

ASSEMBLY PLAN IS STUDIED AT LUTHERAN MEET

Members Favorable To Proposal For Establishing Bible Camp Here.

The meeting of the Lutherans here last Sunday to arouse interest in the establishment of a Bible Camp in Western North Carolina was very encouraging in spite of the heavy rains of late and especially on Sunday, stated Rev. Paul A. Boriack, pastor, this week.

The Marion meeting was sponsored by the Southeastern Lutheran Laymen's League with arrangements of details in charge of the local League, headed by Vernon T. Eckerd.

It is estimated that from 250 to 300 Lutherans visited Marion, Lake Tahoma and other sections of this territory last Sunday, said Rev. Boriack, and all meetings were fairly well attended.

At 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning Rev. J. L. Summers, executive secretary of the Southeastern Lutheran district with headquarters in Hickory, addressed the congregation in St. Matthew's Lutheran church here on the subject, "The Divine Purpose of Jesus to Be Expressed in the Life of Every Child of God to Save Souls."

After the services the congregation drove out to Pleasant Gardens and a number of the leading citizens, headed by J. H. L. Miller, welcomed the visitors at the school gymnasium for a picnic basket dinner. After the dinner, the motorcade, directed by Major J. P. Dodge, drove past Lake Tahoma, on the Parkway towards Mt. Mitchell, Little Switzerland, and Linville Caverns sections as arranged by Mr. Walter Cartier, secretary of the Marion Chamber of Commerce.

Another group left St. Matthew's Lutheran church at 4:00 o'clock, covering the same territory, with A. J. Hewitt in charge.

At six o'clock the local Ladies Mission Society, Mrs. Vernon T. Eckerd, president, served the congregation a light supper. At seven, the various ladies, men's and young people's groups met in the church and the hut to discuss the work of the church. A thorough and effective study was decided to be made of all possibilities of the location of a Lutheran Bible Camp as soon as possible.

The Southeastern Lutheran Laymen's League with Chas. Hefner of Hickory as president, placed the Bible Camp matter in the hands of the Board of Governors. Rev. Paul Boriack, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran, was elected the spiritual advisory member of this board. The North Carolina Walther League appointed a special Bible Camp committee with Fred Hollar, of Hickory, as chairman.

The Southeastern Lutheran Woman's League, with Mrs. C. O. Smith will appoint a Bible Camp committee later in the summer at its annual convention in Rutherfordton.

At 8:00 o'clock Rev. Herman Scherer, who broadcasts the program "Chapel Windows" over the new Hickory station on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, at 5:15, addressed the congregation on the subject, "Almost a Christian."

All in attendance expressed deep satisfaction as to the scenery and possibility of having a Bible Camp in this section of our country, said Rev. Boriack.

A number of messages and letters have been received from various groups and congregations, expressing their agreement as to the urgent need of a Lutheran Bible Camp in this territory, he said, but because of the distance many of them were unable to attend the meeting here Sunday.

MRS. WESTMORELAND'S CONDITION NOT CHANGED

The condition of Mrs. S. J. Westmoreland, who is confined to a hospital in Rutherfordton, was reported little improved yesterday. Mrs. Westmoreland has been seriously ill for the past week.

MCDOWELL COUNTY SHOWS POPULATION INCREASE OF 3,065

McDowell county's population has increased to 23,401, a gain of 3,065 during the past 10 years, Charles Z. Flack, district census supervisor, announced yesterday. In 1930 McDowell had 20,336 persons. Farms in McDowell number 1,248 against 1,268 ten years ago, Mr. Flack said, and occupied housing units total 5,018. There are 159 vacant units in the county.

JULY 4 PICNIC, RACES SET FOR LAKE JAMES

Plans for Marion and McDowell county's Fourth of July celebration neared completion this week with the announcement that Lake James had definitely been decided upon as the place for the old-fashioned picnic and the boat races.

Festivities on the Fourth begin in Marion with a parade through the business section. Residents and visitors then will journey to the Lake where the picnic will be held. Each family will provide its basket. Provisions are being made to have drinking water available and bids for soft drink concessions are now being received at the local office of the Chamber of Commerce.

Featuring the afternoon program will be the outboard motor boat races on the Lake. This event will be held in front of the Catawba dam at about 2:30. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in the races.

Arrangements are now being made to provide ample parking space for all cars. Automobiles will not be allowed to park on the dam, as it will be kept open for spectators.

Expected to be entered in the races are boating enthusiasts from many neighboring towns, including Asheville and Charlotte. Novelty boating stunts and aquaplaning by experts are to be featured on the program.

Following the races, a general recreational program in which all people can take part has been planned.

Plans for the celebration call for a fireworks display to be given in Marion on the night of the Fourth to close the festivities.

MARION ENTRIES TAKE HONORS IN BOAT RACES

Marion entries in Asheville's Rhododendron Festival outboard motor races walked away with honors on Beaver Lake Monday afternoon with Jack Ballew leading the field with decisive first-place victories in the first two heats and a good third in the final go-round.

Ballew won first place in the 22-horsepower class and was followed by J. W. Queen, of Marion, who placed second in the first heat, third in the second heat and first in the keenly contested third heat, to win second prize.

Third prize went to 15-year-old Eloise Parker of Asheville. Fourth place winner was F. W. Osborne of West Asheville.

The 10-horsepower class was won by Hazel Cline of Swannanoa, who completely outclassed the four-boat field. Ballew captured second place.

Responding to the applause of the crowd for an "encore," officials ran off a special one-heat event as an added attraction to the regularly scheduled races. This "free-for-all" was won by Miss Parker, with Ballew second and Sherrill Clark of West Asheville, third.

ALIENS IN McDOWELL REQUIRED TO REGISTER

J. F. Moody, clerk of the McDowell county Superior court here, has called attention to the law requiring the registration of all aliens.

He pointed out that all aliens in the county must register with the clerk of the Superior court within 90 days after coming into the county. Those not registering on or before June 29th, 1940, will be subject to a fine or imprisonment or both and will be prosecuted as the law directs, he said.

CITY WILL HAVE SAFETY PARADE HERE JUNE 28TH

Chamber Of Commerce Sponsored Event To Be Featured By Driverless Automobile.

Due to the sharp increase in highway fatalities in the nation as a whole during the first quarter of 1940, the Chamber of Commerce of Marion has arranged with the National Safety Crusades to set aside Friday, June 28th, as Safety Day in Marion, and thousands of people are expected to visit Marion on that date to observe with the local people this occasion.

Plans are rapidly shaping up to have a big Safety Parade on this date on the streets at 4:00 p. m. and local merchants and industries are co-operating to the fullest with the hope that those who come may see and learn the futility of reckless driving on our streets and highways.

One of the feature events of this safety occasion will be a driverless automobile operated by remote control by Capt. J. J. Lynch, nationally known safety crusader. Capt. Lynch has held these safety demonstrations in 37 states of the Union and where these unique safety demonstrations have been held large crowds have turned out to participate in the event. This automobile will be operated in the parade by remote control, absolutely no driver, demonstrating that automotive engineers have designed and automobile manufacturers have produced for the safety of our nation a fool-proof safety automobile. When you compare the modern automobile with its all-steel bodies, safety shatter-proof glass, steel turret safety tops, four wheel brakes, as against the automobile of a decade ago, it is seen at a glance that automobile accidents are never the fault of the car itself, but the carelessness, or thoughtlessness, or don't-give-a-hang operation of the automobile. Captain Lynch promises to prove this beyond any question of a doubt in the safety demonstration at Marion on Friday, June 28th, in the Safety Parade.

Plans for the celebration call for a fireworks display to be given in Marion on the night of the Fourth to close the festivities.

DUKE ENDOWMENT WORKERS TO ASSIST LOCAL PASTORS

Sixty-three students in the Duke University School of Religion were given appointments as pastors' assistants throughout North Carolina last week. The young religious workers will be engaged until the middle of August under the sponsorship of the Duke Endowment.

Among the workers leaving the campus last week was Joseph L. Stone of Williamsburg, Va., who is to assist Rev. W. E. Ruffy on the Marion circuit. Mr. Stone is a graduate of the Greensboro high school and has attended Louisiana State University, the University of Illinois, and William and Mary College, receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree from the latter institution in 1939. For the past year he has served on the staff of Christian Horizons, publication of the Duke University School of Religion.

Fred Conley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Conley, of Marion, was assigned to Linville Falls where he will assist the Rev. McRae Crawford.

SCHOOL BUILDING PLANS APPROVED BY BONEY

Building plans, as prepared by Lindsey Guder, Asheville architect, for the reconstruction of the fire-damaged parts of the Marion high school building have been approved by State Insurance Commissioner Dan Boney, stated city schools Superintendent Hugh F. Beam this week.

The plans have been presented to WPA headquarters in Charlotte, he said, and local school officials have been assured that the utmost expediency will be used in approving them as an emergency project.

The exact time for the work to begin on the school building has not been set, but it is expected that the work will be completed before the beginning of school next fall.

The building plans have already been approved by the city school board.

BENEFIT PAYMENTS FOR MARION AREA ARE ANNOUNCED

Three-County Unit Has Received \$244,117.17 For Unemployed And Part-Timers.

Raleigh, June 17. — The Marion Employment Service office, serving the area embraced in McDowell, Mitchell and Yancey counties, has delivered 36,301 checks for \$244,117.17 to unemployed or partly employed workers in that area in the two years and five months benefit payments through May, figures compiled in the Central office of the N. C. Employment Compensation Commission show.

The 46 white offices, with 10 colored branches in as many cities with large colored populations, distributed 2,186,856 checks for \$14,154,197.59 in the same 29 months, in addition to 22,994 checks for \$258,260.82, sent from the Central CCC office to residents outside the state who had previously accumulated reserves by work in the State. April distributions were 82,995 checks for \$438,712.05, both sets of figures including out-of-state checks, The April out-of-state checks numbered 1,584 for \$15,630.39 and the May out-of-state checks reached 1,364 for \$12,396.50.

The Marion Employment office in the month of April delivered 765 checks for \$3,579.35 as compared with the May distribution of 962 checks for \$4,637.21, it is reported by Alden P. Honeycutt, office manager.

The ten colored branch offices serve colored claimants in their immediate area only, the 46 white offices serving white claimants in the immediate area, in addition to both white and colored claimants at about 125 "service" points and now about 175 "spot" points, through itinerant service to these points. The "service" points are regular weekly points of call of a representative from the local office for registering unemployed workers, taking claims and delivering checks. The "spot" points are temporary points of call, to mills or plants in the rural areas, or in suburban areas, where it is more convenient for representatives of the Employment Office to visit the plants than it is for the unemployed or partially employed workers to visit the employment office.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO MEET AT GLENWOOD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 21ST

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Blue Ridge Baptist Association will be held at the Baptist church at Glenwood on Friday, June 21. The following program has been announced: 10:00 a. m.—Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," Devotional, Mrs. J. L. Morgan.

10:20 a. m.—Welcome Address, Mrs. Byrd. Response, Mrs. Pearl Pruitt.

10:30 a. m.—Mission Study. Literature. Co-operative Program and Hundred Thousand Club—Mrs. Preston Rabb.

10:55 a. m.—Personal Service, Mrs. J. H. Johnson.

11:10 a. m.—Training School and Margaret Fund, Mrs. Julius Parker.

11:20 a. m.—Roll Call of Societies and Superintendent's Report.

11:45 a. m.—Stewardship, Mrs. Greenway.

12:00 p. m.—Address, Mrs. Wade Bostic, Shelby, N. C.

12:30 p. m.—Benediction.

Lunch 12:30 to 1:30.

Young People's Hour Hymn, "My Hope is Built." Devotional—Mrs. W. O. Nichols. Special Song—By Glenwood girls. "The Hindering Load"—Y. W. A. First Baptist church.

Message—Our Youth Steadfast for Christ.—Mrs. B. F. Bray.

CCC TO ENROLL 100,000

Washington, June 17.—The Civilian Conservation Corps announced today that it would begin enrolling 100,000 men July 1. They will replace men who have left to accept jobs.

C OF C SPONSORED TOUR COVERS PARKWAY DRIVE

Approximately 38 residents of Marion and other towns in this section took part in the Marion Chamber of Commerce sponsored tour of the Blue Ridge parkway last Thursday. The tour was held to acquaint individuals, who have some part in directing tourist traffic with the scenic advantages offered by the Parkway and how they may be reached. The day's program was under the direction of Walter J. Cartier, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Leaving Marion about 10:30 a. m. the motorcade proceeded to the Buck Creek Gap crossing of the Parkway and began the tour of the Blue Ridge drive from that point. Before reaching Little Switzerland the motorcade was joined by Justice Heriot Clarkson, of Charlotte and Little Switzerland, who conducted the party to the top of Kilmichael tower, said to be the second highest tower in the East.

Directed by Justice Clarkson, the party proceeded to Little Switzerland where a brief stop was made at Switzerland Inn.

From Little Switzerland the party continued on the Parkway, making a brief stop at the Linville River bridge, to Linville Falls and Blowing Rock.

A stop was made at the Hob Nob Inn in Blowing Rock for lunch. The party was there welcomed by Mayor Robins.

Leaving the Parkway, the motorcade detoured through Boone and came back on the Blue Ridge Drive at Deep Gap. After several stops for sightseeing the party reached the end of the tour, The Bluffs, where some time was spent in taking pictures and enjoying the mountain scenery.

On the return trip the party returned to Linville Falls and then to Marion, arriving here about 9:30 p. m.

E. M. Dale, Parkway Ranger, was guide for the motorcade. He pointed to the places of interest along the Parkway and explained fully the location of all entrances and exits to the Drive.

Two buses furnished by the Queen City Coach Company were used on the tour, no charge being made for this service. J. H. Quattlebaum, traffic manager for the Company, was a member of the tour party. Besides the buses several private cars were included in the motorcade.

Represented on the tour were the following towns: Marion, Little Switzerland, Blowing Rock, Hendersonville, Weaverville, Charlotte, Spruce Pine, and Cane River. Chas. E. Boone, Carolina Motor Club representative, was a member of the party.

FUND FOR RED CROSS RELIEF MOUNTS HERE

Red Cross collections in Marion for the relief of refugees in the war-torn countries of Europe had reached the total of \$931.53 yesterday, according to Mayor Zeno Martin, chairman of the Marion chapter of the organization.

Large contributions for the fund have been received from the Marion Manufacturing Company and the Cross Mills, where individual employees pooled their donations and presented them to the Red Cross.

The attempt will be made to reach a goal of \$1,200 in the drive, said Mr. Martin. As war continues in Europe relief needs mount daily and the American Red Cross is constantly being called upon for more assistance, he said.

The collection of funds here is being directed by Mrs. Fred Streetman, who has been assisted by local ladies. Contributions to the Red Cross may now be made either to Mrs. Streetman or to the Marion Industrial Bank.

M'CALL FAMILY REUNION

On Sunday, June 23, the McCall family will hold its annual reunion at the home of John W. McCall, five miles south of Marion, on U. S. Highway 221. The picnic dinner will be at 1 o'clock. It is expected that this will be the largest meeting ever held by this family.

COURT COMPLETES HEAVY DOCKET AND ADJOURNS

Many Cases Disposed Of In Four-Day Session Of Criminal-Civil Term.

The scheduled two weeks criminal-civil term of the McDowell Superior court was adjourned here last Thursday afternoon after presiding Judge Frank M. Armstrong had cleared a heavy docket in four days.

The following cases were disposed of during the last two days of court:

Homer Clontz, reckless driving, six months suspended on payment of \$25 fine and costs and that he not operate a car for six months.

Dad Mulinax, assault with a deadly weapon, 60 days on the roads.

Joe Gray, manufacturing and transporting, 12 months on the roads, and two years for transporting suspended on five years good behavior after the expiration of the first sentence.

Bud Lewis, transporting and possession, 12 months on the roads, two years suspended on three years good behavior.

Torrence McKinney, assault on a female, 18 months on the roads, suspended on three years good behavior.

Clarence Twitty, larceny of bicycle, remanded to juvenile court.

Turk Kelly, assault with a deadly weapon, 18 months on the road.

Harvey Harris, three months on the roads for transporting, two years suspended on three years good behavior for possession, and three months on the roads for assault, the sentences to run concurrently.

Mrs. Harvey Harris, possession, transporting and assault, 12 months on the roads suspended on payment of the costs and five years good behavior.

Eugene P. Yates, larceny and receiving, 12 months on the roads.

Lizzie Smith and Connie Smith, public nuisance, eight months on the roads suspended on three years good behavior.

W. B. Hall, Roosevelt Harris and Bill Reins, breaking, entering and larceny, two to three years each in State prison, suspended on five years good behavior and payment of the costs.

Holly Francis, larceny of auto, not guilty.

Norman Greenlee, bastardy, six months on the roads, suspended on payment of the costs and \$97.85 to Charles Martin.

Seawell McNeely, driving drunk, 12 months on the roads suspended on payment of \$50 fine, the costs, and that he not operate a vehicle for two years.

Robert Singleton and Ray Coffee, breaking, entering and larceny, two to three years in State prison suspended on five years good behavior and payment of the costs.

FORREST S. ROBERTSON AWARDED LL.D. DEGREE

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest S. Robertson spent part of the past week in Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh attending the commencement exercises at the University of North Carolina, and visiting friends. Mr. Robertson, who worked in Marion last summer at the Cut Rate Drug Store, received his LL.B. degree from the School of Law. He has an A. B. degree from Maryville College, Tenn., and has done some graduate work at Duke University.

Mrs. Robertson is a nurse here at the Marion General Hospital. She has been on her vacation.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Robertson are originally from Rutherfordton. Mrs. Robertson took her training there at the Rutherford Hospital.

SERVICES ANNOUNCED FOR ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Services will be held at St. John's Episcopal church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock with Rev. W. Reid Hammond in charge. Church School and Bible Class at 9:45. Young People's League service at 7 p. m. in the church. Holy Communion Monday morning at 8 o'clock and confirmation class Monday evening at 8 o'clock.