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KIWANIANS DESIGNATE APRIL AS PERFECT ATTENDANCE MONTH

WES FERRELL OUTLINES BASEBALL POSSIBILITIES

Mrs. Miller Addresses Group On Cancer Control For McDowell County

The local Kiwanis club has designated the month of April as perfect attendance month, and those in charge of the campaign for perfect attendance were gratified with the attendance last Tuesday evening. Only one member was absent and plans are being made for this member to make up this meeting with another club before the end of the month. If this is done, a perfect record will be registered for the first weekly meeting in April.

Hugh Beam was in charge of the program and presented as guest speaker Wes Ferrell, manager of the Marion Professional Baseball team. He discussed possibilities of the 1948 baseball season, stating that it was yet early to determine just what type of ball would be played in the recently organized Western Carolina Baseball League, of which Marion is a member, but he assured the Kiwanians that he would have a scrapping team on the field, ready for play, when the season officially opens on April 30.

It was pointed out that several exhibition games had been arranged by the management of the Marion team, with the first of these games being scheduled for April 15, at which time Marion meets North Wilkesboro in Marion. These exhibition games will give the manager an opportunity to look over his lineup and to make necessary shifts in positions in order to have the best playing combination ready for the official opening game on April 30.

Mrs. James T. Miller, in charge of the Cancer Control Program for McDowell county, also appeared on the program and discussed the work of this organization. Mrs. Miller pointed out that Cancer control was a very important work in light of the toll of victims this disease claims each year. She emphasized the fact that it was very desirable that an educational campaign be conducted, listing control centers and the help that is available to any cancer suspect. She also emphasized the fact that the cancer control organization is doing much work in research, giving to the medical profession all of the latest scientific advantages which might assist in the treatment of cancer.

Mrs. Miller also informed the group that the local welfare office is working in cooperation with the Cancer Control Unit and that any individual or family desiring help in combating this disease should utilize the facilities of the McDowell County Welfare Department.

Westmoreland-Hawkins Funeral Service To Have Formal Opening

The formal opening of Westmoreland-Hawkins Funeral Service will be held from 10 a. m. until 10 p. m., Saturday and Sunday, April 10 and 11, according to announcement by the owners this week. The public is cordially invited to call at the new location on South Main street in the building which was formerly known as Column Apartments.

The apartment house was purchased by S. J. Westmoreland about three and one-half years ago. The funeral service was moved from West Court street to South Main last January, but a formal opening was postponed until improvements and alterations were made to the building.

A two-story wing was added to the rear of the building providing a display room for caskets on the main floor and a four-car garage on the ground floor.

Westmoreland purchased the business from J. L. Nichols in 1932 and sold a half interest to Howard Hawkins in January, 1947.

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McDowell Farmers Receive Recognition

Twenty-nine McDowell county farmers produced 100 bushels of corn per acre last year which entitles them to become members of the 100 Bushel Corn Club of North Carolina, S. L. Homewood, county agent, has announced.

The group includes seventeen 4-H club members and adult farmers. Certificates will be awarded to the following in recognition of their accomplishment:

J. A. Early, J. B. Creasman, James Elliott, Hubert Brinkley, J. A. Cannon, Bruce Gibbs, Josh Harris, Walter Harris, Floyd Haynes, M. D. Ledbetter, Guy Little, Marvin McCall, Ronald McFalls, Donald McFalls, Marion.

John Kaylor, O. I. Berry, Delmar Biddix, Robert Brinkley, J. A. Cannon, Bruce Gibbs, Josh Harris, Walter Harris, Floyd Haynes, M. D. Ledbetter, Guy Little, Marvin McCall, Ronald McFalls, Donald McFalls, Marion.

Bynum Bowen, Route 1, Nebo. Harold Boyd, Ashford.

Harold McCulloch, W. E. Morgan, James Swan and James Wise, Glenwood.

Wes Ferrell Assumes Duties With Marauders

Since April 1, Wes Ferrell, former big league pitcher who gained fame in the baseball world with his brother Rick as a battery mate, has assumed his duties as playing manager for the Marion Marauders.

Practice has been held daily at the Cross Mill park since the skipper of the Marion club arrived in town. Approximately 25 players have reported for work outs every day from 1:00 to 3:00 o'clock. Manager Ferrell has shifted the boys from one position to another in order to find a starting combination for the exhibition game with North Wilkesboro, to be played in Marion on April 15. The skipper expressed his approval of the boys already in camp but added that it is yet too early to determine how much strength is needed to meet competition in the newly organized Western Carolina Baseball League of which Marion is a member.

Marion will be making its initial appearance this year and the first regular scheduled game is with Hendersonville in Marion on April 30.

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Judge Pless Speaker At Fraternity Meet

Chapel Hill.—Judge J. Will Pless, Superior Court Judge from Marion, discussed problems of young lawyers when he addressed members of Vance Inn, University chapter of Phi Delta Phi, international legal fraternity, at the Carolina here this week.

Judge Pless, who was introduced by Lem Gibbons of Hamlet, spoke to the group following the initiation of six new pledges: Melville Broughton and Robert D. Little, both of Raleigh; Bynum Hunter, Greensboro; Lester Carter, Fayetteville; Bill Petree, Winston-Salem, and Al Ward, New Bern.

He stressed the necessity and desirability of learning "the law as far as possible in Law School" and pointed out some of the best approaches "to initial difficulties encountered in starting practice." An open forum followed in which the students asked numerous questions.

2,500 Attend Convention Here Last Sunday

The largest assemblage ever to attend the McDowell County Singing Convention crowded the school auditorium, halls, aisles and lawn here last Sunday. Attendance was estimated at approximately 2,500.

Mrs. N. C. Comer resigned as president after serving in this office for a period of two years. Prior to accepting the office of president she was secretary and treasurer for three years.

The following new officers were elected: Lloyd Bennett, president; Jesse Price, vice-president, and Mrs. Lloyd Bennett, secretary-treasurer.

The program included selections by singers from Spantenburg, S. C., Rutherfordton, Knoxville, Tenn., Gastonia, Shelby, Garden Creek, Marion and Asheville. All songs were of a religious nature ranging from spirituals to gospel hymns.

Announcement was made that the fall meeting will be held on September 5.

DR. M'INTOSH TO OPEN OFFICE HERE SATURDAY

Dr. Archie N. McIntosh will open his office for general practice in the offices previously occupied by his father, Dr. D. M. McIntosh, Sr., here Saturday, April 10.

Dr. McIntosh received his A. B. degree from the University of North Carolina and his M. D. degree from the Duke University School of Medicine in 1944. He served a general internship at the St. Louis City Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri for one year and was a resident physician at the Missouri Pacific Hospital for one year also in St. Louis.

Following this work he spent two years in the Army Medical Corps with 20 months overseas in Okinawa and Korea.

Since the first of this year he has had a residency in pediatrics at Duke University Hospital and in conjunction with his work has spent two months in the Charity Hospital in New Orleans.

Marion Program To Be Broadcast

A program entitled "Marion On The Air" will be broadcast every week-day from 2:30 to 3:00 o'clock over radio station WBBO, according to recent announcement.

The program will feature information about Marion and McDowell county, music, entertainment, messages from sponsors and a letter-writing contest.

Weekly prizes will be given to the listener who writes the best letter of from 25 to 50 words on "Why I Like to Shop in Marion." Winner letters will be read over the air.

A display of prizes offered in the contest will be shown in the Gordon Furniture company's window display. A grand prize for the best of the 13 weekly series of letters will be given.

Postal Receipts Increase In March

Postal receipts for the past month were \$804.64 higher than for March, 1947, according to figures released by Postmaster John Finley.

For the quarter ending March 31, receipts were \$61.25 more than for the corresponding quarter last year.

Postal savings increased \$3,714.00 during the month of March, and bond sales during the month of March totaled \$3,618.75.

The postmaster also pointed out that the volume of packages received at this time is very heavy and is using about three hours more daily delivery service than at this time last year.

Total receipts for March, 1948 were \$3,822.75 and for March, 1947, \$3,018.11. Receipts for the quarter ending March 31 were \$10,602.28 in 1948 and \$10,541.03 in 1947.

PRESBYTERIANS TO HAVE PROGRAM BY BOY CHOIR

The Christ School Boy Choir, consisting of 35 voices, will render a program of sacred music at the First Presbyterian church, Sunday night, April 11, at seven o'clock.

The program will be as follows: "Grant Us Thy Peace," "Bless The Lord," "O Light Divine," "Forever Worthy," "Let All Mortal Flesh," Organ Solo, "Jesus Word of God," "Jesus, The Very Thought," "Brother James' Air," "Bow Down Thine Ear," "Benedictus Es," Organ Solo, "As It Began To Dawn," "Alleluia, Christ Is Risen," "Lights Glittering Morn," "Beautiful Savior," "Hallelujah Chorus."

The choir will be under the direction of Urquhart Chinn, organist and choir master of the school. This will be the fourth time that this choir has come to Marion. A silver offering will be taken to pay expenses. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WORKERS TO MEET

Plans for the annual membership drive in the North Carolina Symphony orchestra will be launched at a meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. S. R. Cross at 4:30 p. m., Friday, according to announcement yesterday.

Mrs. Cross asked that all interested persons attend. The purpose of the meeting is to make plans for the drive which will be held April 12-17.

N. C. Symphony Orchestra Drive To Start April 12

The annual drive for membership in the North Carolina Symphony Society will be held during the week of April 12 through 17, according to an announcement yesterday by Mrs. S. R. Cross, Chairman of the Symphony Committee for McDowell county.

"Our chief objective in sponsoring the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra here in Marion is to provide an opportunity for the children of our community to hear good music," said Mrs. Cross. "Though, of course, it is a treat for anyone who likes music to hear this splendid orchestra." Mrs. Cross added that the response of the children who attended the program this year was proof of the appeal the orchestra made to them.

Walker Wins Trip To Omaha, Nebraska

R. H. Walker, local representative of the Companion Companies, Mutual Benefit Health and Accident Association and United Benefit Life Insurance company, has qualified for a trip to the Home Office in Omaha, Nebraska, according to a report received today from a company representative. He will leave from the state office in Winston-Salem on April 10 in company with G. A. Richardson, state manager, and 18 other representatives from various sections of the state.

Qualification for the trip depended on production of new business. Walker was among the first to qualify for the trip, having written a large volume of life, health, accident and hospital insurance.

In addition to the visit to the Home Office the group will also stop in Chicago returning to North Carolina on the week-end of the 17.

Walker has been connected with the Companion Companies since 1946 and has been consistently among the larger producers of the company since that time.

PTA TO MEET MONDAY

The Marion Parent-Teacher association will meet at 3:20 p. m. Monday in the school auditorium, according to announcement by Mrs. Paul Story, publicity chairman.

SCHOOL TAX PLAN DEFEATED IN ELECTION HERE TUESDAY

VOTE FAVORING PLAN TOTALS 429 AGAINST REGISTRATION OF 2,053

MHS Debating Team Wins First Round

The Marion High School negative debating team won the first round in triangular debates, according to word received by E. L. Carter, debating coach.

On Friday, April 2, debating teams from Forest City, Marion and Asheville met to debate the question, Resolved: That the Federal Government should require arbitration of labor disputes in all basic American industries. In the Marion High School auditorium, the Forest City affirmative team composed of Dot Wallace and Doris Tysinger won over the negative team from Asheville composed of James Green and Paul Gatwood. In Asheville, Marion's affirmative team made up of John Poteat and Maurice Atwell was defeated by the Forest City negative made up of Betty Moyer, who is a previous state winner, and Bill Bostic. In Forest City, Robert Marks and Betsy Keith Bowman representing Marion's negative defeated Asheville's Buddy Fletcher and Don Gaze.

E. L. Carter, Marion's debating coach has been informed by the North Carolina High School Debating Union that his negative team is entitled to participate in the district contest which will be held at Appalachian State Teachers college, Boone, on Friday, April 16. From the total number of teams competing at Boone on April 16, one affirmative team and one negative team will be chosen. These two teams—champions of the district on the respective sides—will participate in the final contest for the Aycock Memorial Cup, which will be held at Chapel Hill on April 29 and 30.

Revival Services At Hicks' Chapel

Revival services will begin at Hicks' Chapel Baptist church next Sunday night and continue throughout the week with services every night at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by the pastor, Rev. Carl McKinney. The Rev. C. C. Parker, pastor of Garden Creek Baptist church, will do the preaching.

BAND TO BROADCAST

The Marion High School Band under the direction of Bernard Hirsch will present a 30 minute broadcast over station WBBO Forest City, at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, from the auditorium of the Marion High School.

MARION HIGH BASEBALLERS OPEN SEASON AT HICKORY

Wildlife Club To Meet Monday

The McDowell County Wildlife club will meet at 7:30 p. m., Monday, April 12, at the Sugar Hill school, S. L. Homewood, president, announced this week.

Rod Amundson, chief of the Educational Division of the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission, will be guest speaker.

Musical Revue At East Marion

W. E. Carter, recreation director at Marion Manufacturing Company, announced last week that the Recreation Department of his company will present a musical revue minstrel "Now And Then," Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights of this week in the East Marion school auditorium at 8:00 p. m. each night.

One school child in five is retarded because of visual difficulties.

Proposed Property Tax To Provide More Teachers Goes Down In Defeat

The proposed additional property tax to provide more teachers in the schools of the Marion City Administrative Unit was voted down in a Special Election held here Tuesday.

There were 429 votes in favor of the tax and 394 opposing it, making a total vote of 823 against a registration of 2,053.

The election was called by the County Commissioners upon a request from representatives of the Marion Parent-Teacher association and the Marion City Schools board. The purpose of the proposed plan was to reduce the teacher load in the city schools.

FIRE DESTROYS GILLIAM HOUSE NEAR OLD FORT

Old Fort.—Fire destroyed the old Gilliam property on the outskirts of town Sunday at dawn attracting scores of persons to the scene.

The eight-room, two-story dwelling on the old Chimney Rock road, one of the best-known homes in this area, had been occupied for two years by Mr. and Mrs. Bryant McIntire. Also residing there were their son and daughter-in-law and daughter and son-in-law.

The fire was said to have originated in an upper room, probably from defective wiring. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

Pleasant Gardens PTA To Meet Tonight

The April meeting of the Pleasant Gardens Parent-Teacher association will be held in the school auditorium this evening. Parents will be guests of the school at an "open house" observance.

Misses Lula Hicks and Ola Wall, first grade teachers, will direct a Spring Pageant.

Mrs. James T. Miller, Mrs. R. K. Davis and R. L. Wiggins, principal, will present the Glee club of 45 voices in a group of popular and semi-popular songs.

Following the program, teachers will be hosts to the parents at a most informal reception. All classrooms will be open to the public and recent project work of the pupils will be on display.