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HOGAN AND PYATT ARE PROMOTED BY FEDERATION

Britt Hogan, assistant manager of the Old Fort warehouse of the Farmers Federation, has been named manager of the store to succeed Neal Pyatt, it has been announced by James G. K. McClure, president of the federation.

Pyatt has been promoted to assistant manager of the hardware department of the federation at Asheville which serves all warehouses in the hardware and farm implement line, McClure pointed out.

Hogan is a native of Old Fort. He is the son of James Hogan and was connected with the Old Fort Cash Store for two years previous to entering the armed forces. After serving three years in the army, Hogan returned to accept a position with the Smith Furniture company, where he was employed until May 1 of this year. At that time he accepted the position as assistant manager of the Farmers Federation warehouse in Old Fort.

Hogan has invited his many friends to stop in and see him in his new capacity as manager and has promised the very best of service to all. His new position becomes effective June 1.

Installation Rites For Rev. Frenzel Held Last Sunday

Seven Lutheran clergymen were present Sunday afternoon at the installation service of Rev. Charles Frenzel as pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church of Marion.

Rev. E. G. Runge of Asheville, visitor of the circuit, was in charge of the service and also preached the sermon. He had chosen as his text I Thessalonians 2-13 "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because when ye received the word of God, which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God."

Rev. C. O. Smith of Conover, who had served the congregation as guest preacher during the past months, was the liturgist in charge of the worship and prayers. Other clergymen who took part in the installation ceremony and the laying on of hands were: Rev. E. A. Brockmann of Rutherfordton; Rev. Richard Lineberger of Conover; Rev. Lynn Rittmann of Hickory, and Rev. J. L. Summers of Charlotte.

The church council and Rev. Frenzel made these public promises in the service. Rev. Frenzel said: "With the help of God I will preach the pure word of God in accordance with the confessions of the Lutheran Church and adorn the doctrine of our Saviour with a godly and holy life." The church council responded by promising: "We are willing to receive our pastor as a minister of God and to show toward him such love, honor and fit obedience in the Lord as are due on overseer and guide placed over us by the Lord Jesus Christ."

The members of the council who thus spoke for the local congregation were: Messrs. Poly Fox, H. L. Fox, Herbert Hall, Richard Shaw, (Continued on last page)



MISS RUTH LACKEY led the race for Register of Deeds of McDowell county. She is the daughter of the late Z. L. Lackey, former Register of Deeds, and Mrs. Lackey of Old Fort.

FUNERAL RITES HELD MONDAY FOR A. E. NEAL

A. Elisha Neal, 74, died early Sunday morning after a brief illness. Funeral services were conducted at the First Presbyterian church Monday afternoon by the pastor, Dr. Carl McMurray, assisted by the Rev. James McLarty. Burial was in the family plot in Oak Grove cemetery. Pallbearers were deacons of the church.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Belle Tate Neal, and one niece, Miss Mary Belle Blackburn, who has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Neal since childhood; two sisters, Mrs. A. C. Garden and Mrs. James Brown of Glenwood, and one brother, John B. Neal of Charlotte.

Mr. Neal was born and reared in the Glenwood community of McDowell county. He moved to Marion when a young man and was employed at J. D. Blanton's Department store for many years. For the past thirty years he has been in charge of Clinchfield Manufacturing store at Clinchfield.

Kiwanis Lt. Governor Pays Official Visit To Marion Kiwanians

Harry Barber of Hendersonville, Lt. Governor of Division Number 1 of the Carolinas District, made an official visit to the Marion Kiwanis club at its weekly meeting held Tuesday evening at the community building.

Lt. Governor Barber spoke briefly to the club complimenting the attendance committee on its recent achievement of 100 per cent attendance for the month of April. The speaker also congratulated the club on its splendid record of achievement during the first half of the year.

Ray Cline was in charge of the program and called on S. L. Homewood to introduce the speaker. Homewood advised the Kiwanians (Continued on last page)

McDOWELL CAST LIGHT VOTE IN PRIMARY LAST SATURDAY

DAVIS DEFEATS HALL FOR HOUSE; MARTIN DEFEATS HENSLEY FOR CSC

Miss Lackey Leads In Race For Register of Deeds; Wilson Heads Commissioners' Race

The Democratic Primary passed off quietly last Saturday with a comparatively light vote cast throughout the county. Returns show that 3,110 votes were cast, compared with 4,265 cast two years ago.

Local voters conformed generally to the pattern of the state-wide choices with the exception of the senatorial race in which Senator William B. Umstead carried McDowell by a small majority, but lost to ex-Governor J. M. Broughton in the state returns.

For Congress of the 11th district C. O. Ridings polled 1439 votes in McDowell against Representative A. L. Bulwinkle for re-election. Unofficial returns from 126 of the 158 precincts Tuesday gave Bulwinkle 11,120 to Ridings 9,706.

In a strictly local contest, Roy W. Davis defeated Horace J. Hall 1949 to 1161 for the North Carolina House of Representatives.

S. Dysart Martin defeated Roy C. Hensley 2,134 to 974 for Clerk of Court.

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U. S. Senator: Broughton, 1,306; Umstead, 1,409.

Governor: Johnson, 1,685; Barker, 53; Boyd, 25; Scott, 1,007; Stanley, 31; Albright, 349.

Lieutenant Governor: Taylor, 1,889; Tompkins, 702.

State Auditor: Bridges, 1,290; Miller, 1,183.

Secretary of State: Eure, 1,241; Armstrong, 1,455.

State Treasurer: Hodges, 1,988; Frazelle, 211; Vogler, 447.

Labor Commissioner: Shuford, 1,873; Sherrill, 665.

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DYSART MARTIN polled 2,134 votes in the race for Clerk of Superior Court which was 1,160 more than his opponent, Roy C. (Dee) Hensley.

HORSE SHOW PRIZE LIST ANNOUNCED

The official prize list for the 1948 Marion Horse Show, June 18-19, sponsored by the Francis Marion club, has been announced by H. T. Conley, manager, as follows:

FIVE GAITED DIVISION

Stake, first prize \$100; second \$75; third \$50; fourth \$35; fifth \$25; sixth \$15, and seventh, ribbon.

Amateur: first \$40; second \$30; third \$15; fourth \$10; fifth \$5; sixth ribbon.

Mare: first \$15; second \$10; third \$5; fourth ribbon.

Stallion and gelding: first \$15; second \$10; third \$5; fourth ribbon.

Junior and Novice: first \$15; second \$10; third \$5, and fourth ribbon.

Ladies: first \$10; second \$5; third \$3, and fourth \$2.

Local: first trophy; second, third and fourth ribbon.

THREE GAITED DIVISION
Stake: first \$65; second \$50; third \$35; fourth \$25; fifth \$15 and sixth \$10.

Amateur: first \$40; second \$30; third \$15; fourth \$10; fifth \$5, and sixth ribbon.

15.2 and under: first \$15; second \$10; third \$5; fourth ribbon.

Over 15.2: first \$15; second \$10; third \$5; fourth ribbon.

Model: first \$10; second \$5; third \$3; fourth \$2.

Local: first, trophy; second, third and fourth ribbon.

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Russell Injured In Auto Mishap

Charlie Russell was treated at the Marion General Hospital this week for injuries received in an auto collision at the intersection of Garden and Court streets, according to a statement by local police.

Lucius Randall was driving a White Gasoline truck south on Garden street and W. E. Roberson was headed north on Garden street when both vehicles started to turn east into Court street and collided head-on at the intersection, police said.

Russell, who was riding in the 1933 Chevrolet with Roberson, was injured when his head struck the pavement as he fell from the automobile, it was stated.

SUPERIOR COURT TO OPEN HERE NEXT MONDAY

The June term of McDowell County Superior Court will convene here Monday, June 7, with Judge J. H. Clement, of Walkertown, presiding.

Both criminal and civil cases will be on the docket for the two weeks term.

John Morgan will face murder charges in connection with the death of Bruce Jack Piercy, who was shot May 13 near Ashford.

Lester Brown will also face murder charges in connection with the death of George R. Morgan.

Morgan was shot at the home of Brown in Morehead City last January. He underwent operation for a heart wound at the Marion General hospital, but died six days later.

Ralph Paterson, Guy Lewis and Frank Davis are charged with "assault with deadly weapon, to wit a knife, causing injury to Leroy Hogan." Bill Davis is charged with, "engaging in affray in which deadly weapons were used, to wit a knife, causing serious injury to Leroy Hogan."

Hogan was stabbed on Saturday night, May 1, after leaving a Clinchfield cafe.

Francis Jackson will be tried on four counts of "breaking and entering" the A. Blanton Grocery company, Southern Railway Freight office, Seagle's Feed Store and the Mary Lynn Shop.

Other "breaking and entering" cases on the docket are: John Daniel Twitty and Sammie Carson, "breaking and entering the Gulf Oil company," and Lewis Allen Young, "breaking and entering the service station belonging to Max Lentz." E. H. Clontz and George W. Howell, "breaking and entering" the McCurry Hosiery Mill.

The case of Claude McKinney, "assault Norman Lattimore with deadly weapon to wit a knife with intent to kill, inflicting serious bodily injury, but not death," is also on the docket.

A number of other cases are also scheduled for trial.

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Labor Department Honors Broyhill Furniture Company

Otis L. Broyhill Furniture Company was honored by the North Carolina Department of Labor for having reduced plant accidents by more than 40 per cent during the year 1947.

The honor was in the form of a Certificate of Safety Achievement, which was presented to Otis L. Broyhill, president, by George W. King, safety inspector representing the Department of Labor in the Lenoir District.

The safety achievement certificate cites Otis L. Broyhill Furniture Company an outstanding record in the field of accident prevention during 1947 and for efforts which "resulted in a substantial reduction of accidents and the promotion of safer working conditions, thereby contributing to the prevention of human suffering and curtailing economic waste."

POPPY SALE SHORT OF GOAL

The American Legion Auxiliary has received approximately \$525 from the sale of Poppies and Poppy seals, which is \$275 short of the quota, Mrs. Sam Proctor, county chairman, announced this week.

Mrs. Proctor urged all persons who have not responded to the appeal to purchase the seals, please do so at the earliest possible moment.

Wildlife Club To Meet June 14

The McDowell County Wildlife club will meet with the North Cove Men's club at eight o'clock, Monday night, June 14, according to announcement by S. L. Homewood, president.

Luther Skaggs, program chairman for the month of June, announces that a well known speaker will appear on the program.



County Commissioners

G. W. WILSON, left, polled the largest vote of any candidate in the Democratic primary here last Saturday with a total of 2,320 votes. C. A. Workman, center, and R. L. James, right, were also nominated for County Commissioners.

Merchants Meeting Is Postponed

The meeting of the Marion Merchants association scheduled for this evening has been postponed until a later date, Mrs. Ethel Crisp, executive secretary, announced yesterday.

The meeting will be held some time during the month of June, it was stated, and the date will be announced later.

NEW BUILDING

Grading for the construction of a mercantile building on South Main street, next to McDowell Cleaners, was started this week.

W. H. Norris announced his plans recently for the erection of a brick building, 28x60 feet.



ROY W. DAVIS was nominated for House of Representatives in the Democratic Primary here last Saturday.