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Change Is Made In J. F. Snipes Motor Company

R. J. Morris Enters Into Partnership With J. F. Snipes In Automobile Business.

An important announcement affecting the motor business in Marion and McDowell county and surrounding territory was made by J. F. Snipes yesterday. The announcement released by Mr. Snipes is to the effect that the J. F. Snipes Motor Company, on and after April 3rd, will be known as Snipes Motor Company, a partnership, with R. J. (Jack) Morris as general partner and manager, and J. F. Snipes, partner.

Jack Morris is well known to the citizens of Marion and McDowell county. He is a native of McDowell county, a son of the late R. P. Morris, and was connected with the J. F. Snipes Motor Company several years prior to 1934 at which time he went to Morganton as secretary, treasurer and general manager of Morris Motors, Inc. During the ten years he was connected with Morris Motors, Inc., in Morganton he maintained a home in Marion, having resided with his mother on South Main street since the death of his father. Mr. Morris is well equipped as an automobile man, having been in this business since about 1930 with the exception of four months, during the latter part of 1942 and the early part of 1943, which time was spent in the U. S. Army Ordnance Corps. At the present time Mr. Morris is a director of the North Carolina Dealers Association.

The announcement released by Mr. Snipes definitely stated that he is not retiring from active participation in the automobile business as he plans to keep an active partnership association under the new business management of Snipes Motor Company.

Mr. Snipes is one of the oldest active Dodge dealers in the Atlanta area which serves this territory. He cast his lot with the automobile business in 1915 and delivered the first Dodge automobile to come into McDowell county that year. Mr. Snipes has a long list of friends and customers whom he has served since first establishing his Dodge dealership here. He states that he is grateful to his many patrons and desires to continue serving them under the new management.

Under the new set-up both Mr. Morris and Mr. Snipes plan to give bigger and better service to the automotive needs of Dodge and Plymouth passenger car and truck owners.

RUFUS WOODY REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION

Pfc. Rufus F. Woody, of Marion, has been reported missing in action in the European area, it was announced last Saturday.

Pfc. Woody has been reported missing in action in Italy since February 1, according to word received from the War department by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Woody, of Marion, R. F. D. No. 4.

Receiving his training at Fort McClellan and Camp Buckner, Pfc. Woody went overseas in September, 1943. He is a graduate of Pleasant Gardens high school, near Marion, and was employed by the Pepsi-Cola Bottling company prior to entering service.

TOPICS ANNOUNCED FOR THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Word of Triumph as Death Approached" will be the subject of the special Lenten Devotion which will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church next Sunday night at 7:30. A 9x6 reproduction of the familiar painting "Christ Entering Jerusalem," from the original by Ploekhoerst, will be given to those who attend.

Divine service will be conducted next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The pastor will speak on the topic: "Christian Loyalty." Sunday school and Bible class will be held at 10 a. m.

NUMBER OF RATION COUPONS TO EXPIRE AFTER MARCH 31ST

A number of ration coupons which will be invalid after March 31 were listed yesterday from the OPA district office where it was explained that every effort should be made to avoid confusion about old coupons.

The old type B and B-1, and C and C-1 gasoline coupons which have not been issued since November 30 will no longer be negotiable.

The old type E and R coupons which have not been issued since October 1, 1943 also lapse. All strip T coupons which do not bear a quarterly designation and which expire March 31 are listed.

Most of the old type B. C., and E, and R coupons still in circulation represent expired rations, it was explained. In the few cases in which they are part of currently valid rations with the expiration date later than March 31, ration holders may exchange them at their local ration boards for coupons of types now valid.

All gasoline dealers having these invalidated stamps on hand April 1, must turn them in by April 10 to get credit for them.

METHODISTS WILL HAVE MEMBERSHIP DAY SUNDAY

Sunday will be "Membership Day" at First Methodist Church. As a result of last week's visitation evangelism campaign there are quite a number of applicants for membership. The list includes grand parents, fathers and mothers, young people, and children—all joining by profession of faith. In addition, there are quite a number of grown people who will join by letter.

The children's class in membership preparation will meet the pastor as usual during the Church school hour. No new child applicants can be received at this late date, except such as may have attended the pastor's class in membership last spring. The children will enter the auditorium with the pastor at the beginning of the eleven o'clock service.

Grown people, including youths, who are candidates for membership, either on profession of faith or by letter, will enter the church as they please and occupy seats near the front.

The topic of the evening sermon by the pastor will be, "Love and The Cross," and the service will begin at 8:00.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY EAST MARION CLUB

The East Marion Home Economics class elected officers this week as follows:

Doris Lawing, president; Dorothy Norton, vice president; Mary McCurry, secretary; Kathleen Beam, treasurer; Jay Fender, news reporter; Joyce Finley, historian; Thelma Stugen, pianist; Lucille Vess, song leader, and Doris Vess and Ruth Twigg, program chairman.

The following social committee was also appointed: Aileen Jones, Eldoria Sullen, Doris White, Doris Jones, Pauline Ruffelt, Hilda White and Faye Hall.

During the meeting a musical program was presented.

PARISH MEETING AT ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY

There will be a parish meeting at St. John's Episcopal church next Sunday morning, April 2, at 10:30 o'clock. All members of the congregation are urged to attend.

Communion service Thursday morning at 10:30.

Services will be conducted on Easter Sunday at 11 o'clock by the Rev. Peter Lambert of Penland.

PVT. WARREN GREGORY ARRIVES IN ENGLAND

Pvt. Warren Gregory, son of W. G. Gregory of Marion, has arrived in England, according to word received by his father.

Pvt. Gregory entered the army in November, 1942, and received basic training at Camp Bowie and Camp Swift, both in Texas.

MINISTERS TO MEET MONDAY, APRIL 3RD

The monthly meeting of the McDowell County Ministerial Association will be held at the Methodist church in Marion next Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Ceiling Prices Well Observed Report Shows

Merchants Cooperating With Office Of OPA And Customers To High Degree.

Officials of the local War Price and Rationing board were highly pleased with the results of the check and survey of all food dealers in McDowell county. This check was made during the week of March 13, as a part of the nation wide survey ordered by the office of Price Administration.

The price panel was in charge of this work and valuable assistance was given by voluntary helpers and price panel aides. Individuals taking an active part in the survey reported that the merchants were helpful and cooperative in the work.

A result of the survey shows that 79 stores in Marion and McDowell county were visited and that only 40 violations were noted. Of this number of violations eighteen were related to posting ceiling prices and were not actual price violations. The remaining 22 violations related to price, but in most instances the merchants were over the ceiling prices by only a fraction of a cent, and in other instances were over to the extent of only a cent or two.

When considering the fact that each of the 79 merchants handle several hundred items, and that out of the whole number there was a total of only forty violations, one can readily see that the merchants are cooperating with the office of Price Administration and with their customers to a high degree.

D. C. Goff, of the district office in Charlotte, having charge of the survey in this area, complimented local food merchants highly by saying that the survey for this territory was most excellent.

DANIEL TRINKS DIES AT PLEASANT GARDENS

Daniel Edwin Trinks, 60, well known citizen of this community, died at his residence at Pleasant Gardens Saturday evening after a lingering illness.

Funeral services were conducted at 4:30 o'clock at the First Methodist church Monday afternoon by the pastor, Dr. D. E. Camak, assisted by R. J. Barnwell, a former pastor at Cross Mill. Interment was made in Oak Grove cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Charlotte Myrtle Curtis Trinks; one daughter, Miss Gerald Deap Trinks; one son, Harry Trinks; two brothers, John Trinks of Marion, R.F.D. No. 2, and Thomas Trinks of Oklahoma, and one half brother, Chief Petty Officer Albert Bond, U. S. navy.

Active pallbearers were Thomas Gowan, Henry Stauffer, Zeb V. Davies, W. A. Young, M. P. Young, Kenneth Young, Bill Gibbs, Bruce Gibbs, J. C. Rabb, and Melvin Patton.

Members of his Sunday school class were honorary pallbearers.

Mr. Trinks was employed in the train service of the Southern railway for about 35 years, retiring on account of physical disability about two years ago.

WILSON AGAIN IS NAMED MEMBER WELFARE BOARD

R. Vance Wilson of Nebo has been reappointed as a member of the McDowell County Public Welfare board to serve another two-year term beginning April 1, it was announced Monday.

Other members of the board here are Mrs. J. H. L. Miller and J. F. Harmon.

One member of the board is appointed by the state board, one by county commissioners, and the third by the two board members.

GOWAN NAMED DIRECTOR OF FARMERS FEDERATION

At the annual stockholders' meeting of the Farmers Federation held in Asheville last Saturday T. W. Gowan of Marion was elected a director from McDowell county for a period of two years.

Proctor Speaker At Kiwanis Club Meeting Tuesday

Defined Democracy As Good Government; Individual Responsibility.

The regular weekly meeting of the Marion Kiwanis Club was held in the Community building last Tuesday evening with a large attendance present, despite unfavorable weather conditions.

R. W. Twitty, president, presided, and requested A. S. Bradford to install the baby Kiwanian, Dr. E. A. Tennent. President Twitty also announced to the club that Kiwanis governor Jeff Bates, of Columbia, S. C., had proclaimed the month of April as 100% attendance month, and asked the cooperation of each Kiwanian in helping to make Marion a 100% club.

Dr. B. A. Dickson was in charge of the program and requested Judge Paul J. Story to introduce the speaker. Judge Story presented Kiwanian Robert W. Proctor who gave a most interesting and informative address on Democracy.

Mr. Proctor defined democracy in the terms of good government and stressed the point that every citizen was charged with the responsibility of taking a part in government through his suffrage rights. "Too many individuals scorn 'politics,'" stated the speaker, "and yet complain that various governmental activities do not suit them." In concluding his address Mr. Proctor said, "The way to get good government—the kind of government every one wants—is for every citizen to express himself through the ballot, regardless of his party affiliation, and regardless of the candidates for whom he votes."

During the course of his address Mr. Proctor discussed in detail the two-party system of government and explained thoroughly the machinery of voting. He also reviewed the financial condition of McDowell county, showing that during the past ten years McDowell county had reduced its bonded indebtedness by almost one-half, and that during the same time made permanent improvements by erecting several additional public buildings valued at more than \$200,000.

AAA ISSUES PAYMENTS TO DAIRY FARMERS

The AAA office here will issue this month subsidy payments to dairy farmers in McDowell County for milk produced during the month of February in the amount of eighty cents per hundred pounds of milk, it was announced by the AAA office last week.

The dairy program is a supplementary payment for the producers of whole milk, butter and cream to offset the increased cost of feed since September 1942, the payments are in the form of sight drafts drawn on the Commodity Credit Corporation, it was explained. Payments have been made in the amount of \$1663 for milk produced in McDowell County during the period from October, 1943 through February, 1944.

BEAM WILL ADDRESS P. T. A. AT MEET MONDAY

The Marion Parent-Teacher Association will meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium, Mrs. W. Ray Smith, Jr., publicity chairman, announced yesterday.

Supt. H. F. Beam will address the group on the subject "How Safe Are Our Children in Youth?" Special attention was called to the change in the time of meeting.

PLEASANT GARDENS TO HAVE CARNIVAL

The Parent-Teacher Association of Pleasant Gardens school will sponsor recreation night Friday at the community building of Pleasant Gardens and proceeds will be contributed to the community cannery, it was announced yesterday.

The evening's entertainment will include bingo, cake walk and an auction sale of pies.

DEMOCRATS WILL HOLD CONVENTION HERE APRIL 29TH

County Democratic Chairman Robt. W. Proctor announces the Democratic convention for McDowell county will be held at the court house in Marion on Saturday, April 29, at 11 o'clock for the purpose of electing delegates to the State convention to be held in Raleigh on May 4.

The county executive committee has also been called to meet at 12 o'clock on the same date for the purpose of electing a chairman and vice-chairman.

Precinct meetings will be held at the voting places in the several precincts at 2 o'clock on Saturday, April 22, to elect a precinct committee, composed of five active Democrats, and to elect delegates to the county convention.

Each precinct may elect as many delegates to the county convention as it may see fit not exceeding three delegates and three alternates for each vote to which the precinct may be entitled in the county convention.

MR. AND MRS. HOUCK HAVE 14 GRANDSONS IN THE ARMED FORCES

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Houck, who reside on the Airport road, holds the record in McDowell County, in so far as information has been obtained, for the number of grandsons now serving in the U. S. armed forces. They have fourteen grandsons in service, he stated last week.

One of the grandsons is flying a bomber and is stationed somewhere in England, one is serving in Porto Rico, two are somewhere in the vicinity of Alaska, one is in Scotland and the remaining nine are still training in the states.

The first of the fourteen boys entered service early in the year of 1942 and the last in October, 1943.

Three of the boys serve in the army air corps, four in the navy and the remainder are in the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Houck are the parents of 12 sons and daughters, and the grandparents of 30 boys and girls.

JUNIOR CLASS HIGH SCHOOL TO PRESENT 3 ACT MYSTERY COMEDY

The Junior Class of Marion High School will present a mystery comedy in 3 acts Friday night, March 31, at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

The cast is as follows: Nell Travis, housekeeper at View Crest, Wilma Fowler! Gilbert Wright, attorney for the late Maxwell Marvin, Bill Roland; Alice Perkins, Mildred's chum, Florence Buckner; Mildred Marvin, who has inherited Viewcrest from her uncle, Jeanette Rader; Hazel Wayne, Mildred's cousin, Mary Catherine Sebastian; Jed Travels, who appears to believe in "Gillylo birds" and is irrational at times, Carl Pemberton, Jr.; Herbert Marvin, he has lived in Singapore, Barry Buchanan; Sheriff Macklin, he has taken a "detective" course, Carl Ballew; J. Steel, the coroner, Elizabeth Ann Stepp; Wrong Song, his past is unknown, Gorman Ledbetter.

The direction will be presented under the direction of Miss Alice Bryan and Mrs. Zelda Pemberton.

RED CROSS TO HAVE MEET TUESDAY NIGHT

A meeting of the chairman, committees, and all members of the McDowell County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be held Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the community building, Dr. C. W. McMurray, county chairman, has announced.

The purpose of the meeting will be to present all regular and all special reports of the organization.

MARION BAND TO PLAY AT MOORE HOSPITAL

The Marion High School band will present a program at Moore General Hospital Sunday, Glenn Palmer, director, announced this week.

The band, consisting of 60 pieces, will leave Sunday afternoon and return in the evening. Invitation was issued by Miss Marguerite Parish, field director of the American Red Cross.

County Board Places 78 Men In 1-A Bracket

Fifty-Eight Others Are Assigned Draft Status On List Posted Recently.

One hundred and thirty-six men were reclassified by the McDowell draft board during the past week with seventy-eight placed in class 1-A. A large percent of the group are married men and many of them fathers. Placed in 1-A were:

Clarence E. Finley, Lester H. Hensley, George A. Effler, Thomas R. Carswell, Elmer L. McGinnis, Roy D. Owenby, Rassie I. Swink, James T. Williams, Colin Wall, William L. Snypes, Perry L. Tilley, George M. Wiggins, J. R. Harris, Jr., Rans M. Vess, Clyde G. Rabb, William L. Early, Paul E. Hendley.

Jonas C. McCraw, Charlie M. Wright, Paul S. Martin, Mack A. Massey, Earl C. Smith, Clarence W. Buckner, Claud E. Morgan, Fred C. Hensley, Eugene D. Hitchcock, Glenn T. Tolliver, Dolph A. Walker, James R. Blackwell, Lee F. Parker, Fred R. Smith, Willie R. Bowman, Paul Flynn, Clarence Y. Moore, Vance Cox, Claude F. Lonon.

Pless P. Jones, Joseph E. Cuthrell, Clarence W. Patterson, Tim J. Morgan, Ed. Moore, Paul Frady, Roscoe Mace, James H. Finley, Addie Y. Causby, William B. Sowers, Bracher Henline, Roy P. Rabb, Jesse J. Owensby, Alvin W. Rader, Ross Lewis, David E. Burnett, Lat E. Robinson, Herman J. Pitman, Lewis B. Johnson, Arthur E. Holland.

Jay Crawley, Hicks H. Hill, Kinsley E. Giles, Benjamin F. Walker, Clyde G. Hensley, Samuel R. Duncan, Ervin W. Martin, Ruben H. McKinney, James A. Carswell, Raymond C. Dennis, Charles H. Trinks, Homer Lawing, Donald J. Evans, Ira F. Knupp, Paul V. Lusk, James R. Ward, Roy Woody.

Colored—Willie A. Jenkins, James F. Twitty, John E. Wallace, Willie A. Fullwood, and Hyam F. Smith.

ANNUAL SALE EASTER SEALS NOW UNDER WAY

The McDowell County Society for Crippled Children urges full support to the annual sale of Easter seals to finance the program for crippled children.

The seal sale, which is sponsored nationally by the National Society for Crippled Children and participated in by over 2,000 county and local units, will close on Easter Sunday.

"During these weeks before Easter the annual sale of Easter seals calls our attention to the many problems occasioned not only by the growing up of crippled children, but to the problem of those young adults who have been injured either in battle or in the stepped-up tempo of wartime industrial life."

Last year approximately 225,000 civilian workers in the United States suffered permanent physical disabilities of such a nature as to make their re-employment a special problem. One of the most acute wartime needs is that of readjusting disabled youth to the world in which they live so that they can become normal producing members of society.

"Because crippled children grow up and because they want to become contributing members of society, the program of correcting physical defects through medical care and surgery assumes unusual significance this year. We can all do our part to support this splendid movement in buying Easter seals. Half of the amount realized from the sale of these seals is sent to the State Department through which the treatment and rehabilitation of crippled children is carried on; the other half is kept in the county where it is used to purchase artificial limbs, special built shoes, braces and many other services for local crippled children.

A clinic for the crippled is held twice a month at the Asheville Orthopedic Home at Biltmore, N. C. where examinations are given without cost and hospitalization provided when needed. The Welfare Department urges the public to report to them any child in need of such services.