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Spruce Pine Man Fatally Injured In Wreck Here

Four persons were hurt, one fatally, at 5:45 Saturday afternoon in an accident involving two passenger cars and a truck on highway 221, near Woodlawn, about 10 miles from Marion.

Bill Burleson, 25, passenger in one of the automobiles, was taken to the Marion General Hospital for treatment and died at 10 a. m. Monday morning.

Investigation was made by Patrolman Archie Burrell and Sheriff C. M. Pool said he was informed that John Russell Hayes of Toecane, driving an automobile toward Marion, attempted to pass a truck, driven by Dewitt Buchanan, of Marion, which was also headed toward Marion. After passing the truck an approaching car, driven by Howard Walter Cox, was said to have skidded, colliding with the Hayes car which sideswiped the truck.

Burleson was one of the passengers in Cox's car. Other passengers were Robert Cox, who received dispensary treatment at the hospital, and Zedie Pitman, who is a patient in the Marion Hospital.

The four adults and one child occupying the other vehicles were reported to have received only scratches and bruises.

1,921 Polio Cases Reported In State

Raleigh, Sept. 7. — North Carolina's polio epidemic reached 1,921 cases since the first of the year when the state board of health today reported 29 cases for the three-day period since Saturday.

Thirteen of the cases were of September onset, while the other 16 originated last month. No deaths were reported. The September cases total now stands at 15 and that for August at 634.

Counties reporting cases today were Watauga, four; Buncombe, Catawba and Haywood, three each; Iredell, Moore and Wilkes, two each; and Chatham, Cleveland, Duplin, Jackson, Madison, Montgomery, Nash, Pamlico, Robeson and Stanly, one each.

Drucilla Plans Memorial Rites

Memorial Services will be held at Drucilla Presbyterian church on Sunday, September 19, it is announced this week.

The public is cordially invited. Those planning to attend are asked to bring a basket of lunch. Choirs are cordially invited to take part on the program.

Clear Creek Baptist Church Improving Church Grounds

Grass seed will be sowed at Clear Creek Baptist church on Saturday, September 11, and members are urged to assist in this work.

Final preparation of the soil will be completed by that date. The program of improvement has been in progress for several months and workers are making the cemetery a beauty spot and an asset to the Pleasant Gardens community. As a further step in enhancing the beauty, the program includes permanent upkeep of the cemetery.

Reporting on the progress of the work, Rev. Carson Brittain, pastor, said many of those who have loved ones buried at Clear Creek have shown much interest in the improvement program. He said liberal contributions have aided in the work. Others wishing to make contributions are asked to send them to M. B. Patton, treasurer, Route 4, Marion.

Ladies of the church will prepare lunch for those who assist in sowing the grass next Saturday. If weather does not permit working next Saturday, the work will be postponed until the following Saturday.

Singing Convention Held Last Sunday

The 41st semi-annual singing convention of the McDowell county singing group was held Sunday afternoon in the Marion High School auditorium with approximately 1,000 persons in attendance.

Lloyd D. Bennett, president, presided and the following groups appeared on the program: The Harmonizers quartet of Knoxville, Tenn.; the Smith quartet, of Spartanburg; Davis Trio, Gastonia; Conner Trio, Rutherfordton; Hovis Duet, Lincolnton; Sisk quartet, Shelby; and Travelers quartet, Mica-ville.

West Marion Church To Have Homecoming

Rev. R. C. Frazier, pastor of the West Marion Pentecostal Holiness church, has announced that annual Homecoming Day will be observed Sunday, September 12.

Sunday School begins at 9:45. A former pastor will preach at the 11 o'clock hour. The afternoon service will begin at 2:45 o'clock.

Rev. G. A. Davis, evangelist of Greenville, S. C., will begin a revival with a service at 7:30 p. m., Sunday.

There will be special singing throughout the day by various singing groups. The Blue Ridge quartet will be among the many invited groups of singers.

Dinner will be served on the church grounds at the rear of the church. The public is invited to come and bring a basket lunch.

Wildlife Club To Meet Monday

The McDowell County Wildlife club will meet at eight o'clock, Monday evening, September 13, in the court room, according to announcement by S. L. Homewood, president.

A discussion of law enforcement in regard to the protection of wild life will be included in the program. All hunters and others interested in the protection of wild life are urged to be present.

Homer Biggers, of Morganton, game protector of the eight district, will speak on "Enforcement of Wildlife Laws."

Superior Court Opened Tuesday

The September term of McDowell County Superior Court opened here Tuesday with Judge Dan K. Moore of Sylva presiding.

Bob Carter plead guilty to a charge of assault with deadly weapon inflicting injuries on Luther Silvers, and was ordered to pay \$250 to Silvers and court costs.

Nathan Black and Robert Carson, charged with breaking and entering the McCall-Burgin Hardware Store, were sentenced to 12 months on the roads.

D. A. Wacaster Dies After Brief Illness

Doras A. Wacaster, 65, of Nebo, died early Monday morning in the Marion General Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral services were conducted at Cross Mill Baptist church Tuesday at 3 o'clock by the Rev. Martin Dameron, assisted by the Rev. W. F. McMahan and burial was in the Proctor cemetery.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Martha Jane Swafford Wacaster; three sons and four daughters: Gaston B., George A., and Robert W. Wacaster, Mrs. Wayne P. Hyatt, Mrs. Troy Dyson and Mrs. Clifton McCormick, all of Marion, and Mrs. Elmer Wright of Cherryville; 21 grandchildren; one brother and two sisters: Thomas Wacaster of Maiden, Mrs. George Blackburn and Mrs. Hunter Rhine of Lincolnton, and five step-children: Lona and Delvie Shehan and Mrs. Ed Holler of Nebo and Miss Airle Shehan and Mrs. Frank Swafford of Essington, Pa.



HONORED—E. P. Dameron, above, was elected president of the Young Democrats club of McDowell county at a meeting held Friday night.

Young Democrats Elect Officers

E. P. Dameron was elected president of the Young Democratic club of McDowell county at a meeting held Friday evening at the court house. Other officers elected were: Mrs. Julia Stanley, vice president, and W. D. Lonon, secretary-treasurer.

R. W. Proctor, former McDowell county chairman, reviewed the accomplishments of the Democratic party and I. L. Caplan, chairman of the County Commissioners, presented a financial report.

Postal Receipts Show Increase

Postal receipts for the past month showed an increase of \$304.64 over the total of \$2,712.23 for August, 1947, Postmaster John Finley said.

The Postmaster also released figures showing postal receipts from January 1 to August 31, 1948 totaled \$29,314.57, a gain of \$2,679.23 over the corresponding period last year.

Postal savings certificates issued during August amounted to \$50,717 and certificates paid were listed at \$47,779, making an increase of \$2,938.

Bond sales in August totaled \$5,175.

North Cove Students Leaving For Colleges

North Cove students leaving for colleges this month include: Misses Kathleen Lonon and Justine Good, Lees-McRae, Banner Elk; Miss Alma McCall, Appalachian, Boone; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Franklin, Howard college, Birmingham, Ala.; Henry S. Brown, Berea college, Berea, Ky.; Watson English, N. C. State, Raleigh; Misses Betty Jean Conley and Mary Jane English, Woman's college, U. N. C., Greensboro.

Lyerly Land To Be Auctioned

The Lyerly Land bordering highway 70 between Marion and Morganton will be sold at auction on Saturday, September 18, at 1:30 p. m., according to announcement by the Carolina Land-Auction company this week.

The tract includes over one mile of highway 70 frontage. Further details are contained in an advertisement in this issue.

Town Invests In Savings Bonds

The board of aldermen at their regular monthly meeting Tuesday night voted to invest \$10,000 in government bonds, discussed securing a site for garbage disposal on the Gibbs place near Greenlee, and granted a substantial increase in salaries to the members of the police force.

COURT OF HONOR

The McDowell County Boy Scout Court of Honor will meet at 7:30 p. m., Friday, September 10, in the First Methodist church, it is announced.

Photostat Recorder To Be Purchased For County Offices

The board of county commissioners, in session Monday, ordered that a photostat recorder be purchased for recording records in the office of the register of deeds and clerk of superior court. The purchase of the new machine, it was stated, will offer better service to the public and at the same time keep all records up to date.

The photostat recorder is acclaimed by officials as the safest and most economical method of copying and filing public documents which pass through the county offices. It was also stated that the new machine is not only quicker in operation but saves cost in proof reading or comparing copy with original paper. Seals, stamps, etc., are readily reproduced. The new machine is expected to be installed in a short time.

Petitions for state maintenance of four sections of roads were approved by the board of commissioners Monday and submitted to the highway commission as follows:

To improve road in Glenwood township, including a section of old Sugar Hill-Mud Cut road to Bethel church, a distance of one-half mile; to improve section of road in Nebo township on U. S. No. 70 to Fairview, about two miles; improve road in Marion township along orchard street to J. L. Morgan sub-division on Garden Creek, about 500 yards; requesting present old road which turns off of Sugar Hill-Old Fort highway and extends westward through land of William Lusk be taken over by county and made a part of the county or state highway system, a distance of approximately 300 yards.

Demonstration Club Schedule For Sept.

The Home Demonstration club schedule for the month of September includes picnic meetings for several community groups.

The schedule is announced by Miss Jean Steele, home demonstration agent, as follows:

North Marion: September 14, at two o'clock, in the office of Miss Steele with Mrs. Sam Collins as hostess.

White Pine: September 14, at 7:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Hicks Hemphill.

Laurel Grove: September 15 at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. William Duncan.

Bethlehem: September 16 at two o'clock, lodge hall, a sewing demonstration will be featured on the program.

Providence: September 16 at 7:30 p. m., home of Mrs. Paul Bryant.

Cherry Springs: September 17 at 11 a. m., picnic at the home of Mrs. Ira Knupp.

Greenlee: September 17, seven o'clock, (place to be announced later).

Turkey Cove: September 20, 5:45, picnic at the home of Mrs. M. D. Hollifield.

Nebo: September 21, six o'clock, picnic at the home of Mrs. Jay Ballew.

Pleasant Gardens: September 23, 7:30 p. m., (place to be announced later).

Chapel Hill: September 28, at the home of Mrs. B. F. Corpening. The group will assemble at the home of Mrs. G. P. Poteat and leave about one o'clock for Mrs. Corpening's home.

A county-wide meeting of all club members is scheduled for two o'clock, September 29, in the office of Miss Steele.

North Cove: September 29, at 7:30 p. m., members and their husbands.

Old Fort: September 30, at two o'clock.

Inspection Lane To Arrive Saturday

The Mechanical Inspection Lane, which has been in Old Fort since last Thursday, will open in Marion on September 11, Grover R. Kiser, inspector, announced yesterday.

The Lane will continue the inspection of motor vehicles here until September 21, it was stated, and will be located on North Logan street, between highway 70 and West Fort street.

STATE EDUCATION ENGINEER INSPECTS SCHOOL BUILDING

Marion Kiwanians Collect Clothing For Crossnore

Vernon Eckerd, president of the Marion Kiwanis club, presided at the regular weekly meeting of the club held Tuesday evening at the community building. President Eckerd recognized the work done by the Kiwanis club under the direction of the committee on Underprivileged Children in the old clothes collection.

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, one of the buses from the Marion City Bus Lines arrived at the community building and deposited a large quantity of used clothing that had been collected during the day. This used clothing will be taken to the Crossnore School, Crossnore, today by members of the Underprivileged Children committee.

Kiwanian J. L. Gourley was in charge of a program which consisted of a sports review, dealing particularly with baseball and football. The review invoked several lively discussions.

In a brief business session prior to the regular program, three delegates were elected to attend the Carolinas Kiwanis District convention which will be held at the George Vanderbilt Hotel in Asheville, on October 10, 11 and 12. Delegates to represent Marion will be President V. T. Eckerd, S. J. Westmoreland and Roy W. Davis.

Activities Planned At St. Matthew's

Friday, 7:30—Choir practice with Mrs. Herbert Hall.

Sunday, 9:45—Sunday School; 11:00—Morning worship.

Monday, 6:30—Lutheran Laymen's League.

Thursday (Sept. 16), 7:30—Lutheran Women's Missionary League. A film "Ironing Made Easy" will be on the social program.

Sunday (Sept. 19), 6:00—Walter League.

Pleasant Gardens PTA To Meet Tonight

The Pleasant Gardens Parent-Teacher association will hold its first meeting of the school year Thursday evening, September 9, in the school auditorium, Miss Geneva Link, publicity chairman, has announced. The meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

In making the announcement Miss Link said, "this is a very important meeting as plans for the coming school year will be formulated."

All parents are urged to be present.

Rippers Open Grid Season At Columbia, S. C. Tomorrow

Coach Art Ditt and 25 Rippers left Thursday morning by bus for Columbia, S. C. to open their 1948 football schedule with the strong Olympia high school.

Ditt says his gridders have been working hard and are anxiously awaiting the referee's whistle so they can find out for themselves just how good Jeffcoat, the outstanding high school back, is. The Rippers have no Jeffcoat, but they have two sets of backs that can alternate in carrying the mail. Bill Stanley, Jack Goode, Freddie Kirkland, Gilbert Packett, Carl Walker, Sonny Ponders and Wilson Hammett will be called on to deliver the goods.

The forward wall is led by Roy Cuthbertson, "Chub" McCalliard and Millard Robinson.

"Although lacking experience, Don Wilson, Howard Wilson, Womack, Gibbs, Jenkins, Rader, Davis and Bright will give everything they have," the Coach said.

He added that he did not have any idea who would start the game, but said the starting line would include many of the following: L. E. McCalliard, L. T. Cuthbertson, L. G. Womack, C. Robinson, R. G. Davis,

Hugh Beam, superintendent of Marion City Schools, announces that Bernard Cocker, Jr., Consulting Engineer for the State Board of Education, Raleigh, had been called to Marion by the Board of Trustees of the Marion City Administrative Unit for the purpose of inspecting repairs to the Central Elementary School.

Local school authorities requested this assistance from Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, as a result of damaged ceiling in the sixth grade room of the Central Elementary School building. Cocker came to Marion several weeks ago and made a thorough inspection of each of the classrooms in the building in question. The engineer removed ceiling and flooring at strategic points and checked the bearings of the entire building, as well as the repairs to the sixth grade classroom.

The Board of Trustees of the Marion City Administrative Unit has received a letter from Dr. Clyde A. Erwin which included a report on the Central Elementary building which stated that the condition of the building appeared to be good and that it is safe, ample and suitable for school purposes.

Musical Program At Rotary Meet

The program of the Marion Rotary club last Friday featured vocal solos by Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr. with piano accompaniment by Miss Louise Poteat.

E. H. Luna, of Atlanta, Ga., was the guest of Pat Davis, Robert Gordon Morris was the guest of his father, Gordon Morris.

Visiting Rotarians were Fred Whitmore, of Orlando, Florida, Ben Hendrick, of Shelby, and A. C. Hewitt, Sr., honorary Rotarian, of Marion.

Marion High School Football Schedule

Sept. 10—Olympia at Columbia, S. C.

Sept. 17—Newton-Conover at Newton.

Sept. 24—Lenoir at Marion.

Oct. 1—Western Carolina B team.

Oct. 8—Open.

Oct. 15—Charlotte Tech at Marion.

Oct. 22—Hendersonville at Hendersonville.

Oct. 29—Rutherfordton at Marion.

Nov. 5—Hickory at Marion.

Nov. 12—Canton at Canton.

Nov. 19—Bessemer City at Marion.

Nov. 24—Forest City at Forest City.

R. T. Wilson, R. E. Rader, F. B. Stanley, H. B. Goode, H. B. Packett, Q. B. Cuthbertson, Kirkland, with McCall and Walker are sure to see lots of action.

Roy Cuthbertson, star Ripper quarterback, was declared ineligible for conference competition, according to a notice received by Coach Ditt from Joseph B. Johnston, secretary for Western North Carolina conference of the league.

"It sure is a tough break for the team," commented Coach Ditt. "Roy has been working hard and looks like he will have his best year. Roy was ruled a professional."

Sonny Ponders and Wilborn Hammett are expected to take over the quarterback job, although both are inexperienced to Coach Ditt's modified single wing attack.

The following players made the trip to Columbia: Stanley, Goode, Kirkland, McCall, Packett, Ponders, Hammett, Walker, H. Cuthbertson, McCalliard, Rader, Webb, Dark, Cannon, Womack, Davis, Wilson, Gibbs, Cuthbertson, H. Wilson, Jenkins, Styles, Daniels, Robinson, Bright, and Managers Ayers and Kistler.