

## Christmas Sales Program To Open Today With Parade And Santa Claus

### Marion Merchants Join In Sponsoring Event To Usher In Yule Season Here.

Santa Claus will make his first appearance in Marion Thursday night, November 21, at 7:00 o'clock when he will be escorted through the town by city and county officials. The Christmas sales program, sponsored by the merchants division of the Chamber of Commerce, will officially open with the Santa Claus parade.

Beginning at the Community building the Santa Claus parade will traverse Main, Garden, State, Henderson, Logan and Court streets. Santa will leave the parade at the court house steps, where he will distribute gifts. Children will greet him on the steps, proceed through the building and come out on the south entrance.

The parade will be led by the Marion high school band, which will be followed by the police and fire departments, and city and county officials.

After greeting children here on Thursday night Santa will leave Marion and will not appear here again until after Thanksgiving when he will visit local stores until Christmas.

Elaborate plans for the Christmas sales program are being made here. Street decorations are being completed and merchants are arranging their stores and putting their Christmas stocks on display.

Strings of lights and hemlock rope have been hung on Main street and workmen are preparing a canopy of lights to decorate the square in front of the court house. Lights will be strung on parts of East and West Court streets, West Henderson street and North Main street, it is expected.

Marion merchants voted last week to keep their stores open on the night of the Santa Claus parade. Christmas goods will be on display in all stores and early shoppers will find Christmas values in all of them, special stocks having been ordered for the sales program.

The Santa Claus program is under the direction of Ralph Tate, who is being assisted by Bill Shiflet, Hymie Winner, and M. C. Wingate. General chairman of the Christmas sales program is J. A. Wier. Walter J. Cartier is assisting in all parts of the program.

### RURAL CARRIERS HAVE HOLIDAY NOVEMBER 21

No delivery of mail by rural carriers will be made from the local post office on Thursday, November 21, Postmaster Barron Caldwell announced this week. The regular city carrier service will be in operation as usual and windows at the post office will be open the usual hours, he said, only the rural carriers observing the Thanksgiving Day set by President Roosevelt.

Mr. Caldwell said regular rural service will be afforded on Thursday, November 28, the Thanksgiving Day set by Governor Hoey, but city carrier service and window service will be suspended for the day.

### RESULTS OF POULTRY TESTS ARE ANNOUNCED

Records kept on three poultry flocks in McDowell county for one year show that the average clear profit realized for each bird of the flock was \$1.17, stated S. L. Homewood, county farm agent, this week.

According to Mr. Homewood the average feeding cost for each bird for the year was \$1.96 and the average return on each bird was \$3.13. During the year eggs sold at an average of 26 cents a dozen, he said, and each bird produced an average of 143 eggs. Records during the year were kept on 231 birds.

### BANKS OBSERVE NOV. 28

Marion banks will observe November 28 as Thanksgiving Day, it was announced here this week, and will be open for business on Thursday, November 21.

### DAIRY PLANT PROJECT TEMPORARILY HALTED

Final plans for the construction of a plant for the McDowell Cooperative Dairy on Highway 70 between Marion and the Clinchfield Mill village have been completed and work on the project will be started as soon as adequate sewage disposal facilities have been provided, it was announced here this week.

The town of Marion now has a WPA project waiting approval which will provide a separate sewage disposal plant for the area in which the proposed building site of the dairy plant is located. Approval of the WPA project and the time required for its completion determine the date on which construction of the dairy plant will be started.

The dairy plant, on completion, will provide facilities for pasteurizing and retailing milk. Approximately \$15,000 will be spent on the plant and equipment before operation is begun.

The building will measure 50 by 60 feet and will be a one-story brick structure. It will house a refrigeration plant, a pasteurization plant, bottle cleaning equipment, office and storage space.

The cooperative has been incorporated by the state and authorized to issue up to \$75,000 worth of capital stock. The financing of the local plant will be by local subscription to stock and a loan from the Federal Land Bank in Columbia, S. C.

Tentative directors of the co-operative are: Mayor Zeno Martin, J. R. Jameson, W. C. McIver, Frank G. Smith, S. M. Curtis, E. S. Frisbee, Jr., and J. H. Greenlee.

In cooperation with S. L. Homewood, county farm agent, Mayor Martin and other business men and McDowell dairymen have planned the project to boost the dairy industry in this section.

### GIRLS ARE HURT WHEN AUTOMOBILE OVERTURNS

Margie Lewis and Mary Lou Lewis, of Old Fort, suffered bruises and cuts Sunday night when the car in which they were riding overturned about one-quarter mile east of Old Fort on Highway 70. The two girls were brought to the Marion General Hospital here, where their condition was reported not serious. The accident occurred about 8:30 o'clock.

Roy Lee Bailey of Old Fort, driver of the car at the time that it overturned, told Sheriff Grady Nichols the car brakes locked as he was about to turn from the highway and caused the car to turn over. Bailey suffered no injuries.

### FRANCIS MARION CLUB HAS TWO NEW MEMBERS

Buster Miller and William Horace Neal were welcomed as new members of the Francis Marion club at its meeting here last Thursday night. The club voted to contribute to the Red Cross roll call which is being conducted here this week.

Albert Neal and Red Green were appointed a committee of two to investigate the possibility of having a professional wrestling match in Marion in the near future. The social committee of the club was instructed to make arrangements for Thanksgiving and Christmas dances to be sponsored by the organization.

E. P. Dameron was a guest at the meeting.

### MYSTIC TIE LODGE WILL HAVE MOTION PICTURE

The Mystic Tie Lodge A. F. and A. M. will sponsor a motion picture of Masonic activities of North Carolina in the lodge hall this evening at 7:30 o'clock. T. J. Harkins, bandmaster, of Asheville, will be present at this meeting.

This is the first time that this picture has been shown here and will be a most interesting entertainment for all citizens of the community as well as members of the lodge.

Members of the lodge and their families are especially invited to attend and the show is open to the public. No admission will be charged.

### MCDOWELL MAN SHOT IN FACE AFTER ARGUMENT

B. V. Lawing of the Glenwood section of McDowell county was released from the county jail here early this week under \$1,000 bond for appearance at a hearing November 26 in county court on a charge of assault with intent to kill, resulting in serious injury. Lawing is charged with shooting Howard Robinson of the Glenwood section in the face with a shotgun last Saturday night.

According to Sheriff Grady Nichols, the two men were said to have had an argument over a dog, following a long period of ill will between the two neighboring farmers. When the two "fell out" Lawing was said to have grabbed a shotgun and fired at Robinson, several pellets from the gun lodging in the left side of Robinson's face.

The wounded man was taken to the Marion General Hospital here where his condition was that night described as not critical. His condition has been reported improving.

Lawing was arrested by Deputy Sheriff W. C. Gibbs and placed in the county jail here until bond was arranged. The warrant for his arrest was sworn out by Robinson.

### THREE-DAY COLD WAVE STRIKES THIS SECTION

A three-day cold wave that held temperatures below freezing throughout the south and brought snow to several parts of Western North Carolina gave way to warmer weather Monday of this week after an official low of 18 degrees above zero had been recorded in Marion.

The cold wave followed three days of intermittent rain here last week. Last Thursday the high temperature of the day was 47 degrees and low was 39 degrees. The daily low temperature dropped below freezing Friday to 23 degrees and went to the record low for the week of 18 degrees on Saturday. The high readings last Friday and Saturday were 45 and 40 degrees, respectively.

A low of 19 degrees above zero was recorded here Sunday but as the cold wave passed to other sections the high reading for the day rose to 64. Monday's readings gave a high of 60 degrees and a low of 24.

During the three-day cold period, snow fell in several parts of Western North Carolina, a light fall having been recorded at Linville Falls. Snow fell in Asheville during the period. The heaviest snow in this section appeared to be around Boone.

The cold wave extended throughout the south into Florida, where considerable damage to crops has been reported in the northern sections.

### NORTH COVE GIRL TO RECEIVE DRESS AWARD

Recognition for clothing club work in McDowell county has come with the receipt by County Agent Jean Steele of an award for participation in the 4-H dress revue. The award is a silver medal bearing the words "County Dress Revue," a graceful figure in a flowing costume and the 4-H insignia in bold relief. It is thumbnail size and worn with a clasp.

The award will be presented Marjorie Hoppes of North Cove at the next 4-H club meeting at North Cove school on December 6. Some 10 girls took part in the county revue.

The state will be represented in the national revue at the time of the 19th National Club Congress in Chicago in December by a girl chosen from county winners. The trip and all other awards are given by the Chicago Mail Order Company for the twelfth season to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to plan and construct suitable costumes and wear them becomingly.

### SCHOOL OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS SCOUT WORK

J. B. Laughlin of Marion will entertain principals and superintendents of McDowell city and county schools at a dinner at the Clinchfield Methodist church building tonight, November 20, at 7:00 o'clock. Boy Scout work in McDowell will be discussed.

Mr. Laughlin has long been active in Boy Scout work in this section and is now directing Scout activities in this area.

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## WORK ON LOCAL PLAYGROUND IS TO BEGIN SOON

### Town WPA Project Is To Provide Recreation Facilities Of Many Kinds.

Work on a \$24,362 WPA playground project for Marion will be started on December 2, Mayor Zeno Martin announced this week.

The recreation center is to be constructed on the vacant lot just northwest of the Community building, and present plans are to have it ready for use next spring.

Wading pools, tennis courts, landscaping projects, picnic grounds and attractive walks winding along the hillside will be outstanding features of the playground, Mr. Martin stated.

The WPA project with a federal appropriation of \$16,564 supplemented by \$7,800 put up by the town of Marion as sponsor, also calls for the construction of a sewage pumping station that will enable a number of houses to connect with the main city disposal system.

Workmen who are now being employed in cooperation with the WPA on street projects, which include the construction of a number of retaining walls, will suspend activities on those on November 28, the mayor stated, so they will be available for work on the recreation park.

### UNIVERSITY ASKS BIG IN- CREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS

Raleigh, Nov. 14.—A boost of almost 50 per cent in the appropriations for the Greater University of North Carolina was requested by university officials today as the advisory budget commission concluded a series of hearings which will form the basis of the state's spending program for the next biennium.

Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the greater university told the budget makers that the increased appropriations were necessary if North Carolina were to take its place as one of the leading educational centers in "the whole world."

He asked that the appropriations for the three units of the greater university be increased by \$625,384 to \$1,941,397, in 1941-42, and by \$597,195 in 1943.

**Proposes New Building Program**  
In addition Dr. Graham requested that a \$ 3,351,652 building program, probably financed by state bonds, be undertaken at the units—N. C. State at Raleigh, the Woman's College in Greensboro, and the university in Chapel Hill.

The proposed building or permanent improvement, program calls for expenditures of \$661,390 at the Woman's college; \$1,621,026 at the N. C. State, and \$1,069,136 at the university.

Principal items are:  
Woman's college—Laundry, repair shop and storage building, \$117,990; student union building, \$150,000; library building, \$280,000.

N. C. State—Agricultural building, \$139,995; assembly hall, \$ 541,450; general engineering laboratory building \$1,621,026.

University—Library wing, \$345,761; commerce building, \$335,000; language building, \$196,000; laundry alterations, \$56,000; departmental equipment, \$94,875.

### TWO SPEAKERS HEARD HERE AT ROTARY MEET

Miss Mary Rose Badgett, home economist with the Farm Security Administration here, was the guest speaker at the regular weekly meeting of the Marion Rotary club last Friday. She spoke on the FSA program, how it operates and its benefits.

Larry C. Whitehead, Rotarian of San Antonio, Texas, spoke briefly on a proposed rodent eradication project for Marion and McDowell county, which he declared to be much needed. Mr. Whitehead is associated with a biological survey being made by the government.

The program for the meeting was under the direction of Bob Smith. Rev. W. A. Jenkins, president of the club, presided.

### RAT CONTROL PROGRAM TO BE HELD IN COUNTY

A four-day rat eradication campaign will be conducted in Marion and McDowell county November 27, 29 and 30 and December 2 by L. C. Whitehead, district agent of the division of predator and rodent control, it was announced here this week.

The rat control program will be conducted here through the efforts of S. L. Homewood. Rats and mice every year cost McDowell residents great sums of money, said Mr. Homewood and there is a great need for rodent control in the county.

Bait to be used during the rat eradication campaign may be secured at the local office of the county agent. McDowell county residents wishing to secure the bait have been requested to notify Mr. Homewood or some one in the office not later than Saturday afternoon, November 23. There will be a small charge for the bait to cover cost of preparation.

The control program will not be effective if it does not receive the full cooperation of the residents of McDowell, said Mr. Homewood, and all property owners should take this opportunity to free their homes, mills, barns and other buildings of rats and mice.

Mr. Whitehead has already been pledged the support of Marion town officials and mill owners in carrying out the control program.

The campaign will be conducted in Old Fort on December 2 and all residents of that section have been requested to cooperate fully to make the drive against rodents county-wide.

The Marion Kiwanis club voted here Tuesday night to support the program for rat eradication and appointed Bill Shiflet as chairman of a finance committee to raise funds to put the campaign across. The Kiwanis committee will assist in providing for the distribution of bait to all parts of the county.

### MARION HIGH ELEVEN TO PLAY MORGANTON THERE FRIDAY NIGHT

Needing a win over Marion to complete its season with no defeats and no tied games, the Morganton high school eleven prepares to tangle with the local squad on the Morganton field Friday night at 8:00 o'clock. The game will close the season for both teams.

Morganton, led by "Smoky" MacLeod, candidate for the all-state high eleven, will enter the game Friday in the role of the favorite. The Wildcats have defeated Hickory, Forest City, Shelby, Lenoir and Cherryville and need only to down Marion to capture their second conference championship in a row. Marion has been defeated by Forest City and Cherryville, the locals going down before Cherryville here last Friday 13 to 6.

Coach Art Ditt of Marion has seen all home games of the Morganton Wildcats and occupies a position to upset the dope-bucket by leading his Marion club to victory.

A news release from Morganton states: "Coach Reinhardt and his Wildcats are leaving nothing undone in preparation for the game. Although favorites to win, the locals read the papers before and after the Duke-Carolina game and even recall that Coach Arthur Ditt was a star back on past Carolina teams. One of the largest crowds of the season is expected and a host of fans, including the crack high school band, will come from Marion to pull for their favorites."

### BLUE RIDGE CHURCHES ARE TO MAKE OFFERING

Members of Baptist churches in the Blue Ridge association will load a car of produce at the Southern station in Marion on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 26 and 27, for the Baptist Orphanage in Thomasville.

Churches or individuals wishing to contribute to the worthy cause have been requested to bring their offerings to Marion next Tuesday or Wednesday. The car of produce is an annual Thanksgiving offering made by member churches of the Blue Ridge association. The full cooperation of the public has been requested.

Don't forget. Trade in Marion.

## WELFARE GROUPS OF THIS DISTRICT HAVE MEET HERE

### State Chairman Blair Is Speaker At Banquet Held In The Community Building.

The Western District Welfare Conference was concluded here on Tuesday afternoon with representatives of the 19 counties in the district attending a banquet at which Col. W. A. Blair, chairman of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare was the guest speaker.

Col. Blair made a direct appeal to welfare workers to build themselves as individuals that they might be better fitted to contribute to the development of people who come under their care. America is one of the few remaining lands in which people enjoy freedom, he said, and its citizens should, by bettering themselves contribute to its advancement. He urged all welfare workers to use tact, politeness and consideration in dealing with their clients.

The conference was attended by approximately 400 welfare workers, county officials and their guests. The banquet concluded a program that began here at 10:00 o'clock Tuesday morning in the First Baptist church.

Opening the morning session, Mayor Zeno Martin gave the address of welcome. The response was by E. E. Connor, superintendent of public welfare of Asheville.

The annual message from the State Association of County Superintendents of Public Welfare was given by James A. Glover, of Nash county, president of the organization.

A discussion on "Mental Hygiene Services in the Community" was led by Dr. James Watson, director of the Division of Mental Hygiene of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare. Dr. Watson was introduced by Dr. G. S. Kirby of Marion.

Nathan H. Yelton, director of public assistance for the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, led a discussion among county commissioners on "Public Assistance Administration and Community Cooperation."

A discussion on "Public Welfare Services to the Community" was led by Miss Lessie Toler, consultant of the Division of Public Assistance of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

Dr. Frank T. de Vyver, merit system supervisor, spoke on the "Merit System in North Carolina."

Presiding at the banquet program was Robert W. Proctor, Marion attorney. Special guests and county delegations were introduced by Mrs. W. B. Aycock, director of county organizations of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare. Mrs. G. W. Kirkpatrick, McDowell superintendent of public welfare, introduced guests from this county.

The invocation was by Dr. B. F. Bray. Albert Hewitt of Marion presented two solos, accompanied by Miss Julia Burton.

### rites held Tuesday for Mrs. MITTIE STACY

Final rites for Mrs. Mittie Hill Stacy, 49, who died at her home in the Sugar Hill section last Saturday were conducted at the Clinchfield Methodist church at 1:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon with Rev. W. H. Wellman officiating. Burial was in East Marion cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Mike E. Stacy; three sons, Howard Stacy, of Atlanta, Ga., and James and Edward Stacy, of the home; two daughters, Pauline and Lillie Mae Stacy of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Ollie Cannon of McColl, S. C., and Mrs. Goldie Ashworth, of Ellerbe Springs; and one brother, Elzie Hill, of Atlanta, Ga.

### PRESBYTERIANS WILL ELECT NEW DEACONS

The First Presbyterian church will elect three new deacons next Sunday morning to succeed David Herver, C. A. Harris and W. L. Morris, retiring deacons.