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## Superior Court Finds Brown Not Guilty Of Murder Charge

### CRIMINAL TERM SUPERIOR COURT CONVENED HERE MONDAY

Lester Brown was found not guilty of the murder of George Morgan in Superior Court here yesterday.

The criminal term of McDowell County Superior Court opened here Monday with Judge J. H. Clement, of Walkertown, presiding.

Donald Finley plead nolo contendere to a charge of larceny of goods of value less than \$50. He was sentenced to be confined in the common jail of McDowell county for 12 months and assigned to work under supervision of the State Highway of Public Works commission.

Sam Carson plead guilty to a charge of breaking and entering the Gulf Oil company. He was sentenced to be confined in the common jail of McDowell for ten years and assigned to work under the supervision of the State Highway of Public Works commission.

John Twitty, charged with breaking and entering the Gulf Oil company, nol pros with leave.

George Howell plead not guilty to a charge of breaking and entering the McCurry Hosiery Mill and was sentenced to be confined in the McDowell county jail and assigned to work under the supervision of the State Highway and Public Works Commission for a period of two years.

E. C. Rogers plead guilty to giving a worthless check and was sentenced to be confined in McDowell county jail for three months and assigned to work on the highway under supervision of the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

Carl Freeman plead nolo contendere to embezzlement of money of Mr. Lonon, coal dealer. He was sentenced to be confined in the McDowell county jail four months and assigned to work under the supervision of the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

### MISS WILLIAMS IN RECITAL

Miss Dazelle Williams, of Charlotte, nine year old granddaughter of Mrs. W. C. McCall of Marion, was presented in recital at Queens college, May 18. She rendered a piano solo.

Invest in U. S. Savings Bonds.

## WINNERS OF EAST MARION YARD CONTEST ANNOUNCED

The fifth annual East Marion Yard Contest, sponsored by the Junior Woman's club of that community, closed May 31 and winners were announced by Mrs. James McCall, home economics teacher, as follows:

In the overseers contest, Mrs. J. B. Laughlin, winner of first place, and Mrs. James Wyatt, second, were awarded lawn furniture and shrubbery.

The first grand prize won by Mrs. Lewis Fender, was the remodeling of her home. Mrs. Carl Moody won second grand prize, Mrs. Kermit Fender, third, and Mrs. J. C. Daniels, fourth. Awards for the last three were lawn furniture and shrubbery.

The following persons are asked to call at the Carroll Baldwin hall for their prizes:

Mrs. Ralph Smith, Mrs. C. C. Cross, Mrs. Lloyd Broome, Mrs. Floyd Bruner, Mrs. Luther Honeycutt, Mrs. Walter Phillips, Mrs. Gannie Duncan, Mrs. Clarence Hopkins, Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, Mrs. Orin Greene, Mrs. Willard Toney, Mrs. Von Moody, Mrs. Carol Hall and Mrs. T. W. Goforth.

Judges for the contest this year were: Mrs. John Poteat, Mrs. Tate McCurry and Mrs. David Gray.

Mrs. McCall, who has directed the contest since it was started, said the yards were better this year than they had ever been.

Prizes were contributed by the Marion Manufacturing company.

## Two Injured Here Saturday Night

Marion police investigated two affairs here last Saturday night.

Bob Carter was released under bond of \$1,000 on a charge of assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill. Carter was arrested after Luther Silvers was shot in the legs. Police said they were told that Carter and Silvers had an argument at Bob's Cafe in Clinchfield and continued their discussion after they left the cafe in an automobile. The incident occurred near Tyler's Filling Station when they parked the car and stepped out to "settle the matter" and Silvers was shot. The bullet was said to have passed through both his legs. He received treatment at the Marion General hospital and was later transferred to Oteen.

The same evening Claude Poteat was arrested on charges of assault with a deadly weapon after Ed Harvey had suffered cuts on his arm. The incident occurred on South Main street. Poteat was released under bond of \$750 and will be given a hearing in county court here next Tuesday.

## Farm Meetings Scheduled For Next Week

McDowell county farmers are urged to attend one of a series of meetings to be held next week when a representative of the AAA and the county agents will be present to discuss current farm problems.

In making this announcement S. L. Homewood, county farm agent, said, special instruction will be given in balancing farm operations to meet maximum goals and utilizing improved methods in farming operations.

Other subjects to be outlined are: the proper use of lime and phosphorus. (Continued on last page)

## Finals Slated At Old Fort Friday Night

Old Fort. — Graduating exercises, which will conclude the commencement program for Old Fort school, will be held on Friday evening at the school auditorium at 8 o'clock.

P. L. Elliott, president of Gardner-Webb junior college, will deliver the address.

Diplomas will be presented to 22 seniors by N. F. Steppe, McDowell superintendent of schools. Music will be furnished by Patsy Swann Burgin, soloist, with Mrs. Lena Knupp, accompanist.

Superintendent Harry Swofford will make special awards. Iris Marie Young will give the valedictory address. The salutatory will be given by Melba Hicks.

## Postal Receipts Show Increase

Receipts of the Marion Post Office were \$325.83 more during the past month than in May, 1947, Postmaster John Finley said. Records showed the total last month was \$3,332.19 and in May, 1947 the total was \$3,006.36.

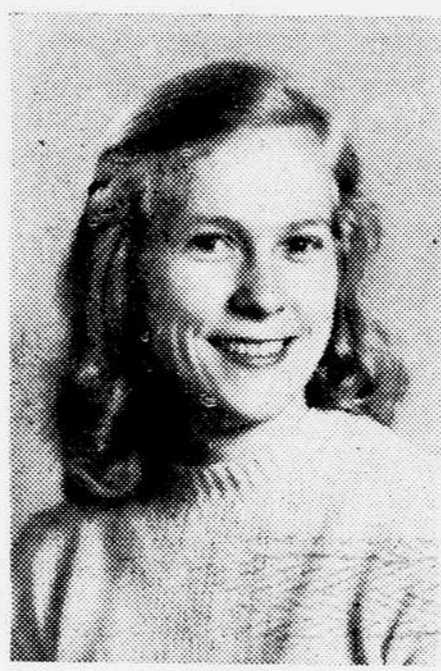
May bond sales were \$5,775 and postal savings increased \$330.

## NEBO HONOR STUDENTS



Miss Wilda Mae Jenkins, left daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jenkins of Nebo, is valedictorian of the graduating class at Nebo this year. Miss Leo Jarrett, right, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Garrett is salutatorian.

Wilda Mae has been a member of the Student Council for the past two years. She plans to attend Blanton's Business college. Leo is active in sports at the Nebo school. She has also been a member of the Student Council for the past two years and plans to enter Berea college next fall.



## BOY SCOUT FIELD DAY OBSERVED AT EAST MARION

McDowell County Boy Scouts observed annual Field Day at East Marion last Saturday with the following troops participating: Pleasant Gardens, number one; East Marion, number two; Clinchfield, number three; Cross Mill, number four; West Marion, number five; Marion, number six; Glenwood, number one; North Cove, number one.

Seventy-five Boy Scouts participated in the events of the day. The highest individual score was won by Bobbie Harris, troop five, with 19 points.

Other individual awards were as follows:

Distance diving: Donald Wright, Glenwood, first place; Bobbie Harris, troop 5, second; Bill Wilson, troop 6, third.

Distance swimming under water: Donald Wright, troop 1, Glenwood, first; Ray Green, troop 1, North Cove, second; Guy Smith, troop 2, Marion, and Max Parker, troop 1, Glenwood, tied for third.

Speed in dressing and undressing under water: Bill Wilson, troop 6, Marion, first; Max Parker, troop 1, Glenwood, second; Bobbie Harris, troop 5, Marion, third.

Twenty-yard breast stroke: Boys under 100 pound weight: Gerald Murray, troop 4, Marion, first; Dewit Mace, troop 2, Marion, second; Dean Wright, troop 1, North Cove, third.

Twenty-yard breast stroke, boys 100 to 200 pounds: Jack Green, troop 1, North Cove, first; Eugene Hawkins, troop 5, Marion, second; Marx Rhynehardt, troop 4, Marion, third.

Twenty-yard breast stroke, 120 to 140 pounds: Bobbie Harris, troop 5, Marion, first; John Shephard, troop 2, Marion, second.

Twenty-yard breast stroke, over 140 pounds: Guy Smith, troop 2, Marion; Ray Green, troop 1, North Cove; Donald Wright, troop 1, Glenwood.

Twenty-yard back stroke, under 100 pounds: Dean Wright, troop 1, North Cove, first; Jack Maylow, troop 1, Glenwood, second; Gerald Murray, troop 4, Marion, third.

Twenty-yard back stroke, 100 to 120 pounds: Eugene Hawkins, troop 5, Marion, first; Lawrence Rhynehardt, troop 4, Marion, second; Jack Green, troop 1, North Cove, third.

Twenty-yard back stroke, 120 to 140 pounds: Bobbie Harris, troop 5, first; John Shephard, troop 2, second.

Twenty-yard back stroke, over 140 pounds: Ray Greene, troop 1, North Cove, first; Guy Smith, troop 2, Marion, second; Donald Wright, troop 1, Glenwood, third.

The various troops placed as follows: Troop 1, North Cove, 54 points; troop 5, Marion, 43; troop 4, Cross Mill, 38; troop 2, East Marion, 36½; troop 1, Glenwood, 30½; troop 6, Marion, 8½; troop 3, Clinchfield, 6.

Trophies will be awarded at the Boy Scout Court of Honor Friday night to troop one, North Cove, and (Continued on last page)

## Marion City Schools System To Have 5 Additional Teachers

### VFW Auxiliary Installs Officers

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary to Post 2865 installed the following officers at a meeting at the city hall May 25:

Elective officers: Mrs. Frances K. Crawley, president; Mrs. Ben Chapman, senior vice president; Miss Betty J. Robb, treasurer; Mrs. Albert Grayson, chaplain; Mrs. William Gladden, conductress; Mrs. C. W. Wingo, guard; Mrs. Bryant Hoyle, three-year trustee; Miss Ruth Hall, two-year trustee, and Mrs. Julian Wages, one-year trustee.

Appointive officers were: Mrs. Clinton B. Landis, secretary; Mrs. Edison Houck, patriotic instructor; Mrs. Frances K. Crawley, historian; Mrs. Jack Houck, first color bearer; Mrs. Alvin Finley, second color bearer; Mrs. Wilburn Queen, third color bearer; Mrs. Bryant Hoyle, fourth color bearer; Mrs. Julian Wages, flag bearer, and Mrs. Haynes Odom, Banner bearer.

Mrs. William Gladden, retiring president, was presented a gift as a token of appreciation for her year's work.

Officers were installed by Mrs. Albert Grayson.

### Legion Officers Are Elected Tuesday Night

Officers of McDowell Post No. 56 of the American Legion were elected Tuesday night as follows:

Watson Wilson, commander; E. F. Haire, first vice commander; Edward Rowe, second vice commander; Ray Brown, third vice commander; Forney Briscoe, adjutant; Glenn Earley, assistant adjutant; Sam Proctor, finance officer; John S. Wilson, service officer; S. R. Perkins, assistant service officer; Horace Norton, guardianship officer; Arnold Morgan, sergeant-at-arms; Rev. George Needham, chaplain and Rev. J. B. McLarty, assistant chaplain; Frank Sentell, historian; W. E. Carter, athletic officer; Dr. J. F. Miller, child welfare officer; Horace Wilkerson, Americanism officer; Fred Willis, national defense officer; Lee Erwin, graves registration officer; (Continued on last page)

### Practically All Teachers In City System Reelected; Three More Teachers Named

All teachers in the Marion City Schools system have been re-elected with the exception of two in the negro schools, and five additional teachers will be added to the city schools next fall, H. F. Beam, superintendent of city schools, announced this week.

It was explained that the additional teachers were provided because of a high percentage in attendance and to reduce the teacher load. There will be one more teacher in the high school and four in the elementary grades.

Three teachers have already been elected. They are Miss Eva Keeter, Miss Mary Thornburg and Mrs. Pattie Leake Hewitt.

Miss Keeter has had several years experience as a grammar grade teacher at Greenville, N. C. and as grammar grade supervisor. She has also served as critic teacher at Eastern Carolina Teachers college.

Miss Thornburg, a resident of Dallas, N. C., came to Marion from Washington, D. C., where she has been employed.

Mrs. Hewitt has resided in Marion for a number of years.

Other teachers re-elected for the coming year are announced as follows:

### HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

Rowell Lane, A. H. Ditt, Bernard Hirsch, Miss Frances Harrill, Miss Mildred E. Glenn, E. L. Carter, Mrs. Flora S. Homewood, Mrs. Emily E. Morris, Mrs. Esther C. Justus, Matt McBrayer, Mrs. Marie F. McBrayer, Mrs. Kate Z. Finley, Mrs. Edith L. Davis.

### ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

Mrs. Mary C. Finley, Miss Helen Plant, Mrs. Leola Bame Wright, Mrs. Ethel C. Giles, Miss Edna Wheeler, Mrs. Edelweiss Dark, Miss Ruth McFarland, Mrs. Mildred R. Grant, Mrs. Effie C. Morris, Miss Barbara Wagner, Mrs. Mabel G. Hemphill, Miss Mary L. Jonas, Miss Ruth Greenlee, Mrs. Zilpha Jarrett, Mrs. Blanche Holland, Miss Elizabeth Wylie, Mrs. Lucille Gibbs, Miss Janie Tucker, Miss Wilma Snoddy, Miss Hazel Browne, Miss Annie Spratt, Mrs. Mary Parks Brown, Mrs. Bonnie E. Young, Mrs. Mae Ross Alley, Miss Elizabeth Gillespie, Mrs. Louise R. McCall.

Miss Mamie Stacy, Miss Elsie Sta- (Continued on last page)

### Baptist Bible School Opened Here Monday

Vacation Bible School opened at the First Baptist church Monday and will continue through Friday of next week with classes every morning from 8:00 until 11:00 o'clock. There were 102 pupils present on opening day.

Rev. M. O. Owens, pastor, is principal of the school. Haywood Earl (Bob) Waldrop is pianist and directs period of music in the junior and intermediate groups.

Miss Zenna Halsey is superintendent of the beginners' department; Mrs. Frank Smith and Mrs. L. B. Hair, superintendents primary department; Miss Grace Mitchem, junior department; Mrs. M. O. Owens, intermediate department; Mrs. S. W. Wall and J. C. Whetstone, nursery group.

Refreshments are served every morning at ten o'clock. Mrs. W. G. Wiatt is in charge of the social period.

## Memorial Day To Be Observed At Glenwood

The Annual Memorial Day will be observed by both the Methodist and Baptist churches of Glenwood, Sunday, June 13.

The program will begin at the cemetery at 10:30 a. m., and will be presented under the direction of the Glenwood chapter of the Woodmen of the World. The Rev. George Needham will speak.

Morning worship will begin at 11:15 a. m. at the New Methodist church. The Rev. Frank Early will speak.

Dinner will be served on the grounds at 12:30 p. m. The business meeting will be conducted by Cecil Rayburn, association president, at 1:30 p. m. A program of singing will follow consisting of quartets and trios from in and around Marion. All are invited to attend.

### Music Director For First Baptist Church Begins Work

Haywood Earl (Bob) Waldrop, who is majoring in music at Furman University, arrived here Wednesday to accept a position as director of music of the First Baptist church during the summer months. He will also assist in the recreational program of the young people and direct the adult choir.

Waldrop's home is in Lincolnton and he will be a senior at Furman next fall.

## WINNERS OF CLINCHFIELD YARD CONTEST ANNOUNCED

### McCall Purchases Parker's Interest In McPar Mill

Announcement has been made of the purchase, by Clifton R. McCall, of the interest of E. W. Parker, Sr., in the McPar Hosiery Mill of this city. The mill, maker of men's half hose, was established in 1928, and employs approximately 75 people.

C. R. McCall, who is also owner of McCall Funeral Home, will continue as president, with Mrs. McCall as vice-president and Harry McCall as secretary-treasurer and general manager. Harry McCall has been associated with his father in the funeral business.

### James Lackey Injured In Recent Fall

James (Jimmy) Lackey, son of Mrs. Z. L. Lackey and the late Mr. Lackey of Old Fort, dislocated both his ankles and sprained his wrist when he fell from the roof of the Old Fort school gymnasium Thursday, May 27.

He climbed to the roof to recover a baseball and fell approximately 40 feet to a coal pile below. After receiving treatment at the Marion General hospital he returned to his home and is reported improving.

The tenth annual yard contest sponsored by the Clinchfield Junior Woman's club for homes in the Clinchfield village, closed May 31. Mrs. James McCall, member of the club and home economics teacher, announced prize winners this week. All prizes were cash awards donated by the Clinchfield Manufacturing company.

Mrs. R. O. Wylie won first place in the overseers contest and Mrs. V. E. Price, second.

Grand prizes were announced as follows: Mrs. J. E. Nesbitt, first; Mrs. Ralph Styles, second; Mrs. B. C. Wages, third; Mrs. E. U. Reel, fourth, and Mrs. A. A. Mason, fifth.

Others were: Mrs. L. C. Pace, Mrs. C. D. Jones, Mrs. Zora Rowland, Mrs. P. V. Nichols, Mrs. Nathan Hicks, Mrs. Charlie Duncan, Mrs. B. C. Stevens, Mrs. J. W. Reese, Mrs. Ruth Mace, Mrs. M. L. Wilson, Mrs. Marion Hicks, Mrs. O. C. Norman, Mrs. Zene Davis, Mrs. Troy Davidson, Mrs. Paul Finley, Mrs. Clyde Arrington, Mrs. Arthur Deaton and Mrs. Broadus Taylor.

Judges for the contest were Miss Elizabeth Wylie, Miss Hazel Brown and Mrs. W. R. Alley.

### COURT OF HONOR

The McDowell County Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held at 7:30 o'clock, Friday night, June 11, at the First Methodist church, it is announced.