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Billy Ray Woody Fatally Injured In Head-On Auto Collision Friday

THREE OTHER PERSONS INVOLVED;
TWO SUFFER SERIOUS INJURIES

Gossett and Finley
In Veterans Hospital
In Johnson City, Tenn.

Billy Ray Woody, 18, was fatally injured in an automobile accident at Clinchfield last Friday morning and died at the Marion General Hospital Friday afternoon. Others injured were Lester Harbey, who received minor injuries and was dismissed shortly after he was taken to the hospital; James Gossett and James Finley, said to be "seriously" injured, according to the attending physician, were transferred to the Veterans Hospital in Johnson City last Saturday.

According to a statement by State Highway Patrolman J. T. Jolly, who investigated, the head-on collision occurred about eight o'clock Friday morning on a road leading from highway 70 to the office of the Clinchfield Manufacturing company. He said Lester Harbey was driving a '43 Ford truck, owned by Yates Miller, and Billy Woody was driving a '35 Ford Sedan, owned by Bobby Hensley. Others in the car with Woody were James Gossett and James Finley.

WEST MARION PTA ELECTS OFFICERS

Officers of the West Marion Parent-Teacher association were elected at a meeting last Thursday as follows:

Mrs. Poly Fox, president; Mrs. W. C. Burgin, vice president; Mrs. Frank Mode, secretary, and Mrs. Bruce Cameron, treasurer.

Mrs. Poly Fox was elected a delegate to the P. T. A. conference to be held in Greensboro in June, and Mrs. W. C. Burgin was elected alternate.

Plans were made to sponsor a chicken supper Tuesday, June 1, at the school.

Miss Clara Hemphill, principal and bride elect, was given a vote of appreciation for her contributions to the school while serving as principal. She was also presented a gift of six pieces of crystal in her chosen pattern.

Marion Post Office To Be Closed Monday

The Marion post office will be closed next Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day, it was announced yesterday by Postmaster John Finley.

To prevent sticky knives or scissors when cutting marshmallows or fruit, rub the blades with butter; or dip in hot water at frequent intervals.

HENRY ACCEPTS BISHOP'S POST FOR WEST N. C.

Rev. M. George Henry, Rector of Christ Church, Charlotte, announced at a special called meeting of the vestry of the church Sunday night that he had accepted the bishopric of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Western North Carolina, to which he was elected May 14.

Mr. Henry will remain with Christ church probably until the early fall, it was stated, as his election and acceptance must be approved by a majority of the bishops of the Episcopal church, and he must be consecrated before taking over the bishopric.

Marion Women's Brother Drowns

John Roland Ridings, 14, of Arkwright, S. C., brother of Mrs. Lillian Lewis and Miss Sybil Ridings of Marion, was drowned Sunday afternoon in the Arkwright Mill Pond.

County Detective George Pruette said Kenneth Petty, 14, of Arkwright, told him he and John were sitting on the bank of the unfenced pond near the dam.

He told Pruette that John told him he was going to jump into the pond, and, if he had any trouble, for the Petty boy to jump in and help him.

Kenneth said he warned him against going in since John could not swim. John jumped into the 15 feet of water and then began struggling for the bank. Kenneth said he jumped in and John grabbed him about the neck. He broke away from John's grasp and was barely able to get to land himself before John went under. Kenneth's two brothers heard the boys struggling and ran to aid them, but arrived too late.

John was pronounced dead on arrival at General Hospital in Arkwright.

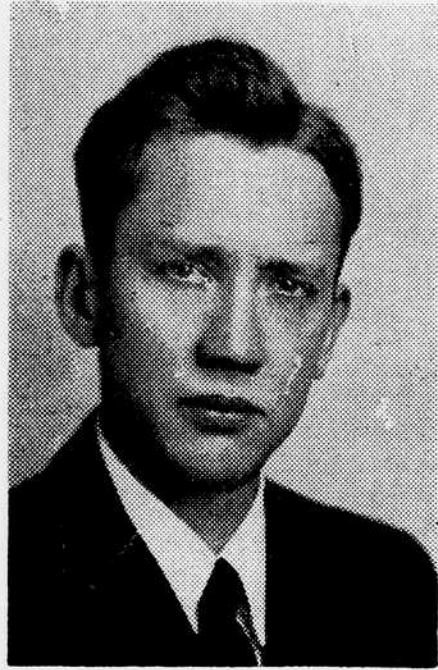
Miss Sybil Ridings is manager of the Marion Self Service grocery on South Main street.

Hen House Destroyed By Fire Sunday

A tile, block chicken house and 400 hens were burned Sunday morning at the Burgin Hatchery on Highway 70, about seven miles west of Marion.

According to a statement by the owners the building was a total loss and another hen house nearby was also damaged by the blaze which was discovered between 4:30 and 5:00 a. m.

The hatchery and the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Burgin, owners, were not damaged, it was stated.



REV. CHARLES FRENZEL

Rev. Charles Frenzel Will Be Installed At St. Matthews Sunday

Reverend Charles Frenzel will be installed as pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church at a special service to be held at the church at 3:30 p. m. next Sunday. Rev. E. G. Runge, pastor of the First Lutheran church of Asheville, will deliver the installation sermon.

Sunday school will be held as usual, but the 11 o'clock worship service will be omitted, according to announcement Monday.

Members and friends of St. Matthews are invited to attend a social hour in the Hut immediately after the service. The Ladies Missionary Society will be hostesses.

A number of Lutherans from nearby towns and cities are expected to attend the installation service.

The Rev. and Mrs. Frenzel and family will arrive in Marion the latter part of this week. They have three children: Eulalia Grace, born in 1944, Faith Carolyn, born in 1945, and a son born a few weeks ago.

They come to Marion from Paris, Illinois. The Minister was born and reared in St. Louis, Missouri. He attended Concordia College at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and received his theological degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He attended the graduate school of Washington University, St. Louis; and served as instructor at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill.

He vicared in St. John's Church of Bloomfield, New Jersey, and served as pastor of Grace church in Dieterrich and Grace church, Paris, Illinois.

New Floor Laid At Belk Broom Co.

A new covering for the floor of Belk Broome company here is nearing completion. The new surface is of Mar-flex, a composition of plastic magnesia.

V. T. Eckerd, manager of Belk Broome company, said the flooring is one of the most modern types of flooring made.

Scott Is Scheduled For Visit Here Today

W. Kerr Scott, candidate for Governor, will spend a while in Marion Thursday afternoon to confer with friends, en route to Asheville, it was stated yesterday by W. P. Elliott, campaign manager for McDowell county.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY SATURDAY EXPECTED TO DRAW LARGE VOTE; COUNTY TICKET HAS 13 CANDIDATES

MARION RIPPERS CLOSE SEASON WITH TWO WINS

Throwing their one-two punch of Davidson and Clayton, the Marion High baseballers closed their season with a bang—a season which saw the Rippers winning 11 and losing 3; one loss to Boyden High A. A. Salisbury school. The other two defeats came when Davidson and Clayton were on the injured list. Had these two boys been ready for the season's openers, Marion, perhaps, would be Conference Champs.

Wednesday night, the Rippers took on the undefeated Hickory High Tornados and behind the two hit pitching of Davidson, shut them out 7-0 with Billy Joe striking out 24 batters. The Rippers started with a bang in their half of the first inning. With two out, Leonard and Rader walked, bringing up Don Clayton who hit a long triple to right centerfield, scoring the two runners. Davidson struck out the first 12 batters. In the 5th inning, Hickory made their first bid; with bases full (the result of an error, walk and hit) and no one out, Cliff Leonard, Ripper first baseman, made a circus catch of Mitchel's line drive to right field, doubling Hemphill off of first base. Shook then went down swinging, to retire the side.

In the 6th inning, with bases full, Frank Pace drove out a triple to score 3 runs and put the Rippers further in the lead. Hickory was unable to do much with Davidson's slants the rest of the game. In the 7th a hit and error and fielder's choice gave the Rippers two more runs. Hickory was whipped—the first time in eleven starts—thanks to Cliff Leonard for his great catch—Frank Pace and Don Clayton for their triples with men on base and Billy Joe's masterful pitching.

Saturday night the Rippers entertained Canton High school in the season's closing game—winning 9-2, with Don Clayton winning his fifth straight game. Clayton struck out 23 batters and allowed 3 hits.

Again Marion opened in the first inning. Biddix walked, Pace was safe on a fielder's choice. Leonard sacrificed them to 3rd and 2nd. Here Rader came through with a single scoring two runs. Canton scored in their half of the third on a walk and two errors. In the bottom of the 5th the Rippers struck for two more runs on successive hits by Leonard.

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Francis Marion Club Horse Show Set For June 18-19

The Francis Marion club will sponsor its annual Horse Show here on June 18-19, according to announcement by H. T. Conley, manager.

The show this year will be open for entries from other counties and states. It has been estimated that probably 85 horses will be exhibited, including a few champions, and entries are expected from Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and other nearby states.

There will be 32 classes and six trophies will be awarded, Conley said. In addition a number of cash prizes will also be awarded. Some of the top awards listed were: \$300 for winners in the five-gaited championship, \$100 for winners in each of the fine harness, roadster and three-gaited, pony championship classes.

There will be three performances. The first will be at eight o'clock, Friday night, June 18, the second, Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, and the final show Saturday night at eight o'clock.

Interest in the May 29 Primary increases with only two more days remaining, much activity is being manifested by the candidates and their friends. Challenge Day, as usual, passed off quietly last Saturday.

Registration was reported to have shown a decided increase during the past two weeks and indications are that a large vote will be cast next Saturday.

On the State ticket interest centers in the race for Governor with Johnson and Scott waging a spirited campaign in this county.

The county ticket is headed by Roy Davis, local attorney, as candidate for the Legislature. He is opposed by Horace J. Hall, who was a candidate for the State Senate in 1946.

Candidates on the Democratic ticket having no opposition are: Jay E. English, Member of the Board of Education; M. V. Snypes, surveyor; Fred Z. Kuykendall, Justice of the Peace, Marion township; Allie Y. Lytle, constable of Montfords Cove township.

Candidates for other county offices are:

Clerk of Superior Court—Roy C. (Dee) Hensley and S. Dysart Martin, incumbent.

Register of Deeds—Miss Ruth Lackey, incumbent; Mrs. Julia M. Stanley and H. H. Brown.

County Commissioners—C. A. Workman, incumbent; R. L. McKinis, G. Watson Wilson, R. L. (Bob) James, W. H. Norris and John W. Dobbins.

Mark Toney and Allen (Pig) Hall are candidates for constable of Nebo township.

The polls will open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m.

Kiwanis Club To Send Gourley To Convention

Prior to the meeting of the Kiwanis club Tuesday evening, a group picture was made in front of the community building in its plan for the send off of Kiwanian J. L. Gourley, who will leave next Monday on a cross country trip to Los Angeles, California to attend the International Convention of Kiwanis.

Vernon Eckerd, president of the club, presided at the meeting. A large number of Kiwanians and their guests were present.

The program was in charge of Garfield Beaman who presented a movie covering the entire seven games of the 1947 World Series.

CANNERY BURNED

The cannery at the Glenwood school was completely destroyed by fire last Friday afternoon. The frame building which housed the cannery was located back of the school.

NCEA OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR NAMED WEDNESDAY

The local unit of the North Carolina Education association held its final meeting of the year in the form of a picnic at the Marion Lake club Wednesday evening. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

Mrs. Carl Gibson, president, Mrs. Fred Morris, vice-president, and Miss Elizabeth Wylie, secretary-treasurer.

Names of the candidates were read by Mrs. G. B. Finley, member of the nominating committee, and election was by a unanimous vote.

After the business session, Mrs. G. W. Giles, president, turned the meeting over to Miss Ruth Greenlee, chairman of the International Relations committee. Mrs. I. A. Holland, Miss Janie Tucker and Miss Clara Hemphill, serving with Miss Greenlee on the committee, were responsible for arrangements for the picnic-supper. Supper was served in the club house to about 90 persons, including members of the N. C. E. A., their husbands, wives, friends and invited guests.

Mrs. Giles and Miss Greenlee were presented corsages as gifts from the faculty of Clinchfield school.

After the supper music and games featured the evening's entertainment.

Pleasant Gardens Junior Glee Club Entertains Rotarians

The Junior Glee Club of Pleasant Gardens School, under the direction of Miss Zelma Atwell, rendered several selections at the regular meeting of the Marion Rotary club last Friday.

The Club of 36 voices was presented to Rotarians by J. R. Jameson, program chairman. In addition to group singing, a number of solos were also rendered.

Gordon Morris and Mac Jay were awarded 100 per cent attendance buttons.

Arthur Price, high school honor student, was a guest of the club. L. D. Adkins had Dick Winesett and Chuck Ferguson, members of the Marauders ball team, as his guests. Ken Beachboard, of Forest City, was the guest of David Gray.

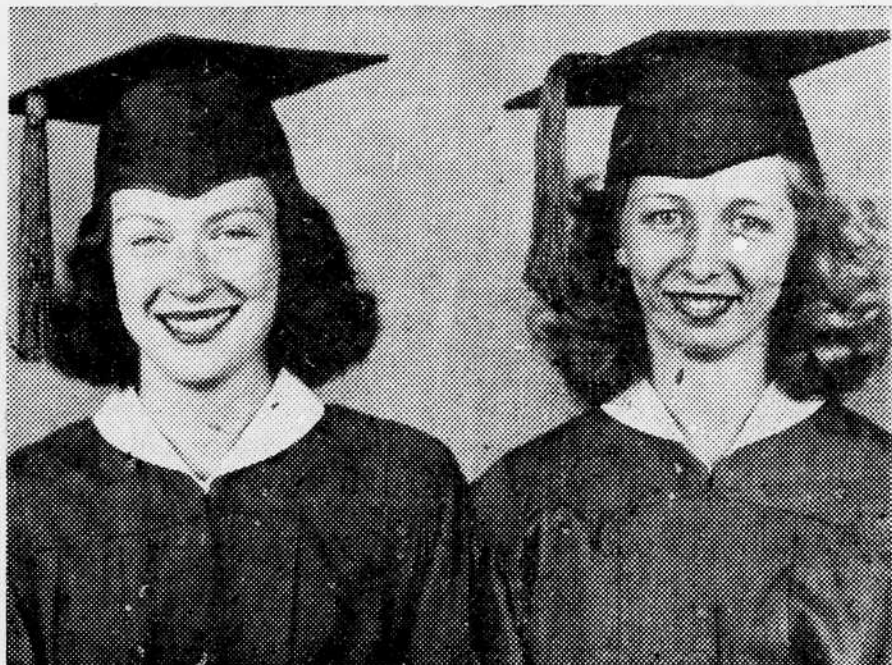
FROZEN FOOD DEMONSTRATION

A frozen food demonstration will be conducted in the office of Miss Jean Steele, county agent, at two o'clock, Friday, May 28, by W. B. Parker, according to recent announcement.

Honor Students



ACHIEVE SCHOLASTIC HONORS—Miss Pansy Biddix, left, is valedictorian of Pleasant Gardens School with an average of 95. Miss Evelyn Cooper, right, is salutatorian with an average of 93. Miss Biddix is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Biddix and Miss Cooper is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper.



CO-VALEDICTORIANS — Joanne McGhee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. McGhee of North Cove and Betty Jean Conley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thad Conley of Marion, Route 3, are co-valedictorians of the graduating class of North Cove High School. Henry Sewell Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rom Brown of Ashford, is salutatorian.