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## Farmers' Night Is Observed By The Rotary Club

### Corn Growing Contestants Announced; John Goodman Guest Speaker.

Annual Farmers Night was observed by the Marion Rotary club last Friday with a banquet held in the community building. Approximately 75 Rotarians, farmers and other guests were present.

R. C. Spratt, president of the Rotary club, presided and extended a welcome to everyone present.

A feature of the program was the presentation of the awards to winners of the corn growing contest sponsored by the Rotary club.

Jimmy Wise, of Glenwood, won first place with a yield of 86 bushels and 56 pounds of Tennessee ten corn on one acre of land. This is the second, consecutive year he has won first place in this contest. He is 15 years of age and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wise of Glenwood.

Winner of second place was J. B. Creasman of Crooked Creek who produced a yield of 84 bushels and two pounds of U. S. 282 on one acre of land. He is 14 years of age and the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Creasman.

Third place winner was Ronald McFall, of Glenwood, who produced 81 1/4 bushels of U. S. 282 corn on one acre of land. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McFall.

The awards were presented by R. C. Spratt.

John W. Goodman, assistant director of agriculture, farm extension service of N. C. State College, opened his address with words of commendation to the contest winners. He stated that less than 100,000 boys and girls were engaged in 4-H club work in North Carolina and explained that the work includes farm, forestry and game activities. He spoke of the work being conducted by the State College Extension department and the value of this work to the state, calling particular attention to the wonderful development of farm work in this section. He cited corn as one of the most important crops in this section and said that by scientific farming the yield had been substantially increased. He pointed out that 20 years ago average production was only about 20 bushels to the acre and at the present time 35 counties in the state are producing as much as 100 bushels to the acre.

The speaker said there are great possibilities here for good farming, especially for the production of hay, corn and other products. He also advocated the expansion of livestock and poultry industries and called attention to the large acreage of woodland urging the conservation of timber as a valuable farm crop in this section. Goodman emphasized the importance of economical methods for feeding acres as heavily as they would pay. He held the rapt attention of his audience throughout his address.

The speaker was introduced by S. L. Homewood, county farm agent. Following the presentation of contest awards J. R. Jameson, chairman of the Rotary Rural-Urban Acquaintance committee, lauded the winners for their record production and expressed his appreciation for the assistance rendered by S. L. Homewood, county farm agent, Carl Whiteside, assistant county farm agent and members of the Rural-Urban committee. Musical selections were rendered (Continued on last page)

### SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE DEC. 20 FOR CHRISTMAS

Marion and McDowell county schools will close for Christmas holidays on December 20, according to announcement this week. Superintendent H. F. Beam has announced that schools of the city system will be closed December 20 and reopen on January 6. Superintendent N. F. Steppe said county schools will close December 20 and reopen January 2.

## High School Band To Give Christmas Concert Tonight

The Christmas concert of the Marion high school band will be given this evening in the high school auditorium beginning at eight o'clock, according to announcement by Bernard Hirsch, director.

The program will feature musical comedy numbers, marches, a clarinet solo, Christmas selections and various other types of band music.

The program follows:  
"The Lord's Prayer," Malotte.  
"Overture to 'Mirella,'" Gounod.  
"Introduction and Tarantella," Scarmolin.

"Bells Across the Meadow," Kettelbey.

"Christmas Rhapsody," Newell Long.

"I'll See You Again," Noel Coward.

"Oh, Lady Be Good," Gershwin.

"National Fencibles," Sousa.

Band members are: Hilda Goodman and Adeline Neal, flutes; Juanita Elliott, oboe; Anne Shiflet, bassoon; Lawrence Atkins, Robert White, Bill Neal, Audrey Koon, Hugh Beam, Lila Earle Harrison, Charlene Arrowood, Vivian Suttlemyre, Margaret Nickle, Sewell Laughridge, Louise Smith, Eleanor Suttlemyre, Betty Cuthbertson, Bill Suttle, David Finley and Betty Jo Ellis, clarinets.

Joanne Copeland, alto clarinet; Bobby Long, Milladeen Greene, Josie Willis, Roy Davis and Margaret Ann Davis, saxophones. Larry Gibson, Mickey Walker, John Laughridge, Leonard Wilson, Marshall Dark, Kenneth Cannon, Betsy Bowman, Ralph Fender, Howard Biggerstaff, Guy Suttlemyre and Earl Mickle, cornets.

John Beaman, Wilma McIver, Betty Jo Sentelle and Thelma Sturgeon, French horns. Jack Laughridge, Margaret Atkins and Margaret Curtis, baritones.

David Lonon, Dean Seagle, John Klutz, Donnie Godfrey and Guy Smith, trombones. Jimmy Robb and Robert Marks, trumpets. Patsy Cooper, Joanne Fields, Glynn Lambeth and Betty Lou Morgan, percussion.

### POST OFFICE TO BE OPEN SATURDAY AFTERNOONS FOR CHRISTMAS MAILING

The Marion post office will remain open Saturday afternoons, December 14 and 21, until six p. m. for the receipt of parcels, stamps and general delivery service. Postmaster John Finley announced this week.

Postal restrictions have been lifted on parcel post and the train service including the Marion-Rock Hill division was resumed Tuesday. This week trains 11 and 12 between Salisbury and Asheville were also resumed.

The Saturday afternoon hours have been provided to give an opportunity for packages to be mailed as early as possible. The public is asked to cooperate in every possible way to insure delivery of parcels by Christmas Day.

### CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE STILL SHORT OF GOAL

The Christmas Seal Sale is still \$176.80 short of the \$750 goal and 428 letters have not been heard from, Miss Jessie Parker, chairman, announced this week.

Of the 800 letters mailed out only 372 have responded to the appeal and members of the Marion Junior Woman's club who are sponsoring the sale this year are now making an urgent appeal to those who have not responded to do so as early as possible.

With only 12 days remaining before the drive closes and the goal still not in sight it will be necessary for buyers to mail payment within the next few days.

Checks should be made payable to the McDowell County Tuberculosis association and addressed to Mrs. Eugene Anderson, treasurer.

### BOY SCOUT MEETING HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

The court of honor for Boy Scouts of the McDowell area will be held at the First Methodist church here Friday night, Dec. 13, at 7 o'clock.



CORN RAISING WINNERS—Shown above are the winners of the 4-H club corn raising contest sponsored annually by the Marion Rotary club. Reading left to right they are: J. B. Creasman, winner of second place; Jimmy Wise, who won first place for the second consecutive year, and Ronald McFall, third place winner.

## Formal Opening Of Federation Here Saturday

### Program Includes Speaking, Music By String Band And Refreshments.

Formal opening of the new Farmers Federation Marion warehouse in the former Marion Grocery Company building at 111 West Henderson street will be held on Saturday afternoon Dec. 14th, at 2 o'clock. James G. K. McClure, president of the Federation, Guy M. Sales, general manager, and other officials of the cooperative will speak, and music will be supplied by the Farmers Federation String Band. Refreshments of coffee and doughnuts will be served.

The property on West Henderson street was purchased by the Federation from W. R. Chambers last May. It includes two brick buildings, the larger of which will be used as a warehouse to receive farm produce and stock farm supplies. Work of installing shelves and fixtures has been proceeding for some time. A freezer locker plant will be operated in the smaller building owned by the Federation, and construction has already begun on this plant.

Grady Walker, who has been with the Farmers Federation at Marion since September, 1937, except for a leave of absence in the Army, will manage the new warehouse. He will be assisted by Preston Biggerstaff, Thurston Harris, and Homer Lawing.

The McDowell County Federation committee consists of the following farmers: W. S. Burgin, Old Fort; chairman; W. S. Haynes, Rt. 2, Marion; L. A. Moody, Old Fort; Gurney Franklin, Linville Falls; W. J. Porter, Old Fort; W. Edgar Morgan, Nealsville; John T. Haney, Route 2, Marion; J. M. Parker, Rt. 1, Marion; Tom W. Gowan, Route 4, Marion; C. E. Jarrett, Route 1, Nebo; W. F. McCurry, Route 2, Marion; and J. H. Greenlee, Route 3, Marion.

All McDowell county stockholders of the Farmers Federation and all interested farmers are invited to attend the opening.

### OYSTER SUPPER

The Pleasant Gardens Grange enjoyed an oyster supper at the community building Tuesday evening. Approximately 35 members were present.

Invest in U. S. Savings Bonds.

## Marion Stores To Be Open Evenings Until Christmas

The Marion Merchants association met Thursday evening to discuss remaining open evenings during the holiday season, period of closing for Christmas holidays and Wednesday afternoon closings.

A vote was passed for business firms to remain open evenings until 7 p. m. during the period from Wednesday, December 18, through Saturday, December 21. Monday and Tuesday of the following week stores will remain open evenings until eight o'clock, it was stated.

The merchants also voted to resume Wednesday afternoon closings beginning January 1 and agreed that stores will close Wednesday afternoons throughout the year with the exception of the month of December.

It was agreed to observe Christmas by closing business establishments December 25 and 26.

### RED CROSS SERVICE DISPLAYING GIFTS FOR VETERAN PATIENTS

The display window of the Duke Power company has been arranged with Christmas gifts which will go to patients of Moore General hospital.

The community service to veterans of the local Red Cross chapter has packed 60 boxes of gifts to be distributed among veteran patients on Christmas morning. These gifts were contributed by the American Red Cross.

Those who assisted in packing and wrapping the gifts are: Mrs. J. F. Snipes, chairman of the community service committee; Miss Lurline Corpening, Miss Gladys Corpening, Mrs. T. V. Ellis, Miss Pearl Ricks and Mrs. Gordon Morris.

Announcement was made this week that the gifts will be taken to the hospital December 15 and anyone who wishes to contribute a box or the price of a box is asked to do as early as possible. Boxes should be taken to the local Red Cross office in the court house.

The boxes which have been packed contain the following articles and boxes contributed must contain the same selections:

Toilet articles, cigarettes, small picture frames, handkerchiefs, cigarette cases, comic books, address books, inexpensive lighters, bill folders, detective stories, small dictionaries, puzzles, games, playing cards, stationery, pencils, chewing gum and ashtrays.

### PARENT-TEACHERS OBSERVE FATHER'S NIGHT

The Marion Parent-Teacher association observed Father's Night with a program at the regular, monthly meeting held last Thursday evening.

Miss Mary Lillian Jonas, public school music teacher, presented the high school glee club which rendered three selections. A playlet entitled "The Three Bears" was presented with Walker Blanton, Jr. as father bear, Jeanette Cross, mother bear, Freddie Hewitt, baby bear, and Margaret Ann Pyatt as Goldilocks. Pupils of the first and second grades sang at intervals during the play.

Mrs. Roy W. Davis' classroom won attendance prize for the grammar grades and the home room taught by Rev. Chester Smelser won attendance prize for the high school.

### CHRISTMAS RECITAL WILL BE GIVEN FRIDAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

A recital featuring Christmas carols and instrumental numbers will be presented to the public Friday night at 8:00 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church by the Crosby Adams Junior and Juvenile Music clubs of Marion. The public is cordially invited to attend this program heralding the approaching Christmas season.

Participants are students of Helen Johnson McMurray. Mary Allen Poteat and Virginia McBee are piano students of Mrs. John Poteat.

One seventh of the linen looms in Northern Ireland were destroyed during World War II.

## AAA Officers For McDowell Are Announced

### W. E. Morgan Elected County Chairman; Township Com- mitteemen Named.

The McDowell County AAA convention was held in the court house here Monday with M. R. Nanney, acting chairman, presiding.

Officers were elected as follows: W. E. Morgan, county chairman; M. R. Nanney, vice-chairman; J. W. Dobbins, regular member; Charles A. McCall, first alternate, and C. Y. Pyatt, second alternate.

Community committees elected in the voting on Saturday were as follows, listed in order, as chairman, vice-chairman, regular member, first alternate and second alternate.

Bracketts: T. W. Arrowood, Dewey Arrowood, J. H. Sprouse, and T. W. Arrowood.

Crooked Creek: John Early, Clyde Gilliam, Harlow Noblitt, Norman Jenkins, S. E. Gilliam and John Early.

Higgins: T. R. Hall, M. A. Burton, Arnold Whetstone, Oscar Kirkland, N. R. Lane and T. R. Hall.

North Cove: W. G. English, Charles A. McCall, J. E. English, S. M. Avery, Fred Brown and W. G. English.

Nebo: J. T. Finley, D. L. Rowe, Hoyle Hemphill, J. R. Gray, J. L. Craig and J. T. Finley.

Marion: J. W. Dobbins, H. Bruce Gibbs, J. M. Parker, J. D. Little, J. S. Setzer and J. W. Dobbins.

Glenwood: Howard Lawing, J. W. McCall, Kelly Eplee, G. C. Craig and J. W. McCall.

Dysartsville: F. C. Daves, A. A. Wiseman, C. Y. Pyatt, E. L. Christy, W. E. Lonon and F. C. Daves.

Montfords Cove: O. B. Morgan, J. H. Harris, Leonard Lawing, W. S. Haynes, O. I. Berry and W. S. Haynes.

Old Fort: Charles A. Parker, W. J. Porter, William V. Carswell, Ernest Parker, George E. Lindley and J. M. Kanipe.

### HORACE F. NANNEY DIES AT HOME HERE TUESDAY; FUNERAL TO BE TODAY

Horace F. Nanney, 64, wholesale groceryman and prominent churchman, died at his residence here early Tuesday morning after a brief illness.

Funeral services will be conducted at the First Methodist church Thursday afternoon at three o'clock and burial will be made in the family plot in Oak Grove cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Judie Upton Nanney; four daughters and two sons, Clyde A. (Sam) Nanney, Mrs. Guy Rabb and Mrs. Frances Hagna, of Marion; Mrs. Andrew Tainter, of Spruce Pine; Mrs. Ruth Lowden, of Asheville, and Guy W. Nanney, of Putnam, Ga.; seven grandchildren, and four sisters, Mrs. Howard Hamrick of Lattimore, Mrs. M. V. Jackson, of Rock Hill, S. C., Mrs. M. L. Nanney and Mrs. C. D. Nanney of Spindale.

### LAST RITES HELD FOR FRED BOLICK

Funeral services were held last Friday afternoon at the Calvary Lutheran church, Morganton at 2 o'clock for Fred U. Bolick, 44, who died Wednesday at Grace Hospital after an illness of four years. The Rev. A. W. Lippard, pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. J. A. Satterfield of Marion, was in charge of the rites and burial was in Marion.

The deceased was the son of E. E. Bolick and Lula Bolick of Morganton. He is survived by his parents; his wife, the former Ida McGuire; five brothers, E. O. Bolick and Floyd Bolick of Morganton; Harold Bolick of Raleigh; Clarence Bolick of Pittsburgh, Pa. and Ralph Bolick of Miami, Fla.; and a sister, Mrs. Charles P. Lewis of Petersburg, Va.

Pall bearers were Jim Crockett and Francis Bush, nephews, J. E. Ridgion, Harold Reichard and E. J. Houck, all of Morganton, Ebb Smith of Lenoir and J. E. Neal, Jr. and R. M. Dark of Marion.