

MARION PROJECT IS APPROVED BY STATE OFFICIALS

WPA Plan Provides For Play- ground And Sewage Disposal Facilities For Town.

A \$24,362 WPA project for the construction of a playground and a small sewer pumping station in north Marion was approved by state officials of the WPA this week and plans for the work were forwarded to Washington, it has been announced. The playground planned in the project will be constructed on the vacant lot beside the Community building. It is expected that wading pools, tennis courts and other recreation facilities will be placed on the grounds.

The sewer pumping station will be placed in north Marion and will enable home owners on Viewpoint Drive and North Main street to connect their homes with the sewage disposal system of the town.

The \$24,362 project calls for a Federal appropriation of \$16,564, and for a sponsor's appropriation of \$7,808.

Another project, calling for the construction of a small sewage disposal plant in the Clinchfield section to provide sewage disposal facilities for homes on the far end of East Court street, is now being investigated by engineers. It is expected the project will be submitted to the WPA in the near future.

DUKE POWER EXPANDS RURAL LINES SYSTEM

There are at present 81 miles of "strictly rural" power lines in McDowell county serving 473 customers, of whom 318 are farmers, according to J. A. Wier, local manager of the Duke Power Company.

These figures, he pointed out, do not include the service rendered to more or less rural consumers, in the suburban communities of Nebo, Glenwood, Garden City, Stroudtown, and along the lines between these places and Marion.

In 1934, McDowell had 32 miles of rural lines serving 107 customers. Since that time more lines have been strung every year.

Last year, the company added 11.3 miles of lines to serve 82 customers, thereby bringing the total on January 1, 1940, to 68.7 miles with 411 customers.

So far this year, 62 customers have been added on 12 miles of "strictly rural" lines and the company is now obtaining the right-of-way for 25.3 more miles authorized to serve 112 customers in the North Cove section.

The work of erecting poles, stringing wire, and cutting in houses and stores will be started as soon as possible, Mr. Wier said. When this line is completed, McDowell will have 106 miles of "strictly rural" lines serving 586 farmers and other consumers.

C OF C MEMBERSHIPS REACH TOTAL OF 164

The McDowell county Chamber of Commerce now has 88 members and a total of 164 memberships, according to an announcement made this week.

Of the 88 members, several are McDowell firms which have taken out as many as eight memberships each in the Chamber of Commerce. Among these firms are Belk-Broome Co., the Duke Power Co., and the Coca-Cola Bottling Co., all of Marion.

Many memberships have been renewed this year, Secretary Cartier stated, but there are still many firms and individuals in the county who have not been called on.

G. O. P. CANDIDATE TO MAKE ADDRESS HERE

Robert H. McNeill, Republican candidate for governor of North Carolina, will speak in Marion on Monday, September 16, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. McNeill will come to Marion in connection with a speaking tour on which he will cover the central and western parts of the state.

D. R. HYAMS, FORMERLY OF MARION, IS FATALLY INJURED IN AUTO WRECK

D. R. Hyams, of Greensboro, a former resident of Marion, died in a Raleigh hospital Tuesday morning as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Raleigh last Saturday afternoon.

The accident occurred at Holly Springs when the car in which Mr. Hyams and two daughters, Mrs. Russell Emerson and Miss Minnie Hyams, of Greensboro, were riding was struck by a car driven by Henry Turner, Negro, who was entering from a side road. Mr. Hyams sustained a fractured skull and dislocated shoulder. Mrs. Emerson had both ankles broken and suffered a fractured wrist while Miss Hyams was bruised and sustained a severe shock but was not seriously injured.

Mr. Hyams was 65 years of age. A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Hyams, he was born in Marion and resided here until about twenty-five years ago when he moved to Greensboro and since that time has held a position with the Odell Hardware Company.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillie Perry Hyams; three sons, R. L. Perry and Freeman Hyams, of Greensboro; five daughters, Mrs. H. D. Mauldin, Mrs. Russell Emerson and Miss Minnie Hyams, of Greensboro, Miss Winifred Hyams of Raleigh, and Miss Madeline Hyams of Durham; four sisters, Mrs. Carrie Childs, of Greensboro; Mrs. F. H. O'Neal, of Statesville; Mrs. G. H. Knight of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. S. E. Whitten, of Marion, N. C., and one brother, John F. Hyams, of Asheville, and two grandchildren.

The funeral services were held in Greensboro Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

LOCAL MEN PURCHASE MAIN STREET BUILDING

The Wrenn building on the corner of West Court and Main streets in Marion was purchased last week by Sam M. Yancey and C. F. Barnes from Seborn Perry of High Point. The building was recently willed to Mr. Perry by T. F. Wrenn, who died this summer.

Store places in the building purchased include the Marion Drug Co., the Western Auto Associate store, the Ideal Cafe and the Betty Jean Beauty shop. In addition several second-story offices and rooms are contained in the building.

The Ideal Cafe, operated by B. M. Swanson, went out of business last week and the place occupied by the cafe is now vacant. No new tenant for the place has as yet been announced.

The corner building was erected many years ago by the late C. A. Bobbitt, who operated a general merchandise store there for some time. Later the site was occupied by the Merchants and Farmers Bank, which was absorbed by the First National Bank. Before the advent of movies in this community, the second floor of the building was used as an opera house where town gatherings and entertainments of many kinds were held. The whole second floor was later changed to store space, offices and rooms.

The recent purchasers of the building have announced no plans for changing the structure. The purchase was made as an investment, it was said.

JUDGE APPOINTED FOR SPECIAL COURT TERM

Judge Wilson Warlick, of Newton, will preside at a special two-weeks term of civil court, beginning here October 21. The special term was requested by McDowell's county commissioners to relieve a crowded civil docket. The term was ordered by Governor Hoey last week.

It is expected that the orchard case suit against the State Highway and Public Works Commission will occupy the attention of the court during most of the term. The plaintiffs to the action, Supreme Court Justice J. Wallace Winborne, as executor and trustee of the W. W. Guy estate, and John Yancey, have charged that the construction of the Parkway had damaged the Holston and Heffner apple orchards to an amount between \$200,000 and \$250,000. A jury of view has recommended a settlement of approximately \$75,000.

FAIR LOT BEING MADE READY FOR SHOW OCTOBER 4

Westmoreland Outlines Work Done In Preparation For Horse And Cattle Exhibit.

Work on the McDowell fair grounds near Marion in preparation for the annual horse and cattle show on October 4 is nearing completion, stated S. J. Westmoreland, reporting for the horse and cattle show committee at the weekly meeting of the local Kiwanis club here Tuesday night. Mr. Westmoreland is chairman of the show committee and the annual event is being sponsored by the Kiwanians.

A ring on the fair grounds for the horse show is nearing completion, said Mr. Westmoreland. The ring measures about 125 by 225 feet and is about 600 feet in circumference. The property surrounding the ring is being cleared of brush and undergrowth.

A bridge has been built over a stream between the highway and the fair grounds and parking space is being provided around the track for cars, stated Mr. Westmoreland.

The fair grounds are located just off Rutherford Road at the foot of Mount Ida. Assisting Mr. Westmoreland in arranging for the horse and cattle show are S. L. Homewood, J. C. Rabb, J. R. Jameson, W. C. McIver and Frank Goforth.

CRIMINAL DOCKET IS CLEARED IN COURT HERE

All cases on the criminal docket in the Superior court had been disposed of late last Thursday afternoon and the court spent the remainder of the week on hearings in civil actions. Judge William H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, is presiding at the two-weeks criminal-civil term.

Criminal cases disposed of during the latter part of last week were as follows:

Earle Williams was sentenced to six months on the roads for assault with a deadly weapon, suspended on payment of the court costs and the sum of \$72 to Garland Austin and on two years good behavior.

Mrs. Zeb Sprouse, found guilty of fornication and adultery, was sentenced to the Industrial Farm colony for a period not to exceed three years.

Eva Shehan, found guilty of fornication and maintaining a public nuisance, was sentenced to the Farm Colony for a period up to three years.

Bill Raines was found not guilty of seduction.

Ray Warlick, guilty of driving drunk, was sentenced to 60 days, suspended on payment of \$50 and court costs and the condition he not operate a car for 12 months.

Ed Suttles was sentenced to 12 months on the roads for assault with a deadly weapon, suspended on two years good behavior.

Willie Fulwood was sentenced to six months on the roads for larceny.

MARION CITY TEACHERS MEET IN LOCAL SCHOOL

Teachers of schools in the Marion city unit assembled in the central school auditorium here yesterday for their first meeting of the fall term. They were addressed by two guest speakers and by Superintendent Hugh F. Beam, who outlined the school program for the year.

Mrs. Ruth Penney, representative from the State Commission for the Blind, gave the teachers instructions for detecting eye deficiencies in children and explained the policy of the Commission in seeking to remove difficulties experienced by children. She emphasized the importance of the work of the Commission with underprivileged children.

Miss Mary Langston, field representative of the classroom teachers division of the North Carolina Education association, discussed the activities of the N. C. E. A. and recommended the organization of a classroom teachers division in the local association.

The meeting opened with a group song led by Bernard Hirsch. Devotionals were under the direction of William D. Tuttle.

PLAN TO BUILD NEW STORE ON SITE OF HOUSE

Burton Place Being Razed To Make Way For Smith Fur- niture Establishment.

The razing of the old R. F. Burton home place on North Main street in Marion was begun this week to make way for a modern three story building that will be built on the location by the Smith Furniture Company.

The Burton house was a landmark in Marion, being one of the oldest residences here. It was a two-story frame building and was until recently occupied by Miss Julia Burton. The building and lot were purchased by the Smith Furniture Company the latter part of August.

The site for the new furniture store is located opposite the McDowell Hotel, between the Western Union office and Young's Esso Station. Razing of the old building is expected to be completed by the end of September and work on the construction of the furniture store is expected to begin about October 1.

Plans for the Smith Furniture company's store call for a three-story brick building. It will have 60 foot frontage on Main street and will be approximately 112 feet long. According to Ray W. Smith, approximately two and one-half floors of the new building will be used for furniture display. The remaining space will be used for storage.

The two stores of the Smith Furniture Company now located on North Main and Logan streets, will be vacated on completion of the new building, it was said.

SERIES OF CONCERTS TO BE BEGUN HERE SUNDAY

A symphonic concert, featuring the music of Johann Strauss, will be held in the Community building here Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. It will be the first of a series of Sunday programs to be given here.

The concert is the result of efforts made here recently to provide some form of Sunday entertainment for Marion residents. Music for the concert will consist of phonograph recordings which will be played over special equipment invented by Hubert Martin of Marion.

The program is being sponsored by the McDowell Chamber of Commerce and several local persons who plan to have a guest soloist or instrumentalist on each of the Sunday programs. The soloist for this week has not been announced.

Admission to the concert will be by tickets, which are available, free of charge, at Tainter's, Streetman's, Marion Drug Company, Cut Rate Drug Store, Rabb-Hitchcock's, Oasis News Stand, the Chamber of Commerce office and from members of the high school band.

Recordings and some equipment for the concert will be furnished by the Record Shop of Marion.

ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS FOR AUGUST ARE GIVEN

Checks distributed through the McDowell welfare office for old age, dependent children and blind assistance during the month of August totaled \$4,251, according to a summary released this week by Mrs. G. W. Kirkpatrick, welfare officer.

The assistance payments were distributed for the benefit of 432 McDowell residents. A total of 319 persons received checks amounting to \$3,171 for old age assistance.

The sum of \$921 was distributed to 54 families, representing 101 children, under aid to dependent children provisions.

Twelve blind persons in the county received aid during August by checks amounting to \$159.

PLEASANT GARDENS PTA MEETS TONIGHT

The Parent-Teachers association of Pleasant Gardens will have its first meeting of the year tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. W. A. Jenkins of Marion will be guest speaker at the meeting and his topic will be "The Purpose of Schools in a Democracy." A full attendance is urged.

RECREATION BOARD FOR MARION IS URGED HERE

Stressing the need for planned recreation activities for the residents of Marion, Chamber of Commerce Secretary Walter Cartier recommended here last Friday that the local Rotary club take the lead in promoting the organization of a recreation board.

The proposed board, said Mr. Cartier, would make a survey of recreation facilities in the community and promote activities of a self-financing nature at first. The board might bring about the organization of clubs for soft-ball, badminton, hiking, boating and might promote dramatic and musical programs, a craft guild and hobby shows, a summer playground program for children and a social-recreation program for adults, he said.

He asked that a committee be appointed from the Rotary club to consider the project and urged that the Community building be more generally used as the recreation center of the town.

Mr. Cartier was guest speaker at the regular weekly meeting of the Rotary club. The Rotarians decided to have a fish fry at the Old Fort picnic grounds on September 13 at 6:00 p. m.

Ray Smith rejoined the club. Guests at the meeting were Raymond D. Ridgeley, Rotarian of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Harry Gilbert.

WORK BEGUN ON MARION HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Work on Marion's \$100,000 WPA project for repairing the high school building and for the construction of a classroom and gymnasium building was begun Tuesday of this week. Workmen are now employed in tearing down the fire-damaged portions of the building and in cleaning up debris around the building.

According to Superintendent Hugh F. Beam, no work will be done on the new building planned in the project until the reconstruction of the old building has been completed. All work will be concentrated on the old building to get it in shape for school classes as soon as possible, he said.

Approximately 35 men are now employed on the reconstruction work. Foreman on the project is Charles G. Cannon, and the work is being done under the supervision of Architect Lindsey Guder of Asheville.

Plans for the reconstruction of the old school building call for the repairing of some eight classrooms and the enlarging of the library. The new building will house approximately four classrooms, a music room, and a gymnasium with a seating capacity of about 500.

REBUILDING OF FILLING STATION PLANNED HERE

Work on a new building to house the Main Street Texaco filling station on North Main street here is expected to be started in the near future.

Plans outlined here call for the razing of the present station and the building of a larger one with a greasing and washing room. The new building will be a one-story structure with a metal roof. The building will be extended on the north end. The station is the property of the Morgan estate but is operated by Roy Rabb.

MARION CITY SCHOOLS BEGIN FALL TERM TODAY

The five schools comprising the Marion city unit opened their doors for the fall term this morning with the enrollment expected to be approximately 2,350 pupils. Of this number, 550 are expected to be in the high school.

Schools of the city unit are the Marion high and elementary schools, Clinchfield elementary, East Marion elementary, Eugene Cross elementary, and West Marion elementary. Two colored schools, the Hudgins high and elementary and the Glades elementary, are also in the city unit.

RAMSEY TRANSFERRED

Thomas D. Ramsey of the Garden Creek community, junior civil engineer at the Buck Creek CCC camp has been detailed to the Mortimer CCC camp in Caldwell county. At the new location he will be employed in supervising the rebuilding of Forest Service bridges washed out in the floods of August 13.

GREENLEE CHURCH TO BE SCENE OF BAPTIST MEETING

Annual Convention Of Train- ing Union To Be Held At Baptist Church Sunday.

The annual convention of the Baptist Training Union of the Blue Ridge Association will be held at the Greenlee Baptist church on next Sunday, Sept. 15. W. G. Wilson, the director, announces an interesting program has been prepared for the meeting and a large attendance is expected. The program, consisting of addresses, music and playlets, will begin at 11 o'clock in the morning and continue through the afternoon.

The program follows:
11:00: Congregational song.
11:05: Devotional, James Mitchell, Clinchfield.
11:15: Special music, Clear Creek Baptist church.
11:20: Appointment of committees.

11:25: Special music, Kannapolis Quartet.
11:30: Address—Theme of The Month, Rev. N. C. Brooks, State Training Union Secretary, Raleigh.
12:00: Announcements. Dinner on the grounds.

1:00: Congregational song.
1:05: Devotional, Robert Padgett, Pleasant Gardens.
1:15: Special Music, Whitson Quartet, Clinchfield.
1:20: Panel Discussion, Rev. N. C. Brooks.

1:30: Special music, West Marion
1:55: Report of Committees.
2:00: Special music, West Marion
2:05: Address, "Flowers for the Living," J. P. Thomas, Regional president, of Gastonia.
2:20: Special music, Kannapolis Quartet.

2:25: "Our Task in the Blue Ridge," Miss Aberlene Cresawn for Greenlee.

2:35: Special music, Clinchfield church.
2:40: Playlet, East Marion Union.
3:05: Special music, Whitson Quartet.

3:10: "B. A. U.'s For Every Church," Rev. W. A. Pettit, Old Fort
3:20: Special music, Kannapolis Quartet.
3:25: Roll Call of the Churches.
3:30: Special music, Marion First Church.

3:35: Address, W. R. Chambers, Associational Moderator.
3:45: Special music, Chapel Hill Quartet.
3:50: Installation of officers, J. P. Thomas, Gastonia.

JAMES ELECTED TO HEAD YOUNG DEMOCRATS HERE

Robert James, Jr., was elected president of the McDowell county Young Democratic club, meeting here Tuesday night. He succeeds W. D. Lonon as head of the organization.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Julia Stanley, vice-president; Miss Kathryn Wall, secretary; and W. D. Lonon, treasurer.

Members of the club voted to certify all Democrats in good standing as delegates to the State convention of Democratic clubs. The state meeting opens in Raleigh today and continues through Saturday. Club members certified as delegates to the convention included Ben Hendley, Grayson Neal, S. H. Pennington, Oscar Adkins, R. W. Proctor, W. D. Lonon, Alfred Morgan, Grady Nichols, C. S. Finley, R. L. James, Jr., and D. Hensley.

W. D. Lonon, presiding at the meeting, reviewed the financial condition of the club from 1937 through 1939. Thirty-one members paid their dues at the meeting.

R. W. Proctor spoke briefly to the Young Democrats, stating that three propositions confronted Democrats: (1) Republicans and Wilkie, (2) financing the Democratic campaign, and (3) getting the party machinery to work. He suggested that Democratic meetings be held in Marion and McDowell county to organize party members for carrying out the program.

Oscar Adkins and E. C. Hawkins spoke briefly.