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FEDERATION HEADS NAMED AT ANNUAL MEET

W. Edgar Morgan, of Nealsville, was nominated to serve as director of the Farmers Federation for McDowell county for two years at a meeting of McDowell county stockholders held in the Marion warehouse of the organization, Friday. He will be voted upon at the general meeting of stockholders to be held in the Buncombe county Courthouse in Asheville on March 27.

New Committeemen elected at the meeting are as follows: Jay English, Ashford; William Greenlee, North Cove; John Dobbins and Manley Ledford, both of Marion. Committeemen who were reelected are: Gurney Franklin, Linville Falls; W. L. Morris, Marion; A. Frank Hill, Marion, Route 2; T. T. Anglin, Nebo, Route 1; T. W. Gowan, Marion, Route 4; O. S. Franklin, Box 204, Marion; M. R. Nanney, Marion, Route 2; and J. M. Parker, Marion, Route 1.

James McClure Clarke, field secretary of the federation opened the meeting and served as master of ceremonies. The Rev. Dumont Clarke, head of the Religious department of the federation, pronounced the invocation.

James Clarke spoke on the activities of the federation during the past year, pointing out that it was the cooperation and loyalty of members and customers that permitted the federation to make the progress it has made during this period. He pointed out that new freezer-locker plants had been opened in Brevard, Marion, Spindale and Spruce Pine; that the Southeastern Artificial Breeding association had been formed; a new modern poultry processing plant had been put into operation, and that Skyline Dairies had been opened. In speaking of the hatchery department, Clarke pointed out that the baby chicks hatched by the federation have the inherited ability to lay more than 250 eggs per year, as compared with the average of 60 eggs per hen.

In speaking of last year's operation (Continued on last page)

R. S. Poteat Taken By Death At Oak Ridge

Robert Samuel Poteat, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Poteat of Marion, died in the Oak Ridge Hospital, Oak Ridge, Tenn., Thursday morning following a short illness.

The funeral services for Mr. Poteat were held Saturday afternoon, March 13, at 2 o'clock from his childhood home in Marion by the Rev. Dr. Carl McMurray of the First Presbyterian church of Marion, assisted by the Rev. M. O. Owens of the First Baptist church. Interment followed in the family plot in the Oak Grove cemetery.

Mr. Poteat was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Memphis, Tenn. He attended Marion High School, Oak Ridge Military Institute and Davidson College. After completing a course in Business Administration in Nashville, Tenn., he entered the employment of the United States Government and held important assignments in Memphis, Tenn., Denison, Texas, and in 1944 was transferred to Oak Ridge, Tenn., where he was associated with the Industrial Personnel Branch Division of Organization and Personnel of the United States Atomic Energy Commission and at the time of his death he was on the Administrative Staff of the Supply Division.

Mr. Poteat was married to Miss Doris Harris of Memphis, Tenn. in 1936. He is survived by the widow; four sisters, Mrs. Bessie McGalliard of Marion, Mrs. Paul Brown, of Camden, S. C., Miss Mary Poteat of Duke University, Durham, and Miss Louise Poteat of Marion; one brother, Ben F. Poteat of Marion; two nieces, Miss Mary Allen Poteat of Marion, and Mrs. Hayne Wilks of Chester, S. C.; one nephew, John A. Poteat, Jr. of Marion; and a host of friends.

Active pallbearers at the funeral were R. F. McQuain, R. E. Owens, Frank Darby, G. W. Baldwin, III and O. F. Ellison, all of Oak Ridge, and Carter Hudgins, Neal Morris and Cato Holley of Marion.



W. H. Norris, above, announces this week that he will be a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in May.

Norris has been a merchant in Marion for the past 13 years. He is owner of Norris Clothing Store, and a veteran of World War One.

Band Students Present Program At Kiwanis Meet

The Marion Kiwanians enjoyed quite a treat in the musical program presented to the group at its weekly meeting in the community building Tuesday evening, under the direction of band master Bernard Hirsch.

Hirsch presented a group of young musicians in solos and ensembles. Before presenting his pupils, Hirsch gave a history of the compositions rendered and the authors writing them. He also discussed, in an interesting manner, the various instruments used by the pupils, giving a brief insight in the mechanical construction and scientific designs of the instruments.

Roy Davis, Jr., accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Roy Davis, Sr., gave the first solo on his tenor saxophone. He was followed on the program by Bill Neal, III, who rendered a clarinet solo. Bill Neal was accompanied by Miss Belle Grayson at the piano. Following this solo, Miss Ann Shiflet, bassoon; Miss Audrey Koon, clarinet; and Miss Charlene Arrowood, tenor clarinet, were presented together in a wood wind ensemble.

Immediately after the wood wind ensemble, Bobby Ricks, using a French horn, rendered a solo, accompanied by Miss Jimmie Catherine Biggerstaff. Miss Ann Shiflet was next on the program in a bassoon solo, accompanied by Miss Mary Belle Grayson. The last performer was Miss Mary Belle Grayson with several piano solos.

The various numbers played by Hirsch's pupils were contest numbers and this group of high school boys and girls will appear in Asheville at the Western North Carolina (Continued on last page)

Pfc. Henry Stauffer Receives Discharge

Pfc. Henry Stauffer has received honorable discharge from the U. S. army and returned to his home here Tuesday of this week.

Stauffer entered service in September, 1946 and was sent overseas the following November. He was stationed with the 35th infantry in Otsu, Japan.

Returning to the States about three weeks ago, he landed at San Francisco, California and received his discharge there.

CHAMBERS DELEGATE TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

W. R. Chambers of Marion and James M. Baley were named as delegates to the Republican national convention to be held in Philadelphia in June at the 11th congressional district convention held in Columbus last Saturday. W. C. Chambers of Marion was elected a member of the state executive committee.

Calvin R. Edney, Marshall attorney, was selected as the Republican candidate for congressman from the district.

CURRENT BASEBALL ROSTER ANNOUNCED BY J. C. RABB

The roster of the Marion Baseball club took a sudden upward swing yesterday when J. C. Rabb, business manager of the local club, returned from a scouting tour of southeastern South Carolina and central North Carolina.

Rabb announced the current baseball roster as follows: Wesley Ferrell, manager, from Sarasota, Fla.; Claude Hudson, short stop, from Forest City; Charles Ferguson, outfield and first base, from Swannanoa; Paul Daniel, outfielder, from Marion; Aaron Hartsoe, infielder, from Kings Mountain; Dick Dabagian, infielder, from Philadelphia, Pa.; Forrest Yow, outfielder, from Robbins; Richard Wienciek, infielder, from Green Bay, Wis.; Nathan Yablon, pitcher, from Brooklyn, N. Y.; Higgins J. Duncan, pitcher, from Marion; Vincent Nobile, outfielder,

from Dorchester, Mass.; Robert Brittan, pitcher, from Salisbury, Mass.; Crede Kendall, infielder, from Gainesville, Ga.

Directors and sports writers from the eight teams making up the Western Carolina baseball loop held their annual meeting yesterday in Marion at the city hall. A number of matters of routine nature were considered and disposed of and several minor changes in the constitution and by-laws of the recently organized professional baseball league were made. Schedules for the incoming baseball season were approved with the season starting on April 30, at which time, Marion will be host to the Hendersonville team.

Teams making up the Western Carolina Baseball League include: Marion, Morganton, Lenoir, Shelby, Forest City, Lincolnton, Hendersonville and Newton.



DR. B. G. CHILDS



MRS. J. A. GRAY

METHODIST TRAINING SCHOOL WILL BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY

The second Annual McDowell County Training School, under the joint sponsorship of the Board of Education of the Methodist church and the Methodist churches of McDowell county, will begin Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock and continue each evening through Thursday. All sessions will be held at Marion's First Methodist church.

Three courses are being offered. Mrs. J. A. Gray, of Marietta, Ga., will teach a course on "Activities with Children." This course is for workers with nursery, kindergarten, primary and junior children. Parents and other interested persons are invited to participate in this class.

"Young People and Christian Home-Making" is the subject of the course to be taught by Mrs. E. H. Ould, of Roanoke, Va. This class will be interdenominational in scope and young people from neighboring churches have been invited to enroll. Only Young people between the ages of 15-23 are eligible for enrollment in Mrs. Ould's class.

Dr. B. G. Childs, professor of education at Duke University will offer a course on "The Life of Christ" for the general adult membership of the church and for all interested persons. Dr. Childs' course will be to preachers, Sunday school teachers and leaders in church work, it was stated.

Rev. James B. McLarty, who is acting as director of the school, urges that every one interested in taking any of the courses be present Sunday night at 7:30. The opening assembly will be held in the church sanctuary, at which time class rooms for the groups will be assigned. Arthur M. Evans will have charge of selling textbooks and supplies.

Local Unit NCEA To Meet Tuesday

The local unit of the North Carolina Education association will meet at three o'clock, March 23, in the auditorium of the Marion High School, it is announced.

The legislative committee, composed of E. L. Carter, Mrs. G. B. Finley and Miss Barbara Wagner, will have charge of the program.



NEW SANITARIAN—Jack D. Cobb, above, is the new sanitarian for McDowell county. He assumed his duties here on March 1 and fills the vacancy caused by the resignation of F. C. Maynard.

VFW Auxiliary Is Conducting Safety Campaign

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 2865 of Marion is conducting a Safety campaign in the community the entire week of March 15-20 in an effort to make the town more safety conscious.

The program has been outlined by Auxiliary leaders as follows:

School children will receive the Green Cross for Safety lapel buttons. They are called "Safety Conscious" buttons for they do make children more aware of the traffic hazards.

A safety slogan contest will be arranged in all grade schools. Each child will write its own safety slogan and some cash prizes will be given.

All winners will receive the National Safety Council certificates of Merit. Judges for the contest will be J. W. Streetman, Jr., Barron Caldwell, Mrs. M. O. Owens, B. H. Laughridge, M. W. Gordon and V. T. Eckerd.

Safety posters will be displayed in all prominent places. Safety stamps, for use on packages and mail, will be distributed.

A street banner is to be put up at the busiest intersection in the community.

The safety book, "Invitation to Live," will be distributed, all schools will be supplied and plans are underway to place a copy in every home.

"We hope to help to make Marion the safest community in the state," said Mrs. William Gladden, Auxiliary president.

Childs To Be Speaker At Methodist Service

Dr. B. G. Childs, member of the faculty of Duke University, will speak next Sunday morning during the eleven o'clock service at the First Methodist church, it was announced yesterday by the minister, Reverend James B. McLarty. His subject will be "Cavalcade of Destiny."

Dr. Childs is coming to Marion as an instructor in the second annual McDowell Training School that will be held at the First Methodist church and sponsored by the Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference and the Methodist churches of McDowell county.

Long recognized as an outstanding lay leader of Methodism, Dr. Childs has frequently represented his denomination at important church conferences. For years he was lay leader of the North Carolina conference, and at the present time is lay leader of the Durham District and teacher of a large Men's Bible class at Trinity church, Durham.

The pastor expressed great pleasure in being able to secure such an outstanding speaker for the Sunday morning service. A large congregation is expected to be present for the service.

MERCHANTS MEETING

The Marion Merchants association will meet at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the community building, according to announcement by Mrs. Ethel Crisp, executive secretary.

SIX STAR SCOUTS ADVANCED FRIDAY AT COURT OF HONOR

Six McDowell County Boy Scouts were advanced to Star rank at the Court of Honor held in the Methodist church last Friday night.

The were: Harold Sartain and Gerald Chapman of troop 5; Troy Brown and Don Jenkins, troop 4; Bennie Byers, Jr., troop 6; and Jack Brown, troop 1, Ashford.

Other advancements were made as follows:

Tenderfoot: Gerald Hyatt, Carol Henderson, Rex Pope and James Freeman, troop 1, Marion; Donald Watkins, troop 4, Marion; Ray McCurry, troop 6, Marion.

Second Class: Paul Brooks, Bobby Foxx, Bill Hendley, Jack Hensley, Bobby McNeel, Horace Smith, Warren Suttle and Carl Wood, troop 1, Marion; Paul Elliott, troop 4, Marion; Blake Suttle and Frank Laili, troop 5, Marion; Thomas Hensley and Donald Johnston, troop 6, Marion.

First Class: J. T. Davis and Lawrence Rhinehart, troop 4, Marion, and J. W. Carpenter, troop 1, Ashford.

MERIT BADGES

Merit Badges were awarded as follows:

Art—Wayne Bradburn, troop 4, Marion.

Bookbinding—Harlan Townsend, troop 1, Ashford.

Botany—Henry S. Brown, troop 1, Ashford.

Carpentry—Jerry England and Gerald Murray, troop 4, Marion.

Citizenship—Gene Cross, troop 6, Marion.

Conservation—Bobby Harris, troop 5, Marion.

Cooking—Bill Bradford and Bill Wilson, troop 6, Marion.

Cycling—J. L. Williams, troop 1, Ashford.

Firemanship—Franklin Ward, Joseph Buchanan and Franklin

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FUNERAL RITES FOR W. C. M'CALL TO BE HELD TODAY

William C. McCall, 75, died Tuesday afternoon after a long illness. Funeral services will be conducted at the residence on Morgan street this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Sue Crawford McCall; two sons, H. Glenn McCall of Laurens, S. C., and Clay C. McCall of Charlotte; two daughters, Mrs. Dazell Williams of Charlotte and Mrs. Clarkson Brown of New Orleans, La.; five grandchildren; five brothers, R. Edgar, George S., and Clifton R. McCall of Marion, Charles A. McCall of North Cove, and Dr. A. C. McCall of Asheville, and a sister, Mrs. E. H. Morris of Evanston, Ill.

He was reared in North Cove, son of the late William McCall and Mrs. Katheryn Conley McCall. He came to Marion in 1893 and was engaged in the mercantile business until 1930 when he retired.

Presbyterian Church Will Hold Meeting

Further plans for the Bible lectures to be held at the First Presbyterian church by Rev. F. Crossley Morgan, were announced Monday by Dr. C. W. McMurray, pastor.

Rev. M. O. Owens, pastor of the First Baptist church, will lead the evening song services, April 4-9. The First Baptist and First Methodist churches are cooperating in the meeting.

The services will be held daily at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Gives Warning Not To Follow Fire Truck

Chief of Police D. W. Smith, in a notice in this paper, calls attention to the fact that it is strictly a violation of the law to follow the fire trucks when on calls to a fire. He states that the law will be enforced and that citizens who violate the law may expect to be sent to the mayor's office to pay a fine.