

## Three-Day Trade Celebration Starts Today In Marion With Treasure Hunt Sponsored By Many Local Merchants

### Prizes To Be Given Displayed In Store Here This Week; Valued At \$500.

Marion's Trade Jubilee, a three day celebration, gets under way here tonight with a treasure hunt in which local merchants are giving away prizes valued at \$500. For the past week the many prizes offered by Marion stores for the treasure hunt have been on display in the building formerly occupied by T. W. Wilson's store.

The display of prizes has attracted much attention from passersby. Also on display were a group of many prizes that will be given to the largest family in town Saturday night. These were all contributed by local merchants.

Tonight's program, opening with a band concert, will be built around the treasure hunt. Tickets for the hunt have been distributed to all the merchants taking part in the program. Visitors to local stores tonight will be given a ticket with a number on it at each store. On each of the prizes to be given away in the treasure hunt will be displayed a number. The person finding some article in a Marion store that bears the same number as one of the tickets he has been given, will claim the prize. Approximately five articles from each store in Marion participating in the Trade Jubilee will be given away in the treasure hunt.

No sales will be made by local merchants tonight. Stores will be open only for the treasure hunt. Prizes won in the hunt will not be given away tonight, but they may be had by calling at the store tomorrow night.

Arrangements for the treasure hunt have been under the direction of Cato Holler, chairman, Dan Hitchcock and J. E. Evans.

Spotlighting tomorrow night's program for the Trade Jubilee is the style show that will be held in the Marion Theatre at 9:00 o'clock p. m. Wearing apparel from Marion stores will be featured in the show. Several models for each store will take part in the style display and all merchants and firms taking part in the Trade Jubilee will be represented.

Members of the Junior Woman's club have been working for the past few weeks arranging the program for the style show. Plans have been under the direction of Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker, chairman, Mrs. Will Erwin and Mrs. Rowe Mauney.

Tomorrow night's program will open with a band concert. All stores will be open for sales during the night's trade program.

The three-day Trade Jubilee program will be climaxed on Saturday night with a street dance which will be staged on the main business block of Marion. The block will be closed to traffic and turned over to the dancers.

Square dancing has been chosen as the most appropriate for the event. Three sections of dancers will be directed by experienced callers and space will be available to accommodate any number of people. Music will be broadcast over a powerful public address system.

Arrangements for the street dancing have been made by the Francis Marion club. Lighting for the occasion will be supervised by J. A. Wier of the Duke Power Company.

Opening the Saturday night program will be a band concert. Prizes that have been on display here this week will be awarded to the largest family in town. All stores will be open for sales during Saturday night's festivities.

Marion merchants have been working for the last few weeks in preparation for the Trade Jubilee. Attractive window displays have been arranged and special articles to be sold at reduced prices during the Jubilee have been shown.

The Trade Jubilee has been built around the theme, "Shop in Marion." It is being sponsored by the Marion Chamber of Commerce with the cooperation of local civic clubs, all of whom are working to make the Jubilee Marion's greatest trade event.

### WORK ON ADDITION TO JAIL TO START TODAY

Work on the \$50,000 WPA project for an addition to the McDowell county jail was scheduled to start today with approximately 60 men being employed in the construction.

The WPA project had been approved and work was to have been begun a month or so ago, but several minor changes in the plans were found to be necessary to make the proposed jail comply with state specifications. The lack of proper arrangements in the plans for the segregation of male, female and juvenile prisoners were said to have made alterations necessary.

The new addition to the courthouse will be built on the south wing. It will house a modern jail and quarters for the jailer. The space in the courthouse now being used as a jail will be converted into offices or storage space.

It is thought that about eight months will be required to complete the new addition.

### FARMERS WILL SUPPLY MILK FOR SHELBY PLANT

Approximately 50 farmers in McDowell county have signed to furnish milk for a plant of the Carnation Milk Company that is being established in Shelby, announced County Agent S. L. Homewood this week.

The routing of the milk trucks through McDowell county will be announced before May 15, he said. Plans call for the milk collections to begin in the county on May 15.

## REMODELING AND BUILDING UNDER WAY IN MARION

### Permits Have Been Issued From Town Office For Business Concerns, Dwellings.

Five permits for building and remodeling in Marion have been issued from the town office since January 1 of this year, it was announced this week by Hugh Conley, town clerk.

The remodeling of the T. F. Wrenn building, opposite the James Hotel, has been begun. The completed structure will be occupied by a new drug and luncheonette concern owned by Dean Tainter. Plans for the remodeling of the building call for the construction of a new front to the store, the laying of new flooring and remodeling of the interior. New equipment will be installed in the store and it is expected that the formal opening may be held during the first part of May.

A new structure to house the Ideal Dry Cleaners is nearing completion on West Henderson street beside the Laughridge Furniture Company store. Work on the interior of the brick building is being completed this week and the Ideal Cleaners are expected to occupy the new plant next week.

Three permits have been issued for private dwellings. A new home being built by P. J. Story is nearing completion on Augusta street. The building is a two-story structure and is being built under the direction of J. F. Glenn, contractor.

Other permits were issued to Woodrow Hunter for the construction of a one-story dwelling on the Sinclair property here and to James Hughes for the construction of a dwelling on Virginia Avenue. Elliott and Stamen are the contractors for the Hughes house.

lee Marion's greatest trade event. Advertising for the festival has been under the direction of V. T. Eckerd, president of the Chamber of Commerce. General supervision of the program has been carried out by Walter J. Cartier, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

### ASHEVILLE MOTORCADE MAKES STOP IN MARION

Some 44 members of Asheville's Junior Chamber of Commerce, on their second get-acquainted-with-Western-North Carolina tour, stopped in Marion for a brief visit last Friday afternoon.

The Asheville visitors were enthusiastic about the scenic wonders around Marion that they had heard much about but few had seen. Leaving Asheville Friday morning, members of the tour visited Mars Hill College, Burnsville, Spruce Pine, Little Switzerland, Linville Falls, Linville Caverns, Marion and Old Fort.

Near Spruce Pine the party was joined by Major J. P. Dodge, of Marion, in charge of the Blue Ridge Parkway land office of the State Highway Commission, and E. M. Dale, ranger for the National Forest service. Major Dodge and Mr. Dale conducted the tour members over a 15-mile section of the Blue Ridge parkway between Little Switzerland and Linville Falls.

At Linville Falls the tour was joined by Walter J. Cartier, secretary of the Marion Chamber of Commerce, Hugh Beam, superintendent of Marion city schools, J. J. Johnson of the State Highway patrol, and Lee Erwin, captain of Marion police. Through arrangements made by Mr. Cartier, the tour members visited Linville Falls, Linville Caverns, and continued their tour on to Marion.

The visitors were greeted in Marion on the courthouse lawn by Mayor Zeno Martin. He pointed to the importance of Marion as an industrial, agricultural and tourist center. He introduced Dean Tainter, president of the Rotary club, Cecil Dobson, president of the Kiwanis club, Jim Neal, past president of the Francis Marion club, and V. T. Eckerd, president of the Chamber of Commerce, all of whom welcomed the visitors on behalf of their clubs and organizations.

Moore Bryson, president of the Asheville Junior Chamber of Commerce, responded to the welcome addresses. He stated that the tours were being conducted to discover the wonders of Western North Carolina. Also expressing thanks for the hospitality received here was Vice-Mayor L. Lyons Lee, of Asheville.

Leaving Marion the tour members made a short stop in Old Fort and continued on to Asheville. In Old Fort the party was greeted by Mayor John V. Robinson and conducted to the Arrowhead tea room for refreshments.

### MARION ROTARY SETS ATTENDANCE RECORD

The Marion Rotary club was the only one in this Rotary district that had five meetings with 100 per cent attendance in March, it was announced at the weekly meeting of the club last Friday.

The Rotary club was addressed by Dr. Paul McBee, of the Marion General Hospital, who was program chairman for the meeting. Dr. McBee talked on tuberculosis, its causes, prevention, and cure.

Plans were discussed for members of the club to attend the district conference of Rotary to be held in Hickory April 28-30. All Marion Rotarians are planning to attend the conference.

The meeting was presided over by Dean Tainter, president. Guests of the meeting were Rotarian R. C. Carter of Glen Falls, New York, and Rev. L. B. Hayes of Greensboro.

### NEAL WINS MORGANTON GOLF TOURNAMENT

Albert Neal of Marion won out over a field of 75 golfers in Morganton last Saturday in the Carolina Golf Association's opening one-day tournament with a low gross score of 160 for 36 holes. He had 77 for the morning round, and turned in 83 for the afternoon 18.

Golfers from North and South Carolina took part in the tournament.

### BROUGHTON HERE TODAY

J. M. Broughton, Democratic candidate for governor of North Carolina, will be in Marion this afternoon at the James Hotel. According to an announcement made here this week, Mr. Broughton will meet friends at the hotel at 8:00 o'clock p. m. The public is invited to visit him at the hotel.

## MARION STUDENTS TAKE FIRST PLACE RATINGS IN MUSIC

### Six Soloists And One Group Given One Rating in State Contest.

Marion high school music students won seven first ratings in the first day's trials of the state high school music contest in Greensboro, Tuesday. Several other Marion students won second, third and fourth ratings.

Marion high school was entered in the state contest as a class B school, the class being determined by the student enrollment. Approximately 50 pupils from the local school are taking part in the contest. In the Tuesday trials soloists and instrumental groups were heard. Yesterday the band contests were staged.

Marion students receiving first rating in the Tuesday program were Louis Cutlar, violin; Harold Little, trumpet; Bryan Gibson, trombone; Virginia Mae McCall, piano; Robert Gourley, baritone horn; Henry Leonard, bass clarinet; and a clarinet quartet. Second ratings were given Katherine Ledbetter, oboe; Margaret Moore, alto clarinet and a brass sextet. Third rating was given a brass quartet of Marion and fourth ratings were given to Billy Alley, French horn; and Bill Bolton, tenor saxophone.

The Marion high school band took part in the contest yesterday. The band and music in general at the high school are under the direction of Bernard Hirsch.

According to a report just received here, the Marion high school band was given a first rating in the state musical contest yesterday.

### COMMITTEE TO STUDY LAYING OF WATER LINE

E. R. Keeter, superintendent of Marion water works, and the Marion streets committee, composed of R. B. Crisp, S. W. Blanton, and R. L. James, were authorized by the Board of Aldermen at its meeting this week to investigate the possibility of laying a water line to Morehead City and installing a water system on Virginia Avenue. The committee will study the proposition and make its report to the Board of Aldermen.

Marion Aldermen this week announced the appointment of Hubert Martin as electrical inspector for the town.

Regulations governing the disposal of garbage and trash from local stores were discussed and the Board moved to take steps to enforce rules prohibiting the collecting of rubbish piles behind Marion stores.

### G. O. P. CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR TO SPEAK HERE

John R. Hoffman, of Burlington, candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, will speak at the court house in Marion on Friday evening, April 25, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Hoffman is visiting all of the counties in the western part of the state on this trip. He is opposed in the primary by George Pritchard of Asheville and Robert H. O'Neill of Statesville.

### WAKE FOREST SINGERS TO BE HERE TUESDAY

The Wake Forest Glee club, a group of 40 students, will present a program at the Marion high school auditorium next Tuesday night, April 23, at 8:00 o'clock.

Members of the Glee club will be guests of the Marion Kiwanis club at dinner Tuesday night. The singers in their appearance in Marion are being sponsored by the Kiwanis club. Proceeds from the Glee club concert will go to the Marion high school band.

### NEW TEA ROOM

Miss Mabel Crawford announces the opening of the Arrow Head Tea Room in Old Fort Friday, April 19. The Arrow Head will be located in the new, attractive, stone building recently erected on the property of the Crawford home place.

### EMPLOYMENT OFFICE PAID OUT \$4,518.07 IN CHECKS LAST MONTH

The Marion employment service office distributed 970 checks in the amount of \$4,518.07 in the area served by the office during the month of March, it was announced by Chas. G. Powell, chairman of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission.

In the 27 months of distribution of out-of-work benefits, from January 1938, through March 1940, the Marion office has distributed 34,574 checks in the amount of \$235,900.61.

The 46 white employment offices and the 10 colored branch offices in the state in the month of March distributed 70,161 checks for a total of \$352,225.98, less 1,362 checks for \$15,058.34 which went to claimants who had established wage credits in North Carolina but who resided in other states while drawing benefits.

In the 7 months of benefit payments, these local offices distributed 2,019,121 checks for \$13,326,086.16 in North Carolina, in addition to the 20,046 checks for \$ 230,233 which went to out-of-state claimants. Total payments for the 27 months to resident and non-resident claimants amounted to \$13,556,320.93, included in 2,039,167 checks.

### THERMAL BELT MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETS TONIGHT

Four speakers will be on the program at a meeting of the Thermal Belt Medical Society to be held at the Marion Lake club tonight at 7:00 o'clock, it was announced this week.

Attending the meeting will be doctors from McDowell, Rutherford, Cleveland and Polk counties and approximately 50 physicians are expected to be present.

Speakers for the evening will be Dr. Paul McBee of Marion, "Middle Meningeal Hemorrhage"; Dr. J. A. Phifer of Spartanburg, S. C., "The Gonorrheal Problem"; Dr. John Hamrick of Shelby, "Sutures and Suture Materials"; and Dr. Austin Woody of Tryon, "Maternal Health Program in Polk County."

Dinner will be served to members of the Society and guests at 7:00 o'clock.

## 17 DEMOCRATS, 5 REPUBLICANS ARE QUALIFIED

### Three Contests; Five Democrats In Race For Register Of Deeds.

Twenty-two candidates officially filed for office in the Democratic and Republican primaries May 25th before the dead line for filing arrived at six o'clock Saturday night. Seventeen Democrats will seek their party's nomination for county office in the primary while five Republicans have filed their bids to become their party's standard-bearers.

In addition to county offices, two Democrats will seek township offices, B. L. Robbins of Marion township and A. A. Padgett of Old Fort township.

Democrats will have contests for three offices, Register of Deeds, the Legislature and State Senate. No two Republicans sought the same county office, hence there will be no ticket in the primary.

The list of Democratic candidates are: For State Senate, Ashby Robinson and L. J. P. Cutlar; for House of Representatives, D. F. Giles, J. C. Rabb and H. J. Hall; for Register of Deeds, R. V. McGimsey, John Stepp, G. W. Chapman, Zeb L. Lackey, and Mack Dixon; for commissioners, I. L. Caplan, R. P. Morris and C. A. Workman; for member of the Board of Education, Dr. J. B. Johnson; for surveyor, E. A. Allnach.

The five Republicans filing were R. A. Poe, for Register of Deeds; O. Dennis Hanes, for House of Representatives, and R. A. Lonon, C. Y. Banning and Johnson Nesbitt for county commissioners.

The registration book in various precincts will open April 27th and remain open through May 11.

## FINALS PROGRAM IN CITY SCHOOLS BEGINS APRIL 25

### Commencement Exercises To Be Closed With The Senior Graduations On May 24.

Commencement programs for the schools in the Marion city system will be begun next Thursday when an operetta presented by children of the primary grades will be given at the Clinchfield school. The program will begin at 8:00 o'clock p. m.

Various programs will be presented by the city schools until May 24, when high school graduation exercises take place in the Marion school auditorium.

The programs as outlined for the city schools are as follows:

Primary operetta at the Clinchfield school, April 25, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. Grade operetta by the central elementary school in the high school auditorium, April 26, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. Senior play in the Marion high school auditorium, May 3, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. Elementary music program at the Clinchfield school, May 9, at 8:00 o'clock p. m., and again on May 10 at 9:00 o'clock a. m. The Cross Mill primary operetta, May 10 at 8:00 o'clock p. m. Seventh grade graduating exercises at the West Marion school, May 13, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. Seventh grade graduating exercises at the Eugene Cross school, May 14, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. Seventh grade graduation at the Clinchfield school May 15, at 9:00 o'clock a. m. Seventh grade graduation at the East Marion school, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. May 15. Seventh grade graduation at the Marion high school, May 16, at 8:00 o'clock p. m.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered Sunday, May 19, with the speaker to be announced later. Senior class night exercises will be held May 23. The graduation exercises of the high school will be held May 24 at 8:00 o'clock p. m. with the graduating address being delivered by Dr. Joseph Sevier, president of Fessifern school for girls in Hendersonville.

### CONSERVATION WORK DONE IN COUNTY CITED

A total of 10,177.4 soil conservation and soil building practices were carried out on 747 farms in McDowell county in 1939, announced County Agent S. L. Homewood this week.

Payments for soil conservation work have been made to most of the farmers in McDowell county who carried out the practices as outlined by the county agent.

Conservation work done in the county in 1939 as listed by Mr. Homewood was as follows: Terracing was done on 378.5 acres of land on 46 farms, 807.7 acres in pasture on 138 farms were seeded or reseeded, 2,631.5 tons of ground limestone were used on 234 farms, grasses were seeded on 78 acres on 15 farms, 385.3 acres on 94 farms were planted in winter legumes, 2,260.1 acres in summer legumes on 457 farms were turned under. Some 60.6 acres of forest on 13 farms were thinned, summer legumes were interplanted with soil depleting crops on 1,670.1 acres on 474 farms, lespedeza was seeded alone on 1,468.8 acres on 427 farms, timothy was seeded alone on 2.3 acres on four farms, and strip cropping was done on 5.4 acres on two farms. Two hundred bags of triple superphosphate were used on one farm, and 600 pounds of 16 per cent phosphate were used on one farm.

Sign-ups for compliance work with the soil conservation program next year were completed last Saturday. No conservation payments will be made to farmers who have not signed for compliance with the program.

### SPECIAL SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S TUESDAY

Bishop R. E. Gribbin and Miss Maude Cutlar, field worker in the department of Christian Education, of this province, will conduct a service at St. John's Episcopal church next Tuesday afternoon at 3:30. All members are urged to attend.

Services next Sunday at 11 a. m.