

The gun was a 12-gauge, double-barreled, shot gun with barrels about ten inches long, and with a pistol grip. It was described as "regular bandit gun." The shells contained No. 6 shot.

The officers proceeded to another of Mace's places where a woman named as Edna Garrison was in charge. There they found Mace who gave himself up to them. He was brought to the McDowell county jail, but later was removed to Asheville. The Garrison woman also is being held as an accomplice, it was stated.

Much fear has been held for the sheriff's life and also that, if he lived he might lose his arm or probably the use of it. Last reports, however, are that the sheriff and the deputy both are improved.

LUTHERAN ASSEMBLY GROUNDS COMMITTEE NAMED BY CONFERENCE

Last Thursday the Southeastern Lutheran Pastoral Conference took the initial steps toward the acquisition of a Lutheran Assembly grounds. The conference officially appointed the following men as the Assembly Grounds committee: Rev. J. L. Summers, chairman, who at the present time also serves as visitor of the entire Southeastern field, and is pastor of St. Stephen's church in Hickory; Prof. C. O. Smith of Conover, F. Bolich, of Conover, H. Cline, of Hickory, J. H. L. Miller and Vernon T. Eckerd, both of Marion and both members of St. Matthew's Lutheran congregation. The committee is to have its first meeting during the week of May 8th to 15th. The idea of acquiring Lake Tahoma for such an Assembly Grounds was generally well received with whole-hearted enthusiasm, it was stated.

CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT MARION AMUSEMENT CO. C. V. DAVIS, MANAGER

Effective this week the Marion Amusement Company, operating the Marion and Oasis Theatres, is undergoing some changes in management. Mr. C. V. Davis, of Morganton, N. C., has purchased an interest in the Corporation, and will be actively connected with the management of the business. Mr. Davis, who is a well known business man of Morganton, has had many years of experience in amusement enterprises; and he has for some years been connected with and operated the theatres in both Morganton and Lenoir. Mrs. House retains her interests in the company, and will continue as secretary and treasurer of the corporation.

MARION MFG. CO. ELECTS OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR

The stockholders of the Marion Manufacturing Company held their annual meeting at the office of the company on April 28th and elected the following directors for the next year: Miss Sarah R. Baldwin, Narragansett Pier, R. I.; Messrs. Wilfred Andrews, Wm. J. Gallion, Samuel M. Hamill, Robt. T. Stevens, all of New York; Dr. Wm. K. Prentice, Princeton, N. J.; Messrs. S. M. Beattie, T. M. Marchant, J. E. Serrine, all of Greenville, S. C.; Sam L. Copeland, C. F. James., both of Marion, N. C. The directors elected the following officers: Samuel L. Hamill, president and treasurer; T. M. Marchant, vice-president and assistant treasurer; Sam L. Copeland, vice-president and secretary.

Safety Campaign Speech Lost In Fire Alarm Blast

A motorcade traveling in the interest of safety on the highways under the auspices of the Carolina Motor Club and the Queen City Coach Co., paid Marion a visit Thursday afternoon. Previous notice had been given of their arrival, and the Marion police officials blocked off the street in front of the James Hotel to receive them. They arrived to music furnished by the Marion High school band.

Mayor J. F. Wilkinson made a brief welcoming address over the amplifying apparatus in the bus, and was followed by C. F. James and Judge Paul J. Story who made short talks concerning safety. Mayor Wilkinson introduced Mr. Darby, a member of the South Carolina Public Utilities Commission, who was traveling with the party and who delivered the principal speech on the subject of safety. Mr. Darby's talk was interrupted by the sounding of the fire alarm and much of it was lost to the large gathering which had assembled to meet the motorcade.

During an intermission in the speech making, a member of the party was introduced as the man who played the part of the judge in Will Rogers' picture, "Steamboat 'round the Bend", J. E. Cooper of Fayetteville, who entertained the crowd with his whistling accompanied by the band.

A. W. Huggins, an officer of the Carolina Motor Club, another member of the party, made a short address.

Marion Hospital To Observe Day Next Thursday

Baby Show and Contest To Be Held in Connection With Open House On May 12th.

May 12th has been proclaimed a national holiday. It is designated as National Hospital Day. There is a reason why this particular day was chosen as Hospital Day.

On May 12, 1820, Florence Nightingale was born. Florence Nightingale is immortal for her contribution to the elevation and development of nursing, but her work for the improvement of hospitals was just as important. So when a day for hospitals was suggested there was universal approval of the selection of May 12th.

The day will be celebrated in Marion by the Marion General Hospital by a two-fold acknowledgement of Hospital Day and Baby Week in one day's events.

The big day will open on Thursday, May 12th, with a baby show from 10 to 12 o'clock. Miss Patty Leake, superintendent of the Marion General Hospital, announces that there will be a reunion of all of the babies which have been born in the institution since its founding. For all of the babies not more than one year old, there will be a contest. There will be prizes given for the best girl and for the best boy baby. Dr. Guy S. Kirby and a nurse will be in charge of the show. Another contest will take the form of a "Stork Race". In this "race" free hospitalization will be given to the mother and baby for the first baby to be born after midnight of May 11th, the "race" to end at midnight on May 12th.

Parents are requested to register all babies that have been born at the Marion Hospital that have no birth certificates when they visit the hospital on May 12th and birth certificates will be sent to them, Miss Leake said.

From 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon of May 12th, the Marion hospital will observe open house. Visitors are invited to come for a tour of inspection over the building which tour will be conducted by Junior Woman's Club members. There will be no soliciting of patronage or funds for the hospital, it was made clear.

WORK BEGUN ON THE SUGAR HILL SCHOOL

Work began Tuesday on the construction of the schoolhouse at Sugar Hill, this county, it was learned at the office of N. F. Steppe, county school superintendent. The structure is to contain four class rooms, an auditorium, office, and is to have all modern conveniences, it was stated.

The site of the new building is near the home of W. M. Wilson. The contract calls for completion in time for occupancy during the next school season, it was said.

J. Q. GILKEY MAKES ADDRESS AT OLD FORT

J. Q. Gilkey addressed the Governor's Hospitality Committee of Old Fort there Tuesday night. The meeting was well attended, it was reported. The speaker made clear the object of local people becoming familiar with the facts pertaining to their own state and especially their own vicinity so that they might answer with intelligence and authority any questions which might be asked by visitors from other localities.

MISSIONARY AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Dr. J. C. Pool, missionary to Africa, will hold services at the First Baptist church Sunday as a guest minister. Dr. and Mrs. Pool have just returned from Nigeria, Africa. While in Marion, they will be the guests of Mrs. J. M. Lancaster on Main street.

SINGING AT GREENLEE

The Greenlee Singing Convention will be held at the Greenlee Baptist church Sunday, May 8th, beginning at 2 p. m. All singers have been invited and a good day is expected.

Don Y. Grant Is Killed By Blow Upon His Head

Old Fort Officer Dies At Mar- ion Hospital As Result Of Injury; Funeral Tuesday.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the residence in Old Fort for Don Young Grant, 56, with Rev. C. R. McCubbins as the officiating minister. Interment was made in the Lowell cemetery in Gaston county.

Survivors are the widow, one daughter, Mrs. Paul Bradley, and one son, Donald Cox Grant, of Old Fort; one brother, Tate Grant, and two sisters, Mrs. Winslow Burgin and Mrs. Karl Kerlee of Black Mountain.

Grant died in the Marion General Hospital about one o'clock Monday morning following an alleged scuffle with Wesley Gibson which is said to have taken place in Old Fort about 7:00 o'clock Sunday night.

A coroner's inquest was held Monday morning in which the verdict was reached that Grant came to his death from a blow received in a scuffle. Wesley Gibson was remanded to the custody of the sheriff, and is being confined without bail, it was stated.

4-H CLUB MEMBERS ATTEND RECREATIONAL SCHOOL

Miss Anne Tucker, home demonstration agent, accompanied two boys and two girls, members of her 4-H clubs, to Waynesville this week to attend the Recreational school for western North Carolina which has been in session there all this week and continuing through today.

The purpose of the school is to train leaders for organized play. All counties in the district are allowed a certain number of representatives. McDowell is sending four, two boys and two girls.

Miss Margaret Stevens from the National Recreational Division at Washington will direct the school, it was stated.

WILL REPRESENT MARION AT STATE B. & L. MEET

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Workman and Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Martin will represent the McDowell Building and Loan Association at the annual meeting of the N. C. Building and Loan League in Pinehurst on May 11, 12 and 13. Over 300 executives from all parts of the state are expected to attend. Mr. Martin, secretary of the McDowell Building and Loan Association, will speak at the Thursday morning session on the "Advertising Program of a \$500,000 Association."

LOCAL FIRE COMPANY ANSWERS CALL THURSDAY

The Marion Fire company responded to a call Thursday afternoon about four o'clock from South Main street where it was found that the house belonging to Joseph Reid and now occupied by A. W. Grayson had caught fire at the back side apparently from a box of trash underneath the kitchen. Very little damage was apparent as the blaze was soon extinguished.

YANCEY MADE HEAD OF FIRST NATIONAL

At a meeting of the board of directors of the First National Bank held on Tuesday morning, the former vice president, John Yancey, was elected president to succeed the late J. L. Morgan. W. R. Chambers, a board member, was elected to the vice presidency, and C. A. Workman was elected as a new member of the Board of Directors.

W. R. CHAMBERS HEADS MARION INDUSTRIAL BANK

The directors of the Marion Industrial Bank met Tuesday morning and elected W. R. Chambers president to succeed the late J. L. Morgan. No other changes were made in the officers at this meeting, it was stated.

M'DOWELL MAKES FINE SHOWING AT THE STATE YOUTHCRAFT EXHIBIT

Raleigh, April 30. — McDowell county made a good showing at the State Youthcraft Exhibit held here yesterday. Several orders were taken for chairs made by the NYA youths when on their own time. A ladder back chair made by McDowell county boys won first award in its class. An article that created much comment was a slipper chair designed for use when a person puts on his slippers.

Work in McDowell county is now under the direction of Mrs. Ralph Alexander, county NYA supervisor who succeeded Mrs. H. W. Stauffer after the latter was made assistant district supervisor. Mrs. Stauffer, Mrs. Katherine P. Giles, district supervisor, and Miss Mattie Snipes, secretary to Mrs. Giles, attended the exhibit here. Mrs. Stauffer said the group had picked up many new ideas to be used at home.

MISS LEDBETTER ON HOLLY SMITH PROGRAM

Miss Catherine Ledbetter was one of those chosen from the Marion High school to participate in Holly Smith's amateur hour, and take part in the program over Station WBT in Charlotte April 30th.

Under the direction of Miss Lois Gilkey, Miss Ledbetter has achieved marked accomplishments in piano. It is quite unusual for a pupil of thirteen years to play as difficult a selection as the Sextette from "Lucia Di Lammermoor, grade ten, by Donizetta-Leschatizky for the left hand alone. This same selection was played in recital by Miss Ledbetter at the age of twelve.

Miss Ledbetter is a first clarinetist in the high school band. She is assistant pianist for the Methodist Sunday School, and pianist for the League. She represented the McDowell Music Club at the meeting of the Western District of Music Clubs held in Rutherfordton in 1936.

HOME DEMONSTRATION COUNCIL MEETING HERE

An important meeting of the county home demonstration council will be held at the court house Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, it has been announced by Miss Anne Tucker, home demonstration agent. All members are urged to attend this business meeting, Miss Tucker stated.

Firemen Give Dinner Party To Ministers

The Marion Fire Department gave a delightful dinner party at the City Hall Thursday night to the ministers of the city. Ministers present were Dr. B. F. Bray of the Baptist church; Rev. John W. Moore, presiding elder of the Marion district; Rev. J. C. Story of the Presbyterian church; Rev. J. E. Hipp of the First Methodist; P. A. Boriack, Lutheran; and W. F. McMahan, Baptist, whose duties at the time prevented their presence.

Dinner was served by the Carolina Cafe. Fireman Lee Erwin acted as toastmaster. Each of the ministers made a short talk, lauding firemen in general and the Marion firemen in particular for their bravery and efficiency in times of emergency and for their value to a community in the preservation of life and property.

Fire Chief C. E. Bolick made a short address after which Dr. P. D. Sinclair commented upon the vacant chair which was to have been occupied by one of their most esteemed members, the late H. H. Tate. To this Dr. B. F. Bray responded with a most touching eulogy memorializing Mr. Tate who was the only active member of the Marion fire company that has been lost by death.

Firemen Ollis Wilkerson and Philip Laughridge, as is customary on such occasions for the youngest members, bore half of the expense of the entertainment while the company's treasury bore the remaining portion. Short talks also were heard from them.

Commencement City Schools To End Friday Night

High School Graduating Class Has 56 Members; Six Will Make Talks At Closing.

Commencement exercises for the Marion schools began Sunday night when 56 graduates of the high school heard the Baccalaureate sermon delivered by Rev. Paul A. Boriack, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church. The text for the sermon was taken from Acts 13:36 "David Served His Own Generation by the Will of God." A beautiful theme was woven from this text in which the graduates were urged to serve by the will of God. The new cyclorama, gift of the Senior class, used for the first time, formed an artistic background for baskets of snowballs and dogwood blossoms.

Dr. B. F. Bray, pastor of the First Baptist church, spoke the invocation and the benediction.

The girls' glee club sang several selections during the service. The announcements were made by Superintendent Hugh Beam.

"The Message of the Light", a pageant written by Miss Joyce Decker, the Senior class teacher, was a special feature of the exercises, and was staged Tuesday night.

Wednesday night was the elementary schools' night for commencement exercises. All of the schools in the Marion system except the Marion school held their closing exercises on this night.

Joint graduation exercises are being held tonight in the high school auditorium for all seventh grade pupils of the Marion, East Marion, Clinchfield, and Eugene Cross schools.

The final exercises tomorrow night will be featured by talks to be delivered by six members of the Senior class instead of the customary address by some well known speaker. The Seniors who have been chosen on their merits to make these short addresses are Pete Edwards, Harding Noblitt, Helen Hensley, Estelle Washburn, Marian Graham, and Ruth Cooper.

Following are the names of those who will receive their diplomas tomorrow night:

J. P. Arrowood, Ben Beck, Irene Bradley, Margaret Ellen Brooks, Bonnie Beatrice Cannon, Eugene Carrigan, Henry Marley Caplan, Helen Elizabeth Collins, Ruth Pyatt Cooper, Evelyn Gertrude Davis, Minnie Pearl Day, Marian Weaver Edwards, Margaret Louise Elliot, Arda Pauline Fisher, Joyce Corianna Flack, Roger McNeil Flack, Charles Loyd Foster, Carl William Gibson, Samuel M. Gibson, Marian Winifred Graham, William Franklin Grant, Jr., Samuel Jefferson Hall, Helen Delores Hensley, Sara Margaret Hunt, Pearl Irene Jamison, Mary Lena Frances Knisley, Mary Ellen Lane, Mary Lois Laughridge, Vera Mae Loudermilk, Anne Elizabeth Miller, Dorothy Mae Miller, Lois Elba Moore, William Horace Neal, Dorothy Ball Newton, Harding Coolidge Noblitt, Hal Thomas Payne, Ila Mae Pendergrass, Martha Jennetta Pennington, Nellie Lee Pittman, Mabel Reese, Ruby Pauline Richardson, Clarence Albert Ross, Ruth Elaine Saunders, Hershell Douglas Seagle, Pauline Elizabeth Silver, Boyd James Sorrells, Loy M. Toney, Jack Rudolph Trinks, Harold Avett Tucker, Joseph Marion Tyler, Frances Levonia Wages, James Henry Wall, Vallie Loree Walker, Estelle Holmes Washburn, Mildred Faye Williams, Sarah Margaret Williams.

PRECINCT MEETINGS TO BE HELD SATURDAY, 7TH

Precinct meetings of the Democratic voters will be held on Saturday, May 7, in the various precincts for the purpose of setting up precinct organizations, and electing a member of the county executive committee.

The county convention will be held at the court house in Marion on Saturday, May 14, at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of electing delegates to the State convention and transacting other business. The executive committee has been called to meet at 12 o'clock on the same day to elect a chairman and vice chairman.