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Inspection Lane To Open Next Week

MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION LANE TO BE OPERATED ON LOGAN STREET

State Program Requires That All Motor Vehicles Pass State Inspection

The North Carolina Mechanical Inspection Lane Number 4, which serves Henderson, Polk, McDowell and Rutherford counties, will be opened here next week.

Under the Motor Vehicle Mechanical Program, each motor vehicle registered in North Carolina must be inspected once during 1948 and twice a year thereafter.

The Number Four Lane will be operated on North Logan street, between the First Methodist church corner and the point where North Logan street intersects Highway 70. Demonstration inspections will be held Wednesday through Friday for public-owned vehicles and garage operators. Beginning Saturday the lane will be open for the inspection of privately-owned vehicles.

The inspection program calls for the establishment and full-time operation of 36 lanes throughout the state. Each lane is portable and will be transported from place to place in order to reach all vehicle owners. The schedules for these lanes take them through July.

The State Department of Motor Vehicles urges motorists to have cars examined as soon as possible.

Through March 15, the department said, 774,538 motor vehicles were registered in the state, an increase of 46,398 over the same period last year.

Plans Completed For Orchestra Drive

The drive to raise funds for the North Carolina Symphony Society was launched in Marion on Monday, April 12. With a \$1,000.00 goal, the drive will raise the money necessary to bring the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra to Marion in 1948. The drive will end Saturday, April 17.

Final plans for the drive were laid at a meeting of interested persons at the home of Mrs. S. R. Cross, chairman of the Symphony Committee for this community, Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Cross stated that the chief purpose of the Symphony Committee in sponsoring the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra here is to provide the school children of Marion with an opportunity of hearing the excellent program this orchestra gives each year.

RUTHERFORDTON-SPINDALE WILL PLAY RIPPERS HERE

The Marion Rippers will play their first home game with Rutherfordton-Spindale school here at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, April 20, Coach Art Ditt said yesterday.

Marion's great left-hander, Billy Jo Davidson, is slated to open the home season for the Rippers. Don Clayton, the Ripper's other good pitcher, has not been practicing with the team because he is not in school. Coach Ditt said if Clayton would return to school and resume baseball practice, the Rippers would have a pitcher's staff second to none. He said Pace, Biddix and Rader are leading the high school at the plate.

RIPPER SCHEDULE

April 23—Canton at Marion.
April 27—Hendersonville at Marion.
May 3—Shelby at Shelby.
May 4—Hickory at Marion.
May 7—Granite Falls at Granite Falls.
May 11—Granite Falls at Marion.
May 14—Shelby at Marion.
May 18—Hendersonville at Hendersonville.
May 21—Canton at Marion.

Candidate



GUY CHEEK, above, of West Marion, has announced his candidacy for the office of Constable of Marion Township in the Democratic Primary to be held May 29. Cheek is a native of McDowell county, and has been engaged in the plumbing business for the past 15 years.

EPISCOPAL MEN'S CLUB MEETS MONDAY

Rev. Ralph K. Webster, rector of St. Francis Episcopal church in Rutherfordton, was the guest speaker at the Supper Meeting of the Men's club of St. John's Episcopal church last Monday evening at the community building.

In his opening remarks the speaker said men have lost sight of the underlying principles of how man should live. That Principal, ultimately, lies in the fact that life has eternal or spiritual value, as well as worldly values. Man can find security only as he conforms and lives in accordance with it, he said. "All life has a higher purpose which is important and visible and involves an attitude toward life, or an outlook on life, which even prehistoric man recognized. Neanderthal man who lived in the mid-palaeolithic period following the ice age, recognized the eternal purpose of life."

He cited the fact that their dead were buried with great ceremonial and with their implements for a resurrected life as evidence of this (Continued on last page)

Annual Baptist Spring Meeting To Be Held Sunday

The Blue Ridge Baptist Association's Annual Spring Meeting is to be held at the First Baptist church on Sunday, April 18, at 2:30 p. m., Rev. M. O. Owens, pastor, announced this week. Dr. H. H. Stembidge, pastor of the First Baptist church of Forest City, will be the principal speaker. The program is as follows: Song Service, led Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Price.

Devotions, Rev. Marvin Dameron. Roll Call of the churches, responding with reports of work done, or items of interest.

Practical Associational Matters, Rev. R. I. Corbett and Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr.

Report of the Associational Missionary.

Special Music by the East Marion church.

Future Plans of the Association—The Training Union Enlargement Campaign, Kermit Fender; Vacation Bible Schools and Summer Work, Dr. Henry Walden; The County-Wide Baptist Revival Meeting, Rev. C. C. Cross.

Hymn. Inspirational Missionary Message, Dr. H. H. Stembidge.

Adjournment.

Service Station Robbery Thursday

Lewis Allen Young, colored, was arrested by local police Friday morning in connection with the robbery of Max's Amoco Service. He was given a hearing in County Court Tuesday morning and bound over to the June term of Superior Court. Bond was set at \$750.

According to a statement by Chief of Police D. W. Smith, the night policemen were making their patrol last Thursday night and found entrance had been made into Max's Amoco Service Station on North Garden street, through a rear window of a wash room. Further investigation disclosed that the door leading from the wash room into the service station had been pried open. Smith also said the Coca-Cola machine had been pried open and contents of the cash box were removed.

William Wood, Ben Hendley and Ray Lewis, night police, notified Max Lentz, owner.

Lewis Allen Young, former employee of the service station was placed under arrest and FBI Agent Lewis Tappen, of Burnsville, recorded fingerprints and footprints Friday morning.

Young confessed that he entered Max's Amoco Service and carried away money and merchandise amounting to more than \$50, Chief of Police Smith said.

Education Official Visits City Schools

C. W. Blanchard, Director of Division of Operation of Plant of the State Department of Education, was in Marion yesterday and visited the Marion City Schools.

According to an announcement from Hugh Beam, superintendent of the Marion City Schools, Blanchard discussed various items relative to the operation of plant. He was particularly concerned about the supply of coal that might be available next year but gave assurance that he would begin shipping fuel at the earliest possible date.

K. L. Dingler Accepts Position At Tainter's

Kenneth L. Dingler, of Mooresville, has accepted a position as pharmacist at Tainter's Drug Store and began work here this week.

He graduated from the University of North Carolina and was licensed in 1946. After serving three and one-half years in the U. S. Navy, he received honorable discharge as Pharmacist's Mate First Class, and accepted a position at Wood Drug Company in Winston-Salem until he came to Marion.

Mrs. Dingler and their two children will join him here within the next few weeks.

Seagle Injured By Falling Tree

Jack Seagle is receiving treatment at the Marion General Hospital for a fractured skull resulting from an injury received Monday when a tree fell on him at the Raymond Seagle saw mill on Highway 70 between Marion and Morganton. He was reported improving yesterday.

Seagle was said to have been cutting timber for the mill when the incident occurred.

POTEAT'S BODY FOUND SUNDAY BY FISHERMEN

The body of John W. Poteat, 65, who had been missing for eight days, was found Sunday in Yancey lake.

J. D. Wall and Kenneth Young, who were fishing in the lake, found the body. Sheriff Clarence M. Pool, after an investigation, reported that there were bruises on the face.

Coroner S. J. Westmoreland held an inquest Wednesday with the following jury: Kenneth Young, J. D. Wall, R. L. Gardin, J. L. Poteat, G. G. Gladden and Mitchell Chapman.

Mr. Poteat is survived by the widow, Mrs. Mary Haynes Poteat; five sons, Ernest, D. Lee, Arthur, Clyde and Lloyd Poteat, and seven grandchildren, all of Marion.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Chapel Hill Baptist church.

Annual WMU Meeting To Be Held April 28th

The annual Woman's Missionary Union meeting will be held at Harmony Grove Baptist church Wednesday, April 28, it is announced this week.

The theme for the day will be: "For Ye Serve The Lord Christ." Mrs. C. C. Parker, associational Woman's Missionary Union president, will preside.

The program includes the following guest speakers: Miss Nancy Cooper of China; Miss Hilda Mayo of Raleigh; Rev. Robert Lawrence, Mrs. Terry Smart of Forest City.

The following local speakers will also address the group: W. R. Chambers, moderator; Rev. Frank Robinson, Mrs. M. O. Owens, Jr., Mrs. D. M. Demeron, Mrs. Virgil Bradburn, Mrs. C. Y. Banning, Mrs. A. G. Bright, Mrs. J. F. Parker, Rev. L. G. Redding, Mrs. Loyd Cuthbertson and Mrs. C. C. Cross.

Gowan Reelected Chairman County Election Board

The members of the McDowell county board of elections recently appointed by the state board met at the court house last Saturday. Miss Edna Allison, assistant clerk of court, administered the oath of office to the three members of the board, T. W. Gowan, Roy W. Davis and W. H. Hawkins. Gowan was re-elected chairman of the board and secretary.

Registrars and judges for the May 29 primary will be named at a meeting of the board next Saturday.

April 17, at 6 p. m., is the deadline for filing notices of candidacy with the county board of elections.

The chairman announced that candidates for county or township offices may file notice of candidacy with him at the clerk's office Saturday.

Rocky Mountain Goats On Display

The mounted heads of two Rocky Mountain goats killed by Cato Holler and S. W. Blanton last September are on display in the window of Holler's Market.

The hunters were above the timber line in the mountains of British Columbia when they succeeded in killing two mountain goats each. Rocky Mountain goats are the most difficult of any North American game to kill.

Teen Age Canteen To Open April 24

JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB SPONSORS OF YOUTH RECREATION PROJECT

Speaker



A. JUDSON BURRELL, evangelist, will conduct a series of evangelistic meetings at the First Baptist church here April 25-May 5, Rev. M. O. Owens, pastor, announced this week. Services will be held at 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. daily.

SCOUT COURT OF HONOR HELD FRIDAY NIGHT

Two Star Scout and two Life Scout ranks were awarded at the McDowell County Boy Scout Court of Honor held at the First Methodist church here last Friday night.

William Wilson, troop 6, and Wayne Bradburn, troop 4, received the Star Scout award and Arnold Pyatt, troop 6, Marion, and Frank English, troop 1, Ashford, received Life Scout awards.

Other advancements were made as follows:

Tenderfoot—Earl Hollifield and Avery Haney, troop 1; William Threnoid Morrow and Robert Jarrett, troop 2; Donald Rumpf, troop 4, Marion; Larry Crawford and Eugene Bradley, troop 1, Ashford.

Second Class—Cecil McCormick, troop 1; Ray McCurry, Bobby Morris and Max Wall, troop 6, Marion; Charles Cox, troop 1, Ashford.

First Class—John Owensby, troop 6, Marion.

MERIT BADGES

Athletics—William Wilson, troop 6, and Frank English, troop 1, Ashford.

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Marion Junior Women To Sponsor Youth Center As Major Project Of Year

The Marion Junior Woman's club will open a Teen-Age Canteen in the community building here Saturday night, April 24, Mrs. E. W. Parker, Jr., president, announced this week.

Although the Canteen is under the sponsorship of the Junior Women as a major project, other civic clubs of Marion are also assisting in the project. The Advisory Board is comprised of the following representatives of local organizations: Colin Wright, Kiwanis club; Charles Mills, Rotary; Dula Hawkins, Francis Marion club; Mrs. Wade Britt and Mrs. Robert Teeter, Junior Woman's club, and Rev. M. O. Owens, McDowell County Ministerial association.

The purpose of the plan is to provide wholesome recreation for the young people of McDowell county. Those eligible include students of school ages through the twelfth grade. Present plans call for the center to be open Tuesday and Saturday nights and chaperones will be provided.

Mrs. Parker explained that there will be no canvass nor solicitations, but anyone who has chairs, card tables, or any odd pieces of furniture to lend or contribute to the center is asked to notify Mrs. Parker. Victrola records are also needed and cash donations are acceptable and would provide for more varied forms of recreation.

The Canteen will be operated in the basement of the community building and will be launched on a small scale with the teen-agers directing their own forms of entertainment, but with chaperones serving in an advisory capacity.

Theatre Installs Air Conditioning

The installation of an air-conditioning system for the Marion Theatre should be completed by the end of this week, according to announcement by theatre officials yesterday.

The work was begun about four weeks ago and only a few minor adjustments are yet to be made. The system will provide comfort for patrons during the summer months and eliminate the noise of a fan.

Marauders To Open Pre-Season Exhibition Schedule Tonight

MARION CITY SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE FRIDAY

Schools of the Marion City System will close all day Friday, April 16, to permit faculty members to attend the annual state meeting of the North Carolina Education association in Asheville, H. F. Beam, superintendent of Marion City Schools, announced Wednesday.

Inasmuch as this is not a regular holiday, the day's work will have to be made up at a later date, Beam said.

Indications are that Marion teachers will attend the meeting approximately one hundred per cent, he added.

BUILDING PERMIT

The Town of Marion has issued a building permit to S. B. Moore to construct a metal frame dwelling on Lail street. Cost was estimated at \$800.

Tonight at 8 o'clock at the high school baseball park, the Marion Marauders will open their pre-season exhibition schedule. The strong North Wilkesboro aggregation from the Blue Ridge League will be on hand to test the mettle of Wes Ferrell's proteges. The baseball fans of Marion will have the opportunity tonight to glean some idea of what will be in store for them in the baseball world for the incoming season.

J. C. Rabb, business manager of the Marion baseball team, announces the following pre-season exhibition home game schedule.

April 15—North Wilkesboro
April 17—Beacon Mills
April 21—Lenoir Rhyne College
April 23—Forest City
April 28—Marion High School

Each of the above mentioned games will be called promptly at 8 p. m. The North Wilkesboro team is expected to make the going tough inasmuch as this team is one of the leading pennant contenders of the (Continued on last page)