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## TEACHERS TOLD TO SEEK UNITY AND GREATER SECURITY

Rose Points To Need Of Retirement Plan, Explains New Experiment.

Emphasizing the need for organization for the common purposes among school teachers, J. H. Rose, superintendent of city schools of Greenville and State Commander of the American Legion of South Carolina, told McDowell county teachers last week the teaching profession should fight for a suitable retirement plan.

Mr. Rose addressed an assembly of city and county teachers of McDowell county in the Marion high school building last Saturday morning. He spoke in the place of W. L. Lathan, superintendent of Swain county schools, who was not able to attend the meeting.

Some teachers in the public schools today should retire, he said, but they are not able to do so because they have not been able to accumulate savings on the meagre salaries paid them. Those people entrusted with the teaching of children should have some security against future unemployment and political intrigue. They should be made to feel free to teach the principles of democracy to children, he said.

Mr. Rose pointed to an experiment being conducted in the Greenville schools in which the pupils are not given grades on their work and children are allowed to speak more for themselves, both on their studies and on school activities. Much improvement has been made in the relations between teachers and pupils.

Returning to the subject of a retirement plan, Mr. Rose concluded that security and peace of mind should be given to teachers who are shaping the personalities of the future leaders of America.

Hugh F. Beam, superintendent of the Marion city schools, introduced the guest speaker.

N. F. Steppe, superintendent of McDowell county schools, spoke briefly, stressing the need of active leadership for a program for teachers.

At the conclusion of the general meeting group assemblies were held for city and county teachers to discuss their problems.

## BISHOP GRIBBIN TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

The Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, Bishop of Western North Carolina, will preach at St. John's Episcopal church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The rector, Rev. Norman F. Kinzie, will preach in Shelby Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

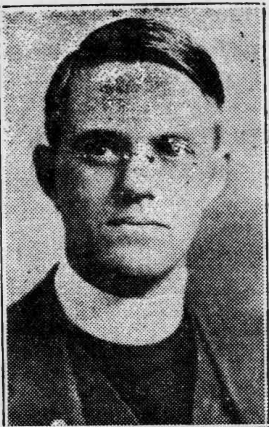
The services Sunday will include: Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, church school and Bible class at 9:45, morning prayer at 11 o'clock and evening service at 7:30.

Week day services will be held during the Lenten season as follows: Monday 3:30 children's service; Wednesday 9 a. m. the Holy Eucharist; Thursday 8 p. m. study class on "Faith and Practice" conducted by the rector; Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock Litany service.

## INFORMATION SOUGHT ON HEALTH SERVICE

Letters have been written to the State Board of Health and to the boards of health of various counties in the attempt to get information that would help in determining the cost, organization, and work of a full-time health service for McDowell county, said N. F. Steppe, Superintendent of Public Instruction, this week. Mr. Steppe was asked by the Board of Health last week to determine what full-time health service for this county would cost.

According to Mr. Steppe, the effort will be made to determine what part of the costs the county, state, and federal governments will be required to pay for the service. No answers to his inquiries have as yet been received.



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## BUILDING AND LOAN SETS NEW HOME RECORD; OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

The McDowell Building and Loan Association established a record for the number of new homes financed by the organization in any one year by aiding in the construction of 45 houses during 1939, Zeno Martin, Secretary-treasurer of the Association reported at a stockholders meeting Monday night.

In pointing to the success of the organization in 1939, Mr. Martin stated that assets of the Association increased by \$51,943.46, placing the total assets well above the half million dollar mark. The sum of \$112,900 was loaned during the year to 135 people and the number of mortgage loans held was increased by 90, he said.

The average loan to home builders was approximately \$1,000. Profits earned during the year by shareholders totaled \$17,569.50 with \$11,394 of this amount being earned by shares maturing, \$1,785.21 being earned by shares withdrawn, and \$4,390.29 by full-paid shares, he said. A total of 2,329 new shares of installment stock were issued to 247 persons during the year.

All officers of the Association were re-elected with W. L. Morris continuing as president, J. F. Snipes as vice-president, W. R. Chambers as attorney, and Zeno Martin as secretary-treasurer.

Directors of the Association are A. S. Bradford, W. R. Chambers, T. H. Henderson, A. F. Hunt, C. F. James, W. L. Morris, D. M. McIntosh, J. F. Snipes, J. H. Tate, and C. A. Workman.

## TWO DIVORCES GIVEN IN SUPERIOR COURT

Judge Frank M. Armstrong, of Troy, presiding in McDowell county superior court, opened the February civil term here Monday.

Divorces were granted in the cases of Mrs. Kathleen McDaniel Pumphrey vs. W. H. Pumphrey, Jr., and Ed L. Ritchie vs. Mittie Ritchie.

In a \$10,000 damage suit against the town of Marion, which was begun yesterday, non-suit was declared. Several witnesses of the plaintiff, Mrs. Beulah Gettys, failed to appear.

Mrs. Gettys brought suit against the town for injuries she was alleged to have sustained last year when she fell on one of the streets in town. Her fall was alleged to have been due to negligence on the part of the town.

The following cases have been continued: Robert L. Simmons vs. W. L. Richards et al; Lester Fair vs. W. L. Richards et al; M. L. Ledford vs. W. A. Brown; W. A. Plemmons vs. Laura Jaynes et al; and D. G. Pender vs. John Hall.

## PROJECT SUBMITTED

A WPA project for the building of a city park or playground beside the Community building is understood to have been submitted to WPA authorities, but the lack of available WPA labor is said to have held the project back.

No definite announcement has been made about the cost of the project or its extent, should it be approved. As planned, the project calls for a playground for children.

## TWO MORE ENTER POLITICAL RACE, THIRD MAY RUN

Steppe And Dixon Announce For Register, Cutlar May Enter For Legislature.

Two more candidates have entered the race for the Democratic nomination for Register of Deeds of McDowell county, bringing the number seeking the office to five, and a possible candidate for the General Assembly has announced that he is considering entering the race for Representative.

L. J. P. Cutlar said this week he was considering being a candidate for the Legislature in the Democratic primary in May. The incumbent is Ashby Robinson of Old Fort, who will seek a seat in the State Senate. D. F. Giles of Marion has already announced for the office.

Mr. Cutlar said that he wished to give the matter further study before announcing whether he would be a candidate. He is now engaged in the insurance business here. He was formerly in the furniture business and has served as mayor of Marion. Mr. Cutlar is well known in McDowell county, having been active in public affairs for some time.

For the office of Register of Deeds John M. Stepp and Mack L. Dixon announced this week. Already entered in this race are D. M. Steppe, Zeb L. Lackey, and T. W. Gowan.

J. M. Stepp is well known in McDowell county and has been engaged in the grocery business in Marion for some time.

Mr. Dixon lives at Pleasant Gardens and has been with the Marion Manufacturing Company for about 30 years. He is now assistant overseer of the plant. He was born in McDowell county. He has served as a committeeman of precinct four.

## NINE TEAMS ENTERED IN BASKETBALL MEET

Nine basketball teams, from McDowell and adjacent counties, have signified that they will take part in the basketball tournament to be held in Marion, February 21-24, announced Truman Westmoreland, chairman of the committee arranging the meet for the Francis Marion club, this week. The meet will be staged by the Francis Marion club of Marion.

Plans for the tournament will call for 12 teams to be entered and for four games to be held each night except Saturday night, February 24, at which time the finals will be played.

The teams already entered in the tournament are North Cove, Pleasant Gardens, East Marion, Beacon Mills from Swannanoa, Spindale "B" team, Plum Tree, Crossnore, Glen Alpine, and Nebo.

Scheduled to referee the games are the Shehan brothers of Forest City. Judges for the tournament will be S. L. Homewood, Coach Art Ditt, and Barron Caldwell.

Prizes will be given by the Francis Marion club to the teams placing first, second and third in the meet. In addition, awards will be made to the consolation winner and loser. Other awards will be made to outstanding players in the tournament.

Members of the committee arranging the tournament are Truman Westmoreland, chairman, Albert Neal, James McCall, Howard Holland, Frank Goldsmith, Clarence Rabb, and George Conley.

It is expected that the list of entries in the meet will be completed soon.

## TAX RECEIPTS

Approximately 74:8 per cent of the county tax levy of \$202,551.93 had been collected by the county up to February 1, said Mrs. Mary Burgin, county accountant, this week.

The sum of \$50,989.50 is still uncollected, she said, but receipts are a little better than they were last year at this time.

Argentina shipped over 40,000 pounds of dressed turkeys to the United States in 1939.

## KINZIE ELECTED MAN OF YEAR BY LOCAL CIVIC CLUB

Francis Marion Club To Make Award For Work With Underprivileged.

Rev. Norman F. Kinzie was voted the outstanding citizen of Marion for the year 1939 by the Francis Marion club at its regular meeting last Thursday night. He will be awarded a gift by the club and his name will be inscribed on a plaque to be hung in the Community building. The naming of Marion's outstanding citizen will become an annual practice of the Francis Marion club.

Rev. Kinzie was selected by the Francis Marion club for his work with underprivileged children of the community, for his contributions of leadership and aid to the Boy Scouts, his help in securing education for several children, and his efforts to better the town of Marion.

Mr. Kinzie, a native of Florida, took up his residence here in November 1938 as rector of St. John's Episcopal church.

In other business to come before the Francis Marion club a committee report advised that plans for a basketball tournament to be held here February 22-24 were nearly completed. The club expressed its disapproval of the proposed re-routing of Highway No. 64.

Rev. David T. McAbee addressed the club on the work the Faith Mission is doing in Marion. The Mission is seeking to give aid to needy people who are not provided for by other relief agencies, he said.

The election of officers is scheduled for the next regular meeting of the Francis Marion club.

## DRIVE FOR POLIO FUNDS IN COUNTY ENDS SUCCESSFULLY

Residents of McDowell county contributed \$163.25 to the national fund to aid victims of infantile paralysis, practically tripling the amounts that have been raised here in the past, said S. J. Westmoreland, chairman of the committee soliciting funds in this county, this week. The campaign ended Friday. The goal of \$100, originally set for the county, was greatly exceeded.

The city and county schools deserve much praise for their efforts and for their contributions totaling \$59.07, he said. The sum of \$30.00, contributed by the Marion Theatre, was obtained from the sale of tickets. Collections from private sources and the sale of tabs brought in \$73.25.

Principals in the schools in the county took charge of the collections in their schools. The following contributions were received from the principals: Miss Ruth Greenlee, Clinchfield, \$20.00; Miss Mamie Stacy, East Marion, \$5.60; Mrs. Addie Williams, Cross Mill, \$7.88; Miss Pauline Tipton, West Marion, \$6.17; H. C. Holland, Marion high school, \$7.37; W. A. Young, Pleasant Gardens, \$1.59; Mr. McDuffy, Old Fort, \$4.31; Mr. Norwood, Glenwood, \$2.80; Mr. Livingston, Nebo, \$3.35.

Expenses for the campaign totaled \$10.18 for the purchase of tabs. A balance of \$152.07 will be this county's contribution to the national fund.

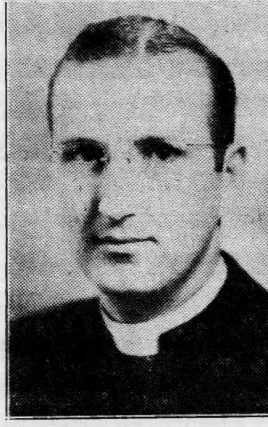
The chairman of the county committee and the members of the committee expressed their appreciation for the cooperation they had received during the campaign.

## NEW JAIL DISCUSSED

The McDowell county commissioners held a special meeting in the court house Tuesday and discussed with the architect plans for the building of the addition to the county jail.

Changes in the original plans were found to be necessary to segregate juvenile and older prisoners.

Curtis Ezell, director of the state department of correctional institutions attended the meeting and discussed with the commissioners the changes necessary to meet state requirements.



**OUTSTANDING CITIZEN—** Rev. Norman F. Kinzie, above, was voted the outstanding citizen of Marion for 1939 by the Francis Marion club.

## 100 GALLON STILL IS CAPTURED BY FEDERAL AGENTS

A 100-gallon illicit still and several thousand gallons of mash were captured in the Brackett township section of McDowell county Tuesday by alcohol tax unit investigators working out of the Asheville office.

Earlier, the investigators had seized a still in the process of construction in McDowell county and had arrested two men, charging them with illegal ownership of a still.

One of the men, Wilbur Rumpf, was released on bond following a hearing before United States Commissioner Nichols at Marion, but the other, Charles Childers, was held last night in Buncombe county jail in default of bond.

The liquor plant captured Tuesday was one of the largest taken in Western North Carolina in several years, federal agents said. Taken with it were "at least 4,000 gallons of mash, 300 pounds of sugar, 200 pounds of "shorts," and 200 pounds of malt.

## MARION WINS THREE GAMES, LOSES THREE

The Marion high school boys' basketball team continued its winning streak this week by marking up two wins in conference play, defeating Morganton 37-7 last Friday night and downing the North Carolina School for Deaf 46-26 last Tuesday night.

The Marion girls lost both their games during the week, going down before Morganton 46-14 and losing to N.C.S.D. 36-26. The girls continued near the bottom in conference ratings, having only one win for the season. They defeated Forest City two weeks ago.

"Marion placed by far the best team to show on the local court this season," said a Morganton sports writer there in commenting on the game there last Friday. W. Kaylor led the scoring for the local boys with 24 points to his credit. W. Mass was second high with eight points. Leonard of Morganton contributed four points for his team to be high man.

In Tuesday's game the Marion boys led all the way, N.C.S.D. trailing at the half 11-19. In the girls' game N.C.S.D. increased its lead in the second half to take the game at 35-26.

Marion's teams played the teachers of the local high school last Saturday night. The high school girls lost to the teachers 31-26. The boys defeated the teachers 42-29.

## DAIRY SPECIALIST TO GIVE DEMONSTRATIONS

F. R. Farnham, farm dairy specialist of State College, will be in McDowell county Friday, February 16 giving pasture planting demonstrations on several farms near Marion, announced County Agent S. L. Homewood this week.

Demonstrations will be conducted on the farms of A. F. Hunt, J. R. Jimeson, J. M. Carpenter, S. H. Brown, and J. W. McCurry. Soil samples for testing will be taken from each farm and the advantages of the fertilizing methods recommended by the specialist will be found later by comparison with strips of land not treated with the fertilizers.

## COURT OF HONOR HELD BY SCOUTS IN MORGANTON

Thirty-One Marion Boy Scouts Awarded Merit Badges At District Meeting.

Thirty-one Boy Scouts of Marion were promoted or awarded merit badges at the session of the district court of honor which was held in Morganton at the North Carolina School for the Deaf on last Friday night.

The meeting was presided over by Piedmont Scout Executive R. M. Schiele, of Gastonia, who opened the session by leading in the recitation of the Scout oath.

The following advancements and awards were made:

Tenderfoot rank, Henry Stauffer, Jr., troop 1, Marion.  
Second class, Thomas Fleming, Jr., troop 3, Marion; Dewey Thornbill, troop 3, Marion; George Gibbs, troop 1, Marion; Jack Sickler, troop 6, Marion; Billy Burnette, troop 1, Marion; John M. Haire, troop 1, Marion; Alvin Callahan, troop 1, Marion; Calvin Willis, troop 1, Marion; and Van Harold Brown, troop 1, Marion.

First class, Hugh Noblett, troop 6, Marion; and Howard Burgin, troop 6, Marion.

The following merit badges were awarded:

Animal industry, Otto Gross, troop 1, North Cove; and Norman England, troop 1, Chesterfield.  
Cooking, Lee Perkins, troop 3, Marion.  
Dairying, Arthur Melton, troop 1, Marion; and Sammie Homewood, troop 6, Marion.  
Farm home and layout management, Sammie Homewood, troop 6, Marion.

Firemanship, Jasper Finley, troop 3, Marion; and Clifton Willis, troop 3, Marion.

Handicraft, George Conley, troop 1, Marion; and Walter Crawford, troop 1, Marion.  
Mechanical drawing, Arthur T. Melton, troop 1, Marion.

Metal work, Arthur T. Melton, troop 1, Marion.  
Photography, Arthur T. Melton, troop 1, Marion.  
Pioneering, Lee Perkins, troop 3, Marion.

Plumbing, Arthur T. Melton, troop 1, Marion.  
Poultry keeping, Sammie Homewood, troop 6, Marion.  
Public health, Herman Baldwin, troop 3, Marion.

Reptile study, Lee Perkins, troop 3, Marion.  
Stamp collecting, Lee Perkins, troop 3, Marion.  
Wood carving, Lee Perkins, troop 3, Marion.

## TOWN TO SEEK WPA PROJECT FOR STREETS

The town of Marion will submit a proposal for the improvement of city streets to WPA authorities, it was decided at a meeting of the Board of Aldermen last Thursday night. Plans for the work will be given to officials of WPA soon in order that the project may be approved quickly and work may be started this spring.

Improvements on eight city streets were planned for the project. Should the proposal be approved, North Logan and Crawford streets, Avenue A, Morgan Terrace and Crescent Drive will be surfaced and curbing will be placed. The plans also call for the placing of curbing on Morgan street and the extension of sidewalks on North Main and West Court streets. Of the cost of the project it is expected that between 25 and 30 per cent will be borne by the town.

The Board of Aldermen gave their final approval to the Mayor's tour of Florida, providing that Zeno Martin, Mayor of Marion, make the trip at the expense of the town. The tour is aimed at publicizing Western North Carolina and will be conducted February 12-23.

The Board authorized the purchase of raincoats and gloves for the Fire Department.