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# Delbert Lewis Given 29 To 30 Years In State Prison For Murder

Fisher Is Sentenced To 19 To 20 Years; Latta Smith Gets 9 To 10 Years.

Delbert Lewis, 59, charged with here last September, entered a plea of guilty to second degree murder through his attorneys Tuesday in state's prison.

carcerated for the remainder of his war. natural life on account of mental aberrations alleged in the testi- terials and other expenses of con- over WHKY Sunday evening from mony. He was arraigned Tuesday morning.

Sheriff Grady Nichols was placed on the stand. He testified that means that a portion of the new al- GLENWOOD CHURCHES TO about two years ago, Lewis bound lotment goes to replace the amount and gagged his wife and left her at home but that a neighbor found and released her. The slain woman was his second wife.

Sheriff Nichols testified that his first wife, now residing in South plans for new lines but it has also Baptist Churches taking part. Rev. the rationing board. the C. C. & O. railroad at the time the road was built here and robbed him and buried him. She said he FARMERS FEDERATION showed her the grave.

He said Lewis was sent to the asylum at Morganton in 1916 and that he was said to have been suf-

sion and then tried to drown him- a war program for the farmers of special quartet music will be ren- canner is eligible to obtain, it was money which the book selection is anxious to meet all the young

Lewis gagged and garroted his 65- bonds will be stressed and a special commencement exercise at the Bap- son. year-old wife, Emily, in their three- committee will be used to secure tist Church at eight o'clock. room cottage here early in the pledges and war bonds. morning of last September 6, then An effort will be made to make attend these services and bring went off to work, leaving her to this a great patriotic picnic and ral- baskets of lunch. strangle. He was arrested by ly for McDowell county. The pic-Sheriff Grady Nichols two days nic will be held at the Glenwood later, as he was returning home high school. Everybody in the N. Y. A. GIRLS ACCEPT from his wife's funeral. On Sep-county is invited to attend and tember 10, he was charged with bring a well filled basket. The

negro, to death near here last with watermellons will be served. Two of the ten selected were ing preserves, jellies, and fruit but-March was convicted of manslaught- Foot races, relay races, tug of Miss Elizabeth Green and Miss ters, thus bringing the total sugar for a term of 19 to 20 years.

bery, was sentenced to 9 to 10 years in state prison.

key, four months on road.

Vernon Teague, involuntary to the winning quartets. manslaughter, sentenced from 5 to 7 years in state prison.

M. H. Mull, "peeping Tom", ten months in jail.

Calvin Honeycutt and Orbie Honeycutt, malicious injury, burning of box car and trespass; sentenced to 15 months in jail on first charge; prayer for judgment con-

ducted in each case on 2nd charge. Mamie O'Dear, assault with deadly weapon, 45 days in jail.

Bob Gilliam, assault with deadly

weapon, 18 months on road. Bill and Emily Harding, trespassing, 30 days; drunk and disorderly,

Ben Hendley, assault, prayer for judgment on payment of costs.

### FIVE HEAD OF CATTLE

Bruce Gibbs were killed by light- OPA rulings. Forms are also availthe lectrical storm last Saturday do credit business. afternoon. The cattle were grazing in the pasture near Lake Tahoma when a bolt of lightning struck in the field, killing two fine Hereford cows and three calves.

atons of "idle metal".

ANNOUNCE ALLOTMENT OF \$16,000 FOR BURKE

Electrification administration.

explained that this allotment is for match cover exhibit. morning in McDowell superior court membership extension, making pos- The winners will be eligible to and was sentenced to 29 to 30 years sible electric service on present enter the International Talent lines, and does not provide for new Quest at the International conven-The judge made it plain it was construction which appears to be ion of the Walther League to be his intent to see that Lewis was in- suspended for the duration of the held in Denver, Colo., July 12-18.

> necting houses with the present 8 to 9 o'clock. lines, part of which cost has already been paid from another fund which thus spent.

For the duration, the REA coop-

#### PICNIC TO BE HELD AT GLENWOOD, AUG. 8

The annual Farmers Federation

shooting Victor Rutherford, young given. At noon the picnic lunch ed as radio technicians.

er and sentenced to the state prison war and various other contests will Evelyn Jamison, both of Marion. follow immediately after lunch with Leo Manley, director of the sixth If they had already obtained cer-

Macon O'Dear, transporting whis- All choirs, quartets and other sing- within six months will be raised to ers in the county are invited to at- \$1.620 a year. Della Duncan, driving without tend and take part in the singing. operator's license, sentenced to 45 Song books will be given to the win-

#### MERCHANTS APPOINT **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

hour, R. C. Spratt and I. J. Lond- ior court.

The financial budget for the year president, stated that the amount pledged to the organization by members assured the continuance of the organization.

Announcement was also made that material may be obtained by KILLED BY LIGHTNING any local merchant from the office of the Merchants Association free Five head of cattle belonging to of charge which pertains to recent ning at Pleasant Gardens during able for application for license to the district solicitor.

### MASONS TO HAVE MEET

M., will be held Monday evening at and make presentments which the he asserted. attendance is desired.

LUTHERANS OF MARION TAKE FIRST 5 HONORS AT STATE TALENT QUEST

Members of St. Matthew's Lutheran church of Marion won five first prizes in the State Talent Quest held at St. Stephen's Lutheran church in Hickory last Sunday AND M'DOWELL PROJECT The winners are: Miss Mary Jane Kluttz, piano solo; Miss Evelyn Allotment of \$16,000 for the Britt, dramatization (Mastergift); Burke - McDowell Electric Member- Mr. and Mrs. Junior McKinney, ship corporation has been announc- newspaper clippings as church strangling his aged wife to death ed in Washington by the Rural news; Mr. and Mrs. Junior McKinney, history of St. Matthew's Officials of the local cooperative church in pictures; John Kluttz,

The winners in the contest Sun-The fund comes as a loan for ma- day evening presented a program

their deceased members with a county was 22,996.

It was brought out that Lewis This year the Farmers Federation cipal of the Glenwood school, will quart. shot at his first wife on one occa- picnic will be especially devoted to make the afternoon address and In arriving at the amount a home Explaining the large amount of

The public is cordially invited to

think it over, he sent for the sheriff the morning with music by the Administration from areas in west- ing 148 quarts for which they would donated. five days later, and confessed the Farmers Federation String band. A ern North Carolina left Monday be entitled to sugar. crime in detail. At the time of special invitation is extended to any from the Sardis training center of At the rate of one-fourth pound committee are Mrs. Blanton, Mrs. J. the slaying, he was employed in a musician in the county to take part the NYA near Charlotte to go on per quart, they could obtain 37 Homer Beaman and Mrs. Zeno Marcoal and wood yard here as a labor- on the program in the morning active training duty with the United pounds. meeting. Along with the special Sates army signal corps at Fort In addition, under the new plan, Henry (Bud) Fisher accused of music several short talks will be Monmouth, N. J. They were class- they would be entitled to one pound

# Residents Can Get Additional Sugar Amounts

Set - Up Provides Enough For 20 Quarts For Adult, More For Children.

McDowell county housewives can obtain additional sugar for canning purposes under new regulations announced by the county rationing

The new set-up allots sufficient sugar to can 20 quarts of fruits and berries for each adult member of the family, and 40 quarts for each

HAVE MEMORIAL DAY fivepound allotted each member of sugarless cooking and the use of Annual Memorial Day services tioning plan, may obtain certifi- labors under the restrictions of goverative is limited to serving patrons will be held Sunday at the Glen-cates for the difference between ernment priorities and food shortwithin 250 feet of its present lines. wood Methodist Church at 11 o'- that amount and the quantity due ages. Not only has the war postponed clock with both the Methodist and them under the liberalized policy at The book selection committee is

her that he killed a paymaster for which the cooperative can ex- Memorial sermon and at 11:45 ser- that 22,849 applications were made come popular with Marion and Mctend service from the present lines. vices will be held in the cemetery. for war ration books during the Dowell county readers. Along with East Marion Sluggers played the The W. O. W. camp of Glenwood original registration for sugar last this objective the committee is inwill hold services at the graves of month. The 1940 population of the terested in introducing readers to

graves will be decorated after- quarts per child under 18 years of tralia and the Philippines. The being reported elsewhere in this isage, and 20 quarts per adult quan- newest Rand-McNally map of the Lunch will be served at one o'- tity had been arrived at on expert world is being purchased to be placfering from delusions and halluci- picnic this year will be held at Glen- clock and services resumed at two advice, and that the allowance is at ed on the library wall. "There o'clock. Stanley Livingston, prin- a rate of one-fourth pound per will be loads of mystery stories,"

# To illustrate:

per person, or five pounds, for makallowance to 42 pounds.

Latta Smith, charged with rob-appropriate prizes in each contest. district of NYA, has announced tificates for the five pounds per At two o'clock in the afternoon that these girls will start their work person permitted under the former there will be two hours of singing. with a salary of \$1,440 a year and plan, or 25 pounds that amount

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# ning choirs and prizes will be given JURIST URGES ABOLITION OF GRAND JURIES IN N. C.

A meeting of the Merchants As- tem in North Carolina and diver- ing nearer their courts, they are in installed in the corridor of the first brarian, announced last week that sociation was held Tuesday evening sion of money spent for that plan a position to keep up with the crime floor of the court house. in the community building and the to improving conditions at North situation in their districts, he stat- Complaints having been made by county will operate on a monthly following Board of Governors was Carolina's hospitals for the insane ed. appointed: V. T. Eckerd, president, were advocated here Monday by At least 99.5 per cent of the tion of the sewer disposal plant for monthly schedule. The schedule J. M. Lancaster, treasurer, D. W. Judge Hoyle Sink in his charge to criminal cases are now brought into the Town of Marion located south changes were made to conserve Tainter, C. A. Workman, B. M. Isen- the grand jury in McDowell super- courts through warrants issued by of highway, 221 near the cemetery. tires and gasoline.

state \$750,000 annually to maintain juries by the solicitors, he said. was approved and V. T. Eckerd, the system which he said has been outmoded and that sum would go of the grand jury has been reduced quested to have the equipment ina long way toward improving life to that of stamping their approval spected by state authorities and While we were on the two-week for unfortunates in the state insti- or disapproval on the bills—a func- ascertain its true conditions. tutions, he said.

> Explaining his advocacy of the it is now a little more than a "rub-outmoded court procedure. ber samp" for the bills presented by

means of transportation and com- fine job under handicaps."

tion that could be better handled The state prison camp was re- two books. We are also going to exclusively by lower courts.

conditions in state hospitals cover- good condition. In the old days, he added, solici- ing a period of twenty years and tors often lived 100 miles or more that it is impossible to give patients TO OBSERVE MEMORIAL from places where they would at-proper care on the per patient al-NEXT MONDAY EVENING tend court, and there was a definite lowance provided for them. . The A special communication of Mys- need for local representatives of the additional money would provide

LIBRARY WILL GET **ABOUT 700 NEW BOOKS** DURING MONTH OF JUNE

The Florence Thomas Memorial Library will be increased by around 700 volumes during the month of June, Mrs. Walker Blanton, president of the library's board of trustees, said last week. Mrs. Blanton explained that the library has over \$1,000 to spend for new books.

"The book selection committee is working out a well-rounded list of books, and they should be ready for the shelves within the month," said Mrs. Blanton. The number of books to be purchased this month would have almost doubled the number of books the library owned in 1937, the year of its founding, she said. As it is, it will bring the library to well over 2,000 volumes.

Discussing the books, Mrs. Blanton said that the new selections will be books which pertain vitally child, plus one pound per person for to the war, books to supplement the making jellies, preserves and fruit school librbaries for parallel reading, many new children's books, Persons who registered for the books on vocations and books on the family under the original ra- left-overs for the housewife as she

making its choices with the under-Carolina, wrote him that Lewis told reduced to 250 feet the distance H. W. Bell, pastor, will preach the The board announced yesterday standing that the books should begood books. Some of them will short talk by the district leader and It was explained that the 40 deal with Japan, China, India, Aus-

when it was said he seemed to be the program will be used to explain The daily vacation Bible school which certificates already have been ton said that the Florence Thomas the high school. All interested and encourage the farmers' part in and revival meeting of the Baptist issued will be deducted, as well as Memorial Library was allotted \$900 According to his confession, the great national war effort. War Church will come to a close with a and fruit carried over from last sea- by the state and \$900 by Marion and McDowell county in April. nine o'clock in morning on the date Then the state gave \$300 more to calls for tennis, soft-ball, volley ball the library when the surplus of the and dodge ball, along with other ac-A family of two adults and three state library fund, appropriated by children under 18 years would be the last session of the state legislaentitled to sugar for the canning of ure, was divided among the libraries 40 quarts for the two adults and qualified to receive the state aid. 120 quarts for the three children, a Mrs. Blanton said that the surplus DEFENSE POSITIONS total of 160 quarts. If they had existed because 24 North Carolina 12 quarts carried over from last counties did not see fit to match the murder, and later being left to meeting will start at ten o'clock in Ten girls of the National Youth year, that would be deducted, leav-fund which the state would have

Members of the book selection

#### RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE BY GRAND JURY

The court house, jail and sheriff's quarters were found to be in good sanitary condition by the grand jury which served at this term of American Legion. court. The report was submitted to Judge Hoyle Sink by C. L. Tate, grand jury's duties for the term. reported well cared for. It was vs Broyhill. recommended, however, that some means whereby prisoners may communicate with the sheriff in case BOOKMOBILE MAKES of emergency be installed.

It was recommended that an elec-Abolition of the grand jury sys- munication, and with solicitors liv- trically cooled drinking fountain be

residents, the jury made an inspec-schedule instead of its usual bylocal officers and bills based on After questioning residents in that "I don't think our rural patront Judge Sink declares it costs the these warrants given to the grand area and an inspection, recommen-will be inconvenienced any by the dation was made in the report that change," Mrs. Hawkins said, "be-Thus he pointed out the function the County Commissioners be re- cause we are letting them have

He asserted this is no reflection 76 prisoners and 9 guards. The magazines on our bookmobile visits. abolition of the grand jury as an upon members of grand juries but prisoners reported treatment above They will be given away, and it is "outmoded" institution, he said that that his remarks were aimed at an reproach. The farm contained 51 hoped that they will be passed along hogs, 5 cows and 4 mules. Grow-from neighbor to neighbor." He declares he was familiar with ing crops wtre reported in fairly

# DAY AT HARMONY GROVE

tic Tie Lodge No. 387, A. F. and A. body politic to investigate crimes more doctors and better attendants, Harmony Grove Baptist church on header soft ball game will be play-Enlisting in the scrap metal cam- eight O'clock, it was announced solicitors could use in preferring Judge Sing praised Dr. B. F. gram has been arranged for the high school athletic field at 5 o'paign, the Texas petroleum indust- this week. There will be work in charges and bringing cases to trial. Watkins, superintendent of the hos- morning service, beginning at 10 o'- clock as an opening of the season ry has already gathered 45,000 gross the master Masons degree. A full But nowadays, with modern pital at Morganton, for "doing a clock. Everyone is invited to at- exhibition. No admission will be

# **Marion Sponsors** Soft-Ball Games For The Summer

Organization Off To Good Start With Game Friday; Schedule For Season.

The Greater Marion Athletic Association was in regular session at the high school building Monday night with Robert W. Twitty, president, presiding. During the meeting it was definitely decided that Marion would be able to sponsor an industrial twilight soft - ball league this summer.

The industrial members of the league are as follows: Marion Manufacturing Company, Clinchfield Manufacturing Company, Cross Cotton Mills, Broyhill Furniture Company, Drexel Furniture Company, Josephine Hosiery Mill, Francis Marion Club and the American Legion. Besides the above named participating members the Marion Kiwanis Club and Rotary Club will also be playing company.

The new organization got off to game played on high school athletic field. The Sluggers won by a score sue of The Progress.

Beginning Monday, June 15, the program for the young people of the town will begin. Coach Hudson, who has been employed to direct the activities of the association, young folks are asked to report at tivities as the situation may demand as the program is developed.

Coach Hudson is also interested in meeting the managers of each of the industrial units tonight at eight o'clock in high school auditorium. The purpose of this meeting is to complete details of the league which is to have a split season beginning Tuesday, June 16. Rules and regulations will also be discussed. The schedule for the first six weeks of the season is listed below:

### First Week, June 16-18

Tuesday, Marion High School field: Francis Marion vs. Josephine Mills; Cross Mill vs Broyhill.

Tuesday, East Marion: Clinchfield vs Drexel; East Marion vs Thursday, Marion High school

field: Francis Marion vs East Maforeman, upon the conclusion of the rion; Cross Mill vs Josephine Mills. Thursday, Clinchfield: Clinch-The twelve prisoners in jail were field vs American Legion; Drexel

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## SCHEDULE CHANGES

Mrs. Ann C. Hawkins, county li-

schedule, patrons could select only ported found in good condition with carry a larger and newer supply of

#### SOFT BALL GAME TO BE PLAYED HERE FRIDAY

The Greater Marion Athletic As-Memorial day will be observed at sociation announces that a double Sunday, June 14. A special pro- ed Friday afternoon on the Marion