

SPILMAN SPEAKS AT ANNIVERSARY SERVICES HERE

Baltimore Pastor Commends St. Matthew's on Work During Past Five Years.

Rev. J. George Spilman, president of the Southeastern Lutheran District and pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran church in Baltimore, spoke to a large congregation at St. Matthew's Lutheran church here last Sunday morning at the fifth anniversary services. Rev. Paul A. Boriack is pastor of St. Matthew's.

Rev. Spilman urged the congregation to adhere unwaveringly to the clear and pure teachings of God's eternal Word, the Bible, and courageously to confess the glorious gospel of salvation through faith in the crucified, eternal, and only-begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ.

Following the morning service, Rev. Spilman spoke a personal word of greeting to the congregation commending them for their work and progress during the past years and urging them to greater efforts in the future.

At the evening service, beginning at 8 o'clock Rev. F. A. Freed, of Hickory, addressed the congregation on the subject, "Peter's Vision." He explained the possibilities and opportunities for true and abiding happiness in time and eternity for those who catch Peter's vision in the pursuit of men's souls.

Louis Cutlar, of Marion, rendered a violin solo during the morning services. He was accompanied by Miss Marie Crawley, church pianist. During the evening service, J. W. Freed of Hickory, presented a violin solo, accompanied by his father, the Rev. Freed.

"St. Matthew's on this fifth anniversary was most appropriately remembered with the splendid gift of two fine chancel chairs in memory of the Gospel ministry instituted by Christ Jesus," stated Rev. Boriack. The two chairs were a personal gift of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon T. Eckerd and their son, Joseph. The chairs were in use for the first time during the anniversary services.

"The fifth anniversary services at St. Matthew's Lutheran church were most encouraging from every angle," stated Rev. Boriack this week, "and the church is grateful to everyone that helped make this anniversary a real success."

C OF C WORK REVIEWED AT KIWANIS MEETING

Walter J. Cartier, secretary of the Marion Chamber of Commerce, was the guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the local Kiwanis club Tuesday night. He was introduced by Lee Conley, who had charge of the program for the meeting.

Mr. Cartier spoke on the subject, "Your Chamber of Commerce." He reviewed the accomplishments of the local Chamber during the past year and pointed to the value of the organization to the community. A membership drive is being conducted by the Chamber and efforts are being directed to increasing business and professional representation in the organization, he said. He outlined the objectives of the Chamber for the coming year.

Presiding at the meeting was Cecil Dobson, president. Dinner was served by ladies of the Presbyterian church.

WILLIAMS OUT ON BOND IN AUTO ACCIDENT CASE

Charles Williams, of Grassy Creek was released from McDowell county jail last week on \$1,500 bond after having been charged with homicide in connection with the death of Charles McKinney of Little Switzerland.

McKinney died in the Marion General Hospital Monday of last week from a fracture of the skull which he received in an automobile accident which occurred on highway 221 near Woodlawn on the previous Sunday. Sheriff Grady Nichols, who, with Deputy Jim Roland, investigated the accident, said that Williams apparently was driving the automobile and lost control, crashing into a bank.

CLINCHFIELD RESIDENT SHOOTS SELF THURSDAY

Harry B. Frazee, resident of the Clinchfield section took his own life at about 2.30 last Thursday afternoon, shooting himself in the right temple with a .38 special pistol, according to McDowell county Coroner G. B. Justice, who investigated the shooting.

Mr. Frazee was living with his daughter, Mrs. L. A. Marlowe, in the Clinchfield section. He was said to have sent his daughter and her children on an errand and to have shot himself while they were gone. He had been in bad health since suffering a stroke about a year ago, it was said.

No inquest was held in the death, Coroner Justice declaring the death a clear case of suicide.

Mr. Frazee was originally from New Hampshire but had made his home in this state for the past 20 years. He had been living with his daughter in Marion for about a year.

The remains were carried to Fayetteville, where final rites were conducted Saturday afternoon.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Marlowe, and Mrs. Alberta Singletary, of Tar Heel; and three sons, George and Terrace Frazee, of Fayetteville, and Arthur Frazee, of Panama Canal Zone.

CONTEST WINNERS AT CROSS MILLS ANNOUNCED

A total of 16 prizes were awarded by the Cross Mills last Thursday to families in the mill village in the annual yard beautification contest.

Yards of homes in the village were judged on improvements made, landscaping design, and the general beauty of the home surroundings.

A total of \$89 was given to participants in the contest with top prize of \$25 going to Eugene Dobson, whose yard was judged the most attractive.

Other prize winners and the amounts they won are as follows: J. D. Carrigan, \$20; W. Gordon Wilson, \$15; Fred L. Murray, \$10; Mrs. Rayburn, \$5; Mrs. Lula McCormick, \$3; Fred Carrigan, \$2.

Receiving honorable mention and prizes of one dollar each were Charles Reid, Howard Bradburn, Mack Hester, Nelson Clontz, Chester Davis, Robert Webb, R. W. Workman, Ruby Lonon and Iva Caraway.

HOME COMING TO BE HELD AT WEST MARION

The annual homecoming at West Marion Presbyterian church will be held Sunday, July 21, it was announced this week. The program for the day will open with the Sunday School at 10 o'clock in the morning.

B. F. Pollard, of Marion, will be in charge of the morning service. There will be special music. At the completion of the morning service dinner will be spread, picnic style, on the grounds. Families will bring their own basket of food for the dinner.

The evening service will begin about 1:30 p. m. with Rev. Carl W. McMurray, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Marion in charge. There will be special music during the afternoon.

An invitation has been extended to the public to attend the services and join the picnic dinner.

BELK CLEARANCE SALE DRAWS MANY PEOPLE

The annual July clearance sale of the Belk-Broome Company, of Marion, opened last Friday morning with hundreds of McDowell county and outside visitors flocking to the store during the day.

Before the store opened for business Friday morning several hundred people jammed the sidewalks, waiting to enter.

Visitors from Union Mills, Spruce Pine, Bakersville, Micaville, Busick and many other towns in this section attended the sale on the opening day and many more are daily shopping at Belks. The sale is continuing all this week and many items are being reduced to sale prices daily.

DIRECTORS TO MEET

Directors of the Marion Rotary club will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Rev. W. A. Jenkins, it has been announced.

POPULATION OF GREATER MARION IS ANNOUNCED

Figures Show 9,604 Count in Town And Mill Villages; City Directory Released.

The population of Marion and outlying villages is 9,604, according to information received this week from Charles Miller, of Asheville, who has just completed the publication of the Marion city directory.

Mr. Miller's figures show the population of the city proper to be 2,966, approximately 100 more than were counted in the recent census enumeration. In East Marion there are 2,816. Clinchfield was listed as having 1,636 residents and West Marion was credited with 682. People in outlying districts not listed in the mill villages number 1,474, according to Mr. Miller.

The new directory, as published by the Southern Directory Company, was released to Marion business firms and townspeople this week. The book is prefaced by an article written by Mayor Zeno Martin and Chamber of Commerce Secretary Walter J. Cartier.

In addition to the complete listing of the residents of Marion and outlying districts the directory contains a street directory, giving the names of householders and business firms on each street; a numerical telephone directory; a classified business directory, and information about the town and county.

TRAINING TO BE OFFERED TWO BOYS BY LEGION

The McDowell Post No. 56 of the American Legion will send two boys from McDowell county to Chapel Hill the last week in August to receive training in youth work of the Legion, it was decided at a meeting held here Tuesday night, July 9.

Thomas M. Green, commander of the 18th district of the American Legion, at Oteen, spoke at the local meeting and recently-elected officers of the local post were installed. Mr. Green talked on the work of the Legion.

New officers installed at the meeting were: John E. Melton, commander; Carr Bell, vice-commander; M. G. Clark, vice-commander; W. R. Burleson, adjutant; J. H. Beaman, finance officer; R. W. Proctor, service officer; Roy W. Davis, guardianship officer; W. E. Conley, sergeant-at-arms; Dr. D. H. Crawford, chaplain; B. S. Clark, historian; H. C. Mangum, athletics director; Dr. J. F. Miller, child welfare officer; J. P. Dodge, Americanism officer; G. C. Crawford, graves registration officer; W. M. Gladden, employment chairman; R. K. Davis, membership chairman; B. H. Laughridge, publicity officer; and C. B. Dobson, chairman, Sons of Legion.

Mrs. J. P. Dodge spoke on the work of the Boys State and Americanism. Other speakers on the program were Mrs. T. M. Green and Miss Rose F. Lynn, of Oteen, and Mrs. H. C. Mangum, of Marion.

R. K. Davis gave a report on the State Convention of the Legion held in High Point.

OFFICERS TAKE THREE STILLS IN TWO DAYS

Three liquor stills were captured and destroyed by McDowell county officers this week in raids conducted in two townships in the county.

Monday, Deputy J. E. Roland found a still in operation on Curtis Creek in Old Fort township. Operators of the still fled and have not been captured. Between 15 and 20 gallons of whiskey and about 250 gallons of beer were said to have been found at the still. The plant, which was steam operated, was destroyed by the deputy.

In a raid in Bracketts township Tuesday afternoon Sheriff Grady Nichols and Deputy Roland captured two steam operated stills. Approximately 500 gallons of beer and mash were found at each plant. The stills were not in operation and the owners were not discovered.

FRANCIS MARION TOURNAMENT IS BEGUN THIS WEEK

Fourteen Matches Set for First Round of Play; Singles And Doubles Featured.

The annual tennis tournament of the Francis Marion club began here this week with play scheduled to run for two weeks and the finals matches set for July 26 and 27.

Fourteen matches in the singles play were set for this week and were supposed to have been completed yesterday afternoon. Three entries drew byes in the first round. Few of the preliminary matches have been run off.

Entered in the singles play this year is Burrage Beam, of Cherryville, who last year won the tournament. Beam downed Alford Morgan, of Marion, in the semi-finals round to win the title. Both Morgan and Beam are entered in the tournament this year and are expected to meet again in the semi-finals round.

Five doubles matches have been scheduled for this week for the first round of play. Three doubles teams drew byes. The first round doubles matches are scheduled to be completed this afternoon.

Three cups are being awarded to the tournament winners this year by the Francis Marion club. The winner in the singles play will be awarded a gold cup and each member of the winning doubles team will receive a silver cup. The trophies are now on display at Rabb-Hitchcock's store.

Tournament games are being played on local private courts and at the Marion Lake club.

The tournament is being directed by a committee of the Francis Marion club composed of Dula Hawkins, S. R. Cross, and Eugene Cross, Jr.

THREE CASES DISPOSED OF IN SUPERIOR COURT

Three civil cases were disposed of in McDowell county Superior court here Monday before court adjourned, late in the afternoon, for the term. Presiding was Judge W. H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte.

In the case of W. L. Ledford vs. W. A. Brown, Ledford was ordered to recover of Brown the sum of \$45 and easements for right of way and mill sites on Brown's land were ordered to be effective according to a five-year contract signed by the parties to the action. Brown gave notice of appeal to the Supreme court and bond was placed at \$100.

M. B. Ledbetter, as plaintiff in a case against the Hickory Harness and Leather Company, was ordered to recover the sum of \$21.54 of the defendant. The defendant was taxed the costs of the action.

The case of J. M. Hinson vs. Thomas Elliott was dismissed.

C OF C WORK REVIEWED AT ROTARY MEETING

The work of the Marion Chamber of Commerce during the past six months was reviewed before the local Rotary club last Friday by Walter J. Cartier.

Mr. Cartier, explaining that the Chamber now had 174 members in good standing, gave as some of the achievements of the organization: the establishment and expansion of a credit bureau, the staging of a three-day trade festival in Marion, the holding of a July 4 celebration featuring boat races at Lake James, and work on a proposed new road from Marion to Lake Lure.

Members of the rotary club decided to hold an attendance contest to end in October. The membership was divided into two groups for the contest. Heading the groups are Ralph Tate and Earl Sebastian. The losers in the competition furnish a fish supper for the winners.

Guests at the meeting were Tom Rose of Shelby, and Robert Twitty, of Marion.

REUNION

The annual reunion of the Laughridge family will be held Sunday, July 28, in Dysartsville, it was announced this week.

NEW BOOKS ADDED TO MARION PUBLIC LIBRARY

A total of 97 new books have recently been added to the Marion Public Library, announced Mrs. Coit Edison, librarian, this week. The 1939 edition of the American Standard Encyclopedia of 15 volumes has been donated to the library by Mrs. Lizzie Perkins Smith, of Marion. Fifty-five books have been purchased by the library and 27 others have been donated.

Of the 55 books purchased 21 are of the Golden Arrow series and are for children.

Circulation is high at the library this summer with an average of 50 books a day being taken from the library, said Mrs. Edison. Monday of this week a daily record was set when 88 books were taken out by the public.

Among the new books is a copy of "A Guide to the Old North State," of the American Guide series. The book contains information about tours through scenic and historical sections of North Carolina and much of the historical, economic, social and religious background of the state. Many illustrations of interesting places and people in the state are given.

Included in the list of new books are: "Twenty Best Plays of the Modern American Theatre," edited by John Gassner; the "New Oxford Book of English Verse;" "World Famous Paintings," by Kent; "Training of an American," by Hendrick; "Lee, the American," by Bradford; "Twenty Thousand Years in Sing Sing," by Lawes; "With Lawrence in Arabia," by Thomas; and "The Book of Dogs," by Lawson.

DIRECTORS OF C OF C BEING CHOSEN TODAY

Members of the Marion Chamber of Commerce voted yesterday for three directors at large from a list of nine local men who have been nominated for the posts.

In balloting early this week 80 out of 113 members of the Chamber were nominated for the directorship. The nine high men in the voting were those considered as the list of nominees, from which three are to be elected.

The nine candidates for the three offices are Zeno Martin, Dean Tainter, Eugene Cross, Jr., A. S. Bradford, V. T. Eckerd, W. S. Shiflet, R. J. Noyes, J. G. Beaman and H. D. Bishop.

Ballots have been distributed by Marion Boy Scouts and will be collected this morning.

Following the election of the directors at large members of the Chamber of Commerce will choose three officers for each department of the organization.

The annual membership meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held in the community building at 7 o'clock Monday night, August 5. New directors and officers will be installed.

Included on the program will be an address by L. P. Dickie, manager of the Southeastern Division of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Reservations for the dinner meeting may now be made at the local office of the Chamber of Commerce.

PIEDMONT SCOUT BOARD TO HAVE MEET SUNDAY

The executive board of the Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America, representing the counties of Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, McDowell, Polk and Rutherford, will meet at the Piedmont Boy Scout camp at Lake Lanier on Sunday morning, July 21, it was announced this week.

Attending the meeting from Marion will be Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Laughlin and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Beam.

Judge Bismarck Capps, of Gastonia, president of the Piedmont Council, will conduct a devotional service at 11 o'clock and a short business meeting and inspection of the camp will be made.

JULY CLEARANCE SALE

An annual July Clearance sale is announced by Rabb-Hitchcock, beginning Thursday, July 18. Outstanding values on summer goods are listed in an advertisement in this issue.

TOTAL OF \$27,699 IN BENEFITS PAID IN 3 COUNTIES

Unemployed And Partially Employed Persons Are Given Assistance.

The State Employment Service office, serving the area embraced in McDowell, Mitchell and Yancey counties, has distributed \$27,699.00 in benefits to unemployed and partially unemployed workers in this area in the first six months of 1940 while benefits distributed in the 32 months of payments reached \$249,463, it is announced by Alden P. Honeycutt, local office manager, based on figures compiled in the Central office of the N. C. Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Benefits have been distributed by the Marion local office this year by months, as follows: January, \$5,008; February, \$4,610; March, \$4,518; April, \$3,579; May, \$4,637; June, \$5,346; total, \$27,699.00.

Benefits on a state-wide basis have shown reasonably large increases during each of the six months of this year, over the preceding month, indicating a marked increase in the extent of unemployment in the state, Mr. Honeycutt said. Payments in the six months, totalling \$2,292,632.14, were as follows: January, \$285,382; February, \$308,145.51; March, \$352,225.98; April, \$417,426.27; May, \$438,712.05; June, \$490,789.86.

Total distributions of the jobless benefits in the 32 months of payments, from January, 1938, through June, 1940, were \$14,903,248.27, which included \$273,646.32 sent to residents of other states who had previously earned credits in North Carolina.

These benefits have been distributed by 46 local white offices, with 10 branches which serve colored people in the immediate areas of the offices. The forty-six white offices serve white people in their immediate areas and also serve white and colored people in outlying sections by means of regular visits of representatives to about 125 "service" and, at present, to about 175 "spot" points in rural or urban sections where plant layoffs may occur, it was explained.

FATHER OF LOCAL MAN PUBLISHES NEW BOOK

C. M. Dickson, father of Dr. B. A. Dickson, of Marion, has recently published a book entitled "Fireside Philosophy," according to an announcement made here this week while Mr. Dickson was visiting his son.

The book, a collection of homely truths and observations on the way of life in North Carolina, was written "to supply a long-felt need for human behavior, or conduct, that will stand the test of the cynic, the atheist, the ignorant and superstitious, the over-presumptuous, the egotistic and the sophisticated," said Mr. Dickson, and "to appeal to the interest, humor and intelligence of all classes of society."

Mr. Dickson has been prominent in the educational life of the state. He was county superintendent of schools in Ashe county for 12 years, and has served as principal and teacher in many counties. He has been a lecturer and has written for magazines and newspapers for many years. During the summer months he makes his home on a farm near Silas Creek.

"Fireside Philosophy" contains his thoughts on human nature.

AUCTION SALE

The Chapman property located on Highway 104, adjoining the Lake Tahoma property, will be sold at auction on Saturday, July 27, at 2 o'clock. Announcement is made that the property has been subdivided into desirable home sites.

BEAUTY SALON REOPENS

Raye's Beauty Salon on South Main street, which has been closed for some time due to damages by a recent fire, was reopened for business this week. Repairs on the building have been completed.