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## Shelby Farmers Win Over Marion

Shelby.—Despite Chuck Ferguson and Johnny Gold's homers which scored Marion's four runs, Walter Alexander's superb fielding and hitting sparked the Shelby Farmers to a 5-4 verdict over the Marauders here Tuesday night in a Western Carolina league game.

Walter Alexander was the big gun for the Shelby attack, hitting three for four, while Johnny Gold led the losers with two for four including a homer in the 9th with one on.

Summary	R	H	E
Marion	4	7	1
Shelby	5	7	1

Manager Wes Ferrell's Marion Marauders swept both ends of a doubleheader from Morganton, here Thursday night, winning the first tilt by a 3-1 edge and taking the second game 9-5, both of which were Western Carolina league clash.

Big Lawson Brown pitching fourth hit ball was the fairheaded boy for the Marauders in the first victory as his mates got to Kish for six scoring hits.

In the second game Marion rallied in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to overhaul the Morganton lead and go out front by a 7-5 score. They added two more runs in the eighth.

FIRST GAME			
Summary	R	H	E
Morganton	1	4	0
Marion	3	6	1

SECOND GAME			
Summary	R	H	E
Marion	9	11	1

Caskey, taking the mound in the third inning after Marion had pulled ahead 8 to 7, spaced out two hits and allowed no runs the remaining six and one-half stanzas to give Hendersonville a 12-8 Western Carolina league victory here Friday night.

The Skylarks pulled back into the lead by scoring two off a pair of hits, a hit batter and fielding error in the fourth, and were never headed.

Summary	R	H	E
Hendersonville	12	15	1
Marion	8	10	6

It took the Marion Marauders 13 innings to defeat the Shelby Farmers 5 to 3 here Monday night in a Western Carolina league clash.

Shelby took on a first inning lead with three runs. Marion tied the ball game up in the seventh and then tallied 2 more runs in the 13th for the win.

## ECKENROD STUDIO HAS MOVED INTO NEW BUILDING

Eckenrod's Studio and Camera Shop has been moved into the new building recently erected by W. B. Eckenrod on East Court street, below the Hotel James.

Eckenrod came to Marion from Canton 12 years ago. Before occupying his new building his studio was located over Roses Store.

The studio and camera shop occupies the entire first floor and is equipped with the most modern photographic equipment.

## Old Fort Men Plan Chamber Of Commerce

A group of Old Fort citizens and business men met at the Ragle Hotel in Old Fort Monday to discuss possibilities of organizing a Chamber of Commerce.

Although no definite steps were taken at the meeting, members of the group expressed an interest in the establishment of an organization of that type in Old Fort.

Tentative plans were made to meet again in the near future and make further plans.

## Auto Accident

S. E. Whitten, who was treated at the Marion General Hospital for injuries received in an automobile accident Sunday afternoon, returned to his home on North Main street Monday night.

Mrs. S. E. Whitten and Miss Elizabeth Whitten, who were also in the car, received minor injuries.

## Women To Discuss Referendum On Sale Of Beer And Wine

A mass meeting for women will be held at the First Baptist church here at eight o'clock on the evening of August 18 in the interest of the approaching referendum on the sale of beer and wine, it is announced this week.

The meeting will be interdenominational. Women have been appointed in a number of churches throughout the county to arouse interest in the approaching election.

The program has been announced as follows:

"Facts We Need to Know About Beer in McDowell County," Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr.

"Why I Want to See Beer Voted Out of McDowell County," B. F. Pollard, president of the Allied Church League.

"Why Beer is a Hazard to Youth," Larry Gibson, representative of the young people.

"A Woman's View Point," Mrs. John Hoyle, wife of the Marion district superintendent.

"How Women Can Help in the Approaching Election," Rev. R. I. Corbett.

## Lutheran Movie Is Postponed

"Reaching from Heaven" — another of the films produced by the Lutheran Church — was scheduled for showing in Marion next week in connection with the ending of the Vacation Bible School.

The Bible School was dropped immediately when the ban on the congregating of children went into effect. Last Sunday the congregation at St. Matthew's decided to postpone the showing of the film until the children of the community can also attend the showing of it.

## FUNERAL RITES FOR MRS. PARKER TO BE HELD TODAY

Mrs. Marjorie McClung Parker, 39, daughter of Rev. George Harlan McClung, D. D., and Mrs. McClung of Watertown, New York, died Tuesday in Grace Hospital, Morganton. Funeral services will be conducted at four o'clock, Thursday, at the First Methodist church, Marion.

Mrs. Parker graduated from high school at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and also from the University of Michigan in 1932. She received her master's degree in music from the University of Michigan, 1933.

In the fall of 1933 she sailed for Europe where she studied for two years in Vienna. Upon her return she filled concert engagements throughout eastern United States and sang soprano roles with leading symphony orchestras of this country.

She was invited to return to Europe in 1938 where she was soprano soloist for the Bach program in the Salzburg Festival. Upon her return she became soprano soloist at Riverside church, New York City, for eight years and was also assistant professor of voice at Vassar college the year prior to coming to Marion.

Since coming to Marion she has sung throughout the state having been soloist at the First Presbyterian church in Morganton, guest soloist at Myers Park Presbyterian church, Charlotte, and at Vesper Services at Davidson college.

She sang soprano in Handel's Messiah under the direction of James Christian Pfohl at Charlotte, and Davidson college last December. At Easter she sang a soprano solo role in the oratorio, "The Seven Last Words," at the Home Moravian church in Winston-Salem.

For the past year she has been a member of the faculty in the music department of Montreat college, Montreat.

She was a member of the following fraternities: Delta Gamma, Mu Phi, Iota Kappa Alpha.

She was married July 24, 1943 to David Nelson Parker in Riverside chapel, New York City.

She is survived by her husband; infant daughter, Marjorie Harlan; a brother, George Harlan McClung, Jr.; her parents and her grandmother, Mrs. J. Brooks Davis of Paxton, Illinois.

## Receives Honor



E. H. McMAHAN, Brevard attorney - at - law, former resident of Marion, was elected to the post of International Director of the worldwide Lions organization at the annual convention in New York City last week end. More than 800 Lions from North Carolina attended the event and paid McMaham high honors following the election. He is the son of Mrs. Eva McMahan.

## POLIO COMMITTEE NAMES COMMITTEES TO MEET TUESDAY

The McDowell County Infantile Paralysis committee named an executive committee, a medical advisory committee and a woman's activities committee at a meeting held Tuesday in the office of Mrs. D. N. Lonon, county welfare superintendent.

The executive committee was named as follows: R. W. Twitty, W. W. Neal, Jr., Horace Early, S. R. Cross, T. W. Gowan, J. N. Morris and N. F. Steppe. S. J. Westmoreland, chairman; H. F. Beam, vice chairman; Mrs. D. N. Lonon, secretary, and M. W. Gordon, treasurer, are ex officio members of the board.

Dr. J. F. Jonas, former chairman of the Infantile Paralysis, was elected chairman of the medical advisory committee; Dr. Lloyd Miller and Miss Irene Clark, county health nurse, are also members of the committee.

Mrs. John A. Poteat and Mrs. Glenn Morris were named as a woman's activities committee.

John W. Setzer and Miss Elizabeth Whitten were appointed members of a public information committee.

Mark Sumner, state representative of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, discussed the work of Infantile Paralysis committees in North Carolina and the current polio epidemic. He said 1,478 cases of polio had been reported in North Carolina, exceeding the number reported in either California and Texas. He pointed out that 51 per cent returned home after the period of isolation with no permanent defects. Forty-six per cent of the patients in the current epidemic are children born after the 1944 epidemic, he said.

## American Legion Membership Drive To Start Wednesday

The American Legion made plans to launch a membership drive next Wednesday, at its meeting here Tuesday night.

Hubert Brown and Glenn Norman were appointed co-chairmen heading the following membership committee: Ben Hendley, Ray Minish, W. E. Carter, Stoney Brooks, Paul Holcombe, Edward Rowe, Glenn Early, Eddie Stewart, Sam Proctor, Fred Willis, Arnold Morgan, John Melton, Claude Revis, Clyde Revis, Watson Wilson, Ray Brown, Guy Lonon, Otis Lonon and Lloyd Foster.

## Rev. John Hoyle, Jr. To Preach At Bethel

The Rev. John Hoyle, Jr., Marion District superintendent, will preach at Bethel Methodist church next Sunday night, August 15, service to begin at 7:30. Following the sermon, he will conduct the business session for the fourth quarterly conference for the Old Fort Circuit. Charge officials for 1949 will be nominated and elected.

## HOMECOMING AT SILOAM WELL ATTENDED

Despite the threatening weather and the current polio crisis and restrictions which kept children from attending, the thirteenth annual homecoming at Siloam Presbyterian church was well attended.

Arrangements for the day were planned and directed by Mrs. Lester Dawkins of Hickory, president of the homecoming association, and members of her committee. The celebration this year marked the one hundredth sixtieth year of continuous history of the church since the establishment of Pleasant Gardens Mission in 1778, which became Siloam church.

Miss Mary Jo Greenlee of Morganton responded for the visitors to a welcome by Murray Mackey. Rev. Walter H. Goodman, a former pastor, made the principal talk of the day. His theme was, "Love One Another,"—"the closer we are together the closer we are to God." The music was lovely. A beautiful violin solo was rendered by Miss Nancy Greenlee of Charlotte, and a piano duet by Misses Margaret Ledbetter and Mary Jo Greenlee.

Miss Ledbetter and Miss Nancy Greenlee gave a brief music program preceding the afternoon session. Mrs. Francis Bradsher conducted a memorial service for those former members of the church and Sunday School who had been claimed by death during the past year. Miss Mary Greenlee gave interesting bits of history of the church that she and others had unearthed since last homecoming.

The matter of the old church graveyard, the upkeep, the location of graves on a map, the division into lots, was discussed and committees were asked to make necessary investigations and formulate plans for action. Ancestors of many prominent McDowell county families are buried in the old cemetery and a number of individuals who were widely known, including Jack Pence, the famous driver of the stage coach from Old Fort across the mountain to Asheville when Old Fort was the terminal of the Western North Carolina railroad.

## THIRD ANNUAL COUNTY CORN TOUR TO START TODAY

McDowell county's third annual corn tour will be conducted on Thursday and Friday, August 12 and 13, Carl Whiteside, assistant county agent, announced this week. "Much interest has been shown for the past two years in this tour, and it is anticipated that there will be more interest this year than ever before," he said.

Dr. E. R. Collins, in charge of Agronomy Extension for the State of North Carolina, will attend this tour and will discuss the proper methods of growing corn as the tour progresses. He will also bring out the advantages of growing hybrid corn over growing open pollinated varieties. On this trip the following things will be observed: the selection of adapted hybrid seed corn, crop rotation, seed bed preparation, the use of commercial fertilizers, the advantages of growing cover crops, proper cultivation, the use of Nitrogen as a side dressing, and the proper spacing of corn both in the row and between the rows.

During this tour hybrid corn variety tests here in the county will be observed and comments will be made in regard to the merits of each of the hybrids and their advantages over open pollinated corn.

The tours will start from in front of the courthouse at 9:00 o'clock each morning. Here is the general outline of the route that will be followed for the two days. On Thursday morning, August 12, leave the courthouse and go to Guy Little's place on Goose Creek, then to Sugar Hill, from there to Glenwood. Edward Lawing's farm at Glenwood will be visited and everyone attending will be able to see exactly how hybrid corn is produced.

From there to Dysartsville and visit the farms of the following (Continued on last page)

## Rippers To Start Practice Monday; Season Opens September 10th

### Fire Department Meets Competition

The Marion Fire Department met competition here this morning.

Workmen were operating a kerosene fire pot in front of the new building now under construction on South Main street to prepare roofing for the new building. A breeze fanned the flames in the direction of the gauge which controls the heat and the workmen could not lower the temperature.

The blaze rose about ten feet in the air just as S. C. Stimson, Jr., of Charlotte, representative of the Ansol Dry Chemical Fire Extinguishers, rode by. Hastening to the firepot with the extinguisher spraying the flame, Stimson had put the fire out just as firemen arrived on the scene.

"Water won't put that kind of fire out anyway," the workmen said consolingly.

"That's right," Stimson added, "this powder generates a water vapor and CO2," passing the powder around so spectators could feel the soft powder.

Richard Van Dyke and J. M. Collins, representatives of Mill Mutual of Nashville, were also near the scene of the fire with J. H. Tate, a local fire insurance agent, just as the blaze ignited.

The building is being erected by W. H. Norris and Mrs. Lottie Wise and is located next door to McDowell Cleaners.

### PRESBYTERIAN SPEAKER

Rev. B. F. Livingston will be guest speaker at the First Presbyterian church next Sunday morning in the absence of Dr. Carl McMurray, pastor, who is on vacation.

## ALLIED CHURCH LEAGUE HOLDS FIVE RALLIES

Last Sunday afternoon the Allied Church League of McDowell county held five rallies in the interest of the coming referendum to abolish the sale of beer and wine in the county. These rallies were held in various sections of the county.

One was held in the upper end of the county in the North Cove High School auditorium, attended by residents of the Ashford, Sevier, Woodlawn, Pepper's Creek, Coxes Creek, Turkey Cove and North Cove communities. Principal speaker was the Rev. Frank Robinson, associational missionary for the Baptists of McDowell county. Other speakers were B. F. Pollard, Charlie McCall and Rev. Hogan Justice.

The western section of the county met in the Old Fort Baptist church. Speakers were Dr. H. E. Walden, Rev. N. S. Ogburn and others.

The southern end of the county met in the Glenwood Baptist church. Rev. C. C. Cross, pastor of the East Marion Baptist church, was the principal speaker.

The fourth rally was held in the Clear Creek Baptist church with the Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr. as the speaker.

The largest rally was held at the Cross Mill Baptist church. This meeting was presided over by Rev. P. L. Smith, pastor of the Cross Mill Methodist church. The principal speaker was Audrey Hern, associate editorial secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and the author of "Alcohol, the Destroyer." Virgil Bradburn also spoke.

The Allied Church League is planning a large Mass Meeting to be held in Marion on Sunday, August 29. Outside speakers have been invited.

Dr. D. M. Nelson, Jr., pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, Kansas City Missouri, is to be the preacher at the First Baptist church on next Sunday. He is a Ph D graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He is pastor of one of the largest Baptist churches in Missouri. His church is the second largest in Kansas City. Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist church is away on vacation.

Football practice will begin Monday for players over 15 years of age, Coach Art Ditt said yesterday. Those 15 years of age and younger are prohibited from attending by an ordinance passed recently in view of the polio epidemic in the state.

Former players are asked to report to the school gymnasium at 9:30 Monday morning for equipment. Practice will begin at three o'clock Monday afternoon.

The orange and black team will meet Olympia High School on the Olympia, S. C. field September 10 for the opening game of the season.

First home game will be played with Lenoir on Friday, September 26.

## Revival Services At East Marion Well Attended

The revival services which opened at the East Marion Methodist church last Sunday have been well attended, Rev. T. G. Smith, pastor, said this week.

"Rev. Paul R. Taylor, of Burnsville, who has been preaching for the services, is a young man with a sound gospel message which has been highly successful with young people," he said.

The sermon for Thursday night will be delivered in answer to the question, "Can A Man Once Saved Be Eternally Lost?" and will be preached in response to a request for information on this subject.

Sermon topics for the week will be:

"The Way of Transgressors," Friday night.

"Absalom's Mule," Saturday night.

"The Truth About Eternity," Sunday night.

"Seek God First," Sunday night.

Services are being held each week morning at 10 o'clock, except Saturday, and on Sunday at 11 a. m. Night services begin at 7:45. Services will be continued through August 15.

## N. C. School Building Plan Mapped Out

Raleigh, Aug. 6.—A six to 10-year school building program has been mapped out by a committee of the State Education commission to meet North Carolina's school building needs.

The commission's plant committee points out that most of the school buildings of the state were erected prior to the development of modern ideas of educational procedures.

Such buildings are lacking adequate space for libraries, lunchrooms, health clinics, recreational facilities and rooms for music and dramatic arts, as well as for science and vocational courses.

The plant committee, headed by M. T. Lambeth of Statesville, says the administration of the long-range program should be a joint responsibility of the state and local governments.

"In many of the schools," the report states, "there are no provisions for washing hands. It is rather meaningless to teach health and at the same time make no provision for practicing the fundamental health habits."

The committee states that during the next 10 years the state's white children will need 250 new school buildings and 650 additions including 3,500 elementary classrooms, 2,500 high school classrooms, 2,500 special instruction rooms and 1,500 large general rooms. The program also would result in the abandoning of 320 schools now in operation.

Negro students will need 3,500 elementary classrooms and 1,000 general rooms, 1,500 special instruction rooms and 1,500 high school classrooms, plus the accessory administrative and service facilities.

## Attends Meeting

Miss Louise Patton, chief clerk, attended a meeting of chief clerks and county AAA chairmen in Shelby last Friday.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the AAA program for 1949.