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BETHEL CHURCH TO BE SCENE OF BAPTIST MEETING

Annual Session Of Blue Ridge Association To Be Held On October 8th And 9th.

The twelfth annual session of the Blue Ridge Baptist Association will be held at the Bethel Baptist church on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 8th and 9th. The Blue Ridge Baptist Association is composed of thirty Baptist churches in McDowell county. This Association was organized in 1929 and at that time had 2,606 members. In the year 1939, more than 4,200 members were reported. At this time these churches own church property totaling in value around \$150,000, and gave last year more than \$25,000 to local church work, missions, education and benevolence.

The Bethel Baptist church, where the sessions of the association will be held this year, was the first Baptist church organized in what is now McDowell county. From the best information obtainable, it is believed that the church was constituted before 1800. Permyter Morgan, who was born in 1755 and died in 1824, served the church as pastor in the early days. He was probably the founder and first pastor. Alfred Webb, William Hill, F. Pendergrass, Bailey Bruce, J. C. Grayson, L. McCurry, W. L. Logan, B. B. Harris, H. E. Harristill, J. C. Sorrells, C. B. Justice, C. S. Cashwell, A. P. Sorrells, D. J. Hunt, J. W. Whitely, F. M. Huggins, G. G. O'Neill, M. M. Huntley, J. M. Brown and M. L. Buchanan have served as pastors of the Bethel church throughout its long history. J. C. Grayson was pastor of this church for 35 years. W. F. McMahan is the present pastor of the church.

It has been announced that one of the sessions of the association, a memorial service, will be held in honor of members of the various churches of the association who have died during the past year.

W. R. Chambers is moderator of the Blue Ridge Association; Alonzo E. Davis, vice-moderator; A. H. Mitchem, clerk; Rev. F. E. May, assistant clerk; and Rev. C. E. Gilliam, historian.

The program of the approaching session is as follows:

- Tuesday Morning**
9:30—Worship, Rev. Paul Reese.
9:45—Roll call of churches and report of committee on order of business.
10:00—Address of welcome, Rev. W. F. McMahan.
10:05—Response, Rev. W. S. Hollifield.
10:10—The Liquor Problem, Dr. M. A. Adams.
10:30—The Lord's Acre Plan, Dr. D. H. Crawford.
10:50—Baptist Hospital, Rev. R. Von King.
11:10—Appointment of committees and announcements.
11:20—Sermon: "The Two Lost Sons"—Rev. W. E. Pettit.
12:00—Adjournment for dinner.
- Tuesday Afternoon**
1:15—Worship, Rev. H. H. Justice.
Factual Reports Concerning
1:30—(1) State Missions, Rev. J. C. Summerlin.
1:40—(2) Home Missions, Rev. C. H. Hamby.
1:50—(3) Foreign Missions, Rev. Tommy Deaton.
2:00—The Co-operative Program, Secretary M. A. Huggins.
2:40—W.M.S. Report, Mrs. R. O. Wilson.
2:50—Studying Missions, Mrs. W. B. Connelly.
3:00—The World Today and Missions, Mrs. George Greenway.
3:10—Biblical Recorder, Rev. Wymann E. Wood.
3:30—Adjourn.
- Tuesday Night Session**
7:15—Worship, Rev. C. F. Dyson.
7:30—Music.
7:40—B. T. U. Report, Miss Marion Harris.
7:50—The Value of B. T. U. in an Association, Mrs. Cecil Raburn.
8:00—Some Objectives for the New Year in the B. T. U., Mr. Gordon Wilson.

WOODWORKING PROJECT OF NYA BEING ENLARGED

Thirty-five McDowell county youths were certified here Monday by National Youth Administration officials for work in an enlarged woodworking plant now being made ready for use in Old Fort. At present 65 youths have been scheduled for work in the plant and within the next ten days the number to be employed there is expected to reach 100. The Old Fort NYA woodworking plant is being moved to new quarters in a warehouse owned by Colonel D. W. Adams on Commerce street and production facilities are being greatly increased.

The woodworking project is directly connected with the national defense program and offers work for every unemployed youth in McDowell between the ages of 17 and 25, who may be certified by the NYA officials.

According to Mrs. Nelle B. Alexander, McDowell NYA supervisor, "the project offers wonderful opportunities for unemployed youth of this county to secure employment and contribute constructively to the national defense program."

Remodeling work has already started at the new location of the plant. Rooms will be provided for finishing, storage and classroom space and it is hoped, said Mrs. Alexander, that a building will later be provided where lunches for the boys on the project may be prepared.

Work on the project will be on the production basis with two or three shifts to be employed daily. John Blalock, expert cabinet maker of Old Fort, is in charge of the woodworking plant.

It is expected that power machinery will be installed in the new quarters the first of next week and NYA boys will be employed in making chairs. Later other articles of furniture will be manufactured. The products turned out by the plant will be sent to resident centers in North Carolina and many will probably be forwarded to training camps.

Classes in production methods will be held at the Old Fort project and NYA youths employed there will be taught many phases of furniture making.

BENEFIT PAYMENTS MADE THROUGH WELFARE OFFICE

A total of \$4,194 was distributed through the local welfare office during the month of September for old age, dependent children and blind aid in McDowell county. The greatest part of the sum went into old age payments to 318 people. Fifty-five families in the county, representing 105 children, received \$886. Eleven blind people received checks amounting to \$147.

PARENT-TEACHER BODY TO MEET NEXT MONDAY

The first meeting of the year of the Marion Parent-Teacher Association will be held in the high school auditorium Monday afternoon, Oct. 7, at 3:30 o'clock, it is announced by Mrs. J. H. Beaman, president. The program for the year will be announced and a large attendance is desired.

- 8:10—Sunday School Report, Rev. Robert Hughes.
8:40—Address: Christian Education in the Schools, Dr. Hoyt Blackwell.
9:25—Adjourn.
Wednesday Morning, October 9th
9:30—Worship, Rev. L. G. Redding.
9:45—Aged Ministers, Rev. Julius Henline.
10:00—Orphanage Report, Mr. Alonzo E. Davis.
10:10—Our Orphanage, Mr. John Arch McMillan.
10:30—Reports from the Churches. Administering the Affairs of the Local Church.
11:15—Selecting Church Officers and Teachers, Mr. Van Hughes.
11:25—Calling a Pastor, Mr. M. W. Gordon, Jr.
11:35—Associational Missions, Rev. G. A. Condry.
12:00—Historian's Report, Rev. C. E. Gilliam.
12:15—Report of Committees and Election of Officers.
1:00—Final Adjournment for dinner.
Jesse Price is Associational Song Leader.

DEMOCRATS PLAN TO HOLD RALLY, BARBECUE OCT. 5

Gregg Cherry And Zebulon Weaver To Be Among Prominent Speakers At Meeting.

McDowell county Democrats will stage a rally and free barbecue at noon, Saturday, October 5, at the Pleasant Gardens school with Hon. R. Gregg Cherry, former chairman of the State Democratic executive committee, and Zebulon Weaver, Representative of the 11th Congressional district, as guest speakers. Other prominent Democrats will take part in the program.

The rally and barbecue are being sponsored by Young Democrats of McDowell who have extended a special invitation to ladies. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

The program for the afternoon will get under way at 12:00 o'clock. Noon, when the barbecue dinner will be served. Immediately after the dinner the guest speakers will be heard.

Special music for the rally will be presented by the Marion high school band under the direction of Bernard Hirsch.

Arrangements for the barbecue and rally were completed here last week end by members of the Young Democrats' club.

Democratic headquarters in Marion were opened this week in the Barnes-Yancey building at No. 5 North Main street.

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL MADE IN POLICE FORCE

Lee W. Erwin was last week made chief of Marion police after the local board of aldermen had voted to accept the resignation of Chief R. S. Clay.

Hudson Brown, a resident of the North Cove section of McDowell, has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Goddon Page who left the Marion police force last week.

Chief Clay left the local police force after serving many years as a policeman in Marion. His successor has likewise been a member of the force for several years.

Mr. Brown assumed his duties as a policeman here last week-end, going on night duty with Ralph Penland. Officer Ossie Sutton, who has been employed as night policeman was last week shifted to day work.

NATURAL HISTORY SHOW TO BE AT HIGH SCHOOL

The United States Society of Zoology will present an educational program in natural history at the Marion high school auditorium Monday morning, October 7, at 11:30 o'clock. The program will feature an Afghan wolf hound and many other trained dogs of all breeds. The actual training of dogs and how they should be cared for will be shown. A demonstration will be given of what can be accomplished with animals and pets through kindness.

The program is open to the public and there will be a small admission charge of three cents.

REMODELING SALE OPENS AT BELK-BROOME STORE

A big remodeling sale, offering many values, opens at Belk-Broome's in Marion this morning. The sale will continue while reconstruction on the front of the store is being done.

Workmen this week are employed in placing steel supports under the store front and preparing the underground foundation to support the new front. Plans for remodeling of the store will call for the building of an entirely new front with two doors, three show windows and an attractive black glass exterior.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. E. S. Clark next Monday evening at 7:30. Mrs. H. C. Mangum, Auxiliary president, announces that this will be a very important meeting and urges all members to attend.

WORK LAUNCHED ON ADDITION TO BOX PLANT HERE

Project Will Increase Storage Facilities At Cost Of About \$10,000.

Plans for the construction of a two-story brick and steel addition to the Etta Paper Box plant here at a cost of \$10,000 were announced this week by J. F. Wilkinson, secretary-treasurer of the company.

Excavations for the new structure to provide 12,500 square feet of floor space adjoining the present plant on Burgin street, were started this week, and the construction work is expected to be completed in about 90 days.

The new wing is designed to replace two warehouses, one here and the other in Hickory, and provide greater storage facilities convenient to the main plant, Mr. Wilkinson pointed out.

When completed, the addition will enable the firm to keep in stock 150,000 more boxes than at present, he said, and will thus make it possible to fill almost any order within 24 hours.

The company now keeps around 1,000,000 folded boxes in stock, ready for immediate shipment, Mr. Wilkinson continued, but its storage space for non-folding boxes has been limited.

Both Mr. Wilkinson and C. F. James, president of the company, announced that in the near future they plan to install some of "the greatest and most modern printing, cutting, creasing and gluing machinery now available—equipment that will unquestionably be the best in the entire South."

Such machinery, they said, will make boxes at "almost incredible speeds and enable us to fill orders as fast as they come in." Operation costs, they added, will be more economical with the new machines.

CCC ACCEPTS YOUTHS OF McDOWELL COUNTY

Twenty McDowell county youths were this week accepted by the CCC and went to camps throughout the state. The boys were examined at Camp No. 401 near Buck Creek gap, the following being accepted: Cecil Roger Church, Lester Lee Church, Clifford Evans, James Hubert Haynes, Norman Albert Hendrix, Geo. Clyde Hoppes, John Franklin Ledbetter, Ernest Edward Lowery, Alvin Luther McGinnis, Troy Piercy Morris, Herman Leroy Poole, William Virgil Potat, Jesse Willard Price, James Guy Reel, Charlie William Renfro, Lester John Paul Roland, Clayton Thomas Shehan, Paul Banner Stroud, Harlow John Thomas, and Robert Lee Foy Watkins.

MARION WOMEN WILL FORM CLUB ON FRIDAY

A meeting of women of Marion interested in the organization of a business and professional women's club here will be held in the Community building Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. William Hickey, of Spruce Pine, a member of that club and a member of the board of directors of the state organization of business and professional women's clubs, will be present at the meeting to assist in organization work. She will be accompanied by other members of the Spruce Pine and Asheville clubs.

Mrs. Hickey will explain the purpose and functions of the club, which will be open to all employed business and professional women in Marion.

MUSIC PROGRAM GIVEN AT KIWANIS MEETING

Bobby Gourley and Brian Gibson, students at Marion high school, presented a musical program before the local Kiwanis club here Tuesday night. Gourley gave a baritone solo and Gibson presented a selection on the trombone. The two concluded the program with a duet.

The musicians were presented to the Kiwanians by Bernard Hirsch, director of music at the local school. The Kiwanis program was under the direction of W. W. Neal, Jr.

MARION HIGH DOWNS LENOIR ELEVEN, 13-0

The Marion high school eleven gave a homecoming crowd a game for their money here last Friday in defeating Lenoir high 13-0.

The Harris combination of Marion high stole the show, Bruce Harris pushing over the first Marion score in the second quarter after Fred Harris and Jim Hawkins had driven the ball from the Lenoir 40-yard line to within two yards of the goal line.

A blocked Lenoir punt set up the drive for Marion's first score. Fred Harris kicked the extra point to put the local eleven in the lead 7-0. A few minutes later Marion took a Lenoir punt on her own 40-yard line. After several line plunges, Fred Harris skirted left end to pick up about 25 yards and place Marion on Lenoir's 20-yard stripe. Fred Harris passed to Hawkins for Marion's second score. The local eleven led 13-0, the kick for extra point being blocked. The first half ended at this point.

Tomorrow the Marion squad travels to Kings Mountain to tackle that team on their home grounds.

LUTHERAN LEAGUE HEARS REPORT ON BIBLE CAMP

The regular monthly meeting of the Lutheran Laymen's League was held at the hut Monday evening. After a meditation by the pastor the topic for the evening, "Above the Clouds A Star," was discussed with much interest.

Various matters of business were discussed and acted upon. One of the most interesting reports was made by the Bible camp committee on the progress made in securing a location for the establishment of a Lutheran Bible Camp. The committee has visited several sites suitable for such a camp. A complete report will be made to the annual convention of the League to be held in Conover on December 16.

Jay McKinney and Francis Nichols were appointed as a committee to study the possibilities of a dart baseball league.

After the meeting the hostess, Mrs. Poly Fox, assisted by Mrs. Lily McKinney, Mrs. Paul A. Borriack and Mrs. Vernon Eckerd served delicious refreshments.

The next meeting will be held October 28 at 7:30 o'clock in the hut.

MERCHANTS' UNIT OF C OF C MEETS TODAY

Directors of the merchants division of the McDowell Chamber of Commerce will meet today to lay plans for the fall and winter "better business program." Special emphasis will be given the Christmas trade festival, said Walter J. Cartier, Chamber secretary, who will meet with the directors. Plans outlined at this meeting, to be held at 10 o'clock this morning, will be presented later to a general meeting of the merchants' division.

LEAVITT TO SPEAK AT WILLKIE CLUB MEETING

Halsey B. Leavitt, of Asheville, Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Willkie Club to be held next Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the Willkie headquarters on Main street in the building formerly occupied by Barish's Store.

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS CHOSEN AT MARION HIGH

Billy Alley was elected president of the senior class at Marion high school at a meeting held Monday afternoon. Other officers elected by the class were: George Kirkpatrick, vice-president; Katherine Seagle, secretary; John Snoddy, treasurer; and Ruth Parker, class historian.

Advisors of the senior class are Miss Alice Moretz and Miss Alba Padgett.

REGISTRATION BOOKS WILL OPEN OCT. 12TH

Voters who will be absent temporarily during the registration period October 12 to 26 may register for the November election by applying before that time to T. W. Gowan, chairman of the McDowell county board of elections. The registration books will open October 12 and close October 26, it is announced.

HORSE, CATTLE SHOW TO OPEN HERE TOMORROW

Annual Event Begins At 10 O'clock At Fair Grounds Located Near Marion.

McDowell county's annual horse and cattle show begins here tomorrow morning at 10:00 o'clock at the fair grounds, located just off Rutherford Road at the foot of Mt. Ida. Preparations for the show have been completed and the fair grounds property has been prepared to care for a large crowd.

A track has been completed at the fair grounds and a parade of the prize-winners in the cattle and draft horse classes will be held there tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The track is of standard size, 125 by 200 feet, and parking space around it has been provided for many cars. This parking space will be sold to help defray the expenses of the show. Tickets may be obtained from S. J. Westmoreland.

The judging of draft horses and cattle will begin the show for the day. J. A. Wilson, farm agent for Polk county, will judge the entries in these classes. C. J. Lynch, a member of the Tryon Riding and Hunt club, will judge the saddle horses in the show.

The show will be composed of five divisions: saddle horses, draft horses, mules and jacks, beef cattle and dairy cattle. Beef cattle will be classed as Herfords or Grade Herfords (not purebred).

Total of 165 ribbons will be given first, second and third winners in the show. First place winners will receive blue ribbons, second place red ribbons, and third place, white. In addition to the ribbons, prizes contributed by merchants and business men of Marion will be awarded to the owners of winning entries in the show. These awards are being contributed by the following men and firms: Young's Ezzo Station, McDowell Motor Company, Gulf Oil Products, Hemphill's Service Station, Bowman's Service Station, Main Street Service Station, Cut Rate Drug Store, Rabb-Hitchcock's, Workman's Western Auto Store, Smith Furniture Company, Tainter's, The Feed Store, Ballew Motor Company, Streetman's, Belk-Broome, Pender's, A & P, Glenwood Milling Company, Central Service Station, Farmer's Federation.

The horse and cattle show is being sponsored this year by the Marion Kiwanis club, in cooperation with other civic organizations. Arrangements for the show have been under the direction of S. J. Westmoreland, who has been assisted by S. L. Home-wood, J. C. Rabb, J. R. Jameson, W. C. McIver and Frank Goforth. The event is staged here annually as a non-profit exhibition, the purpose of the show being to encourage and promote the raising of better horses and cattle in McDowell.

NEW PARKING LIMITS

New parking limits on several Marion streets go into effect here next Saturday morning. The new regulations, as announced by the town board of Aldermen, are as follows: One hour parking from Main to Logan on north side West Court street; one hour parking from Logan to Marion Hosiery Mill on South side West Court street; 15 minutes parking from West Court to post-office driveway on west side Logan; and all taxis will park on south side of East Court and Main streets.

GORDON TO PREACH AT FIRST BAPTIST SUNDAY

Rev. M. W. Gordon, Sr., of Linville Falls, will conduct both the morning and evening services at the First Baptist church next Sunday in the absence of Dr. B. F. Bray who began a ten days series of services in Rameur last Monday.

NEW PATROLMAN HERE

State Highway Patrolman C. Adrian Beard has been stationed at Marion, replacing J. J. Johnson who has been transferred to Taylorsville. Mr. Beard was stationed at Newton before coming to Marion. He will make his home here.