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SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNED TUESDAY NON-SUIT ALLOWED IN MURDER CASE

The September term of McDowell County Superior Court adjourned Tuesday afternoon.

In the case of the State vs. John Morgan, charging him with the murder of Bruce Jack Piercy, a motion of non-suit was allowed.

Bob Carter plead guilty to a charge of assault with deadly weapon inflicting injuries on Luther Silvers. He was sentenced to six months on the roads suspended for three years on condition that he pay costs and pay into the office of the Clerk of Superior Court the sum of \$125 to be paid to the prosecuting witness, Luther Silvers, and that within 30 days he pay an additional \$125 for the use and benefit of Luther Silvers.

Perry Melton plead nolo contendere to assault with deadly weapon and was sentenced to six months on the roads, suspended for three years on condition that he pay \$100 and costs and not violate the laws of North Carolina.

Bill Davis, Frank Davis, Guy Lewis and Ralph Patterson were found not guilty of affray and assault with deadly weapon. Ralph Silvers, facing charges of affray and assault with deadly weapon, nol pros with leave.

Torence McKinney plead guilty to assault on a female and was sentenced to six months on the roads.

John H. Silvers plead guilty to possessing illegal whiskey and was sentenced to six months on the roads, suspended for three years on condition that he pay a fine of \$500 and costs, be of good behavior and not violate state laws.

Horace Efler, driving drunk, was sentenced to 12 months on the roads, suspended for three years on condition that he pay a fine of \$500 and costs, be of good behavior and not violate laws of the state for three years.

Ernest Lowery plead nolo contendere to possessing illegal whiskey and was sentenced to eight months on the roads, suspended for three years on condition that defendant pay a fine of \$300 and costs and be of good behavior and not violate state laws, particularly prohibition (Continued on last page)

Enrollment In City Schools Totals 2,348

Enrollment in the five city schools for the first two days of the new year is 2,348, it was announced yesterday by Hugh F. Beam, superintendent of city schools.

Attendance in the individual schools was as follows: Marion high school 462, Elementary 416; Clinchfield 435; East Marion 467; Eugene Cross 256; West Marion 312.

McKinney Accepts New Pastorate

Rev. Carl McKinney will deliver his farewell message to members of Harmony Grove Baptist church at the morning worship service on September 19. He has served as pastor there for the past three years and resigned to accept work in Mitchell county, but will continue to reside at Garden Creek and remain as pastor of Hicks Chapel where a building program is underway.

In Mitchell county he will serve as pastor of the Grassy Creek church near Spruce Pine and the Chestnut Grove Baptist church at Little Switzerland. He began his work at Grassy Creek on August 1 and is conducting a revival there at the present time.

The building program of Hicks Chapel was launched Sunday, September 12, and \$1,050 was contributed to the fund.

Marion PTA To Begin Year

The Marion Parent-Teacher association will open a new year with a meeting at 3:30 p. m., Wednesday, September 22, in the school auditorium. Mrs. Sam Yancey, incoming president, will preside.

Attendance Contest Launched Thursday By Francis Marion

The Francis Marion club began an attendance contest at the regular meeting held last Thursday evening in the community building.

The membership is divided into two teams with E. W. Parker, Jr. heading one team and Max Lentz as captain of the other team. The contest will continue through September and October. The losing team will entertain the winning team in November.

James Brooks and John Sullivan were appointed as a committee to make plans for the Francis Marion club to challenge the winner of the Rotary-Kiwanis softball game, scheduled for Thursday, September 16.

A motion was passed to contribute one-fourth of the prize funds for the McDowell County Farm Youth Foundation calf show.

Plans were completed for sponsoring the Wade Mainer show in the Marion high school auditorium on Wednesday, September 18.

An invitation from the Marion Junior Woman's club inviting the Francis Marion club members to attend an address by Senator Clyde Hoey, was read. Senator Hoey will address the Junior women at a meeting on September 21.

JOSEPH MITCHELL AWARDED BADGE OF EAGLE SCOUT

The Boy Scout Court of Honor was held at the First Methodist church Friday night.

Joseph Mitchell, of troop one, North Cove, was presented the Eagle badge and the court recommended that Wade Miller, scoutmaster of troop four, Marion, be awarded the Eagle rank.

Advancements were made as follows:

Tenderfoot—Charles Burgin, William Jaynes, Robert Parker and Donald Wilkerson, troop one, Sugar Hill.

First Class—Hubert Martin, troop six, Marion.

MERIT BADGES

Athletics: Harlan Townsend, troop one, Ashford.

Bird Study: Gene Cross, troop six, Marion.

Cooking: Norman Melton, troop one, Sugar Hill.

Leathercraft: Gerald Murray, troop four, Marion.

Pathfinding: David Patterson, troop four Marion.

Pioneering: Norman Melton, troop one, Sugar Hill.

Woodcarving: Wayne Bradburn, Gerald Murray and David Patterson, troop four, Marion.

The program included movie films on "Safety" and "Scotland."

Miss Hollifield To Enter Contest

Miss Georgia Hollifield, of Turkey Cove, winner of second place in the McDowell County Dress Contest, will enter the District Dress Contest to be held in Waynesville Monday, September 27. She will be accompanied by Miss Ruby Lee Kiser, assistant home demonstration agent.

Miss Betty Conley, of North Cove, winner of first place in the county contest, has entered college and will not attend the district contest.

JOE GRIER ELECTED LEGION COMMANDER

Joe W. Grier, Jr., of Charlotte, was elected commander of the North Carolina department of the American Legion and Mrs. Karl Broome of Hickory was named president of the Auxiliary at the closing sessions of the annual conventions in Asheville Monday.

Division Commanders confirmed included Cecil B. Dobson, Division 5, of Marion.

New Principal



Charles Elledge was recently elected principal of the Marion High School. He comes to Marion from Central High School, Rutherfordton, where he has had nine years experience.

Richie Discusses Recent Changes At Marion Mill

The Marion Manufacturing company is converting from the production of cotton cloth to the production of spun rayon material and the change will be 100 per cent effective within the next two or three weeks. T. L. Richie, general superintendent, said in addressing the Marion Rotary club last Friday.

Richie also spoke of a recent change from the production of print cloth to semi-fancy material and of the changes made to provide more space necessitated by the changes. An addition was made to the front of the mill building and stairways moved into the addition. At the present time, he said, about 85 or 90 per cent of material produced is spuns.

Announcement was made that proceeds from the Marion-Morganton Rotary clubs softball game will be donated to the Athletic association. The Marion Rotarians won by 13-10. Arrangements were completed for the Marion Rotarians to play the Marion Kiwanians in a softball game on Thursday, September 16.

A. C. Hewitt, Sr., honorary Rotarian, was the only visitor present at the meeting.

Mrs. Landis Dies At Home Near Nebo

Mrs. Bess Giles Landis, 50, died about noon Sunday at her home at Nebo, Route 1, following a short illness.

Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Giles of Green Creek; the husband, Ray Landis; three sons, Donald, Elton and Ivan, all of Nebo, and seven sisters, Mrs. Ola Horton and Mrs. Pearl Mathis of Rutherfordton, Mrs. Ila Wall and Miss Roena Giles of Green Creek; Mrs. Ruby Purser, Mrs. Annie Smith and Mrs. Evelyn Gilbert of Spartanburg, S. C.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11 a. m. at Dysartsville Methodist church with the Rev. Pink White, pastor, and the Rev. Mr. Robinson officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Grand Jury Reports Records Well Kept

The regular report of the grand jury for the September term of superior court was presented to Judge Dan K. Moore last week.

The report, submitted by Glenn Laughridge, foreman, revealed that the court house and jail was found in good condition, except that roof in jail was leaking; that the cook stove in the jailer's quarters was in bad condition, and recommended that new stove be purchased. Check on various offices found records well kept, and records of minors properly filed with the clerk of court.

The State prison camp was inspected and found in good condition, the report stated.

"In the January report," the report stated, "recommendation was made to have several school bus houses built for the use of county children. Attention is called to the fact that these houses have not been provided."

MARION PTA LAUNCHES MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

1,314 County Men Have Registered In New Draft

The McDowell County Draft office had registered 1,314 McDowell men between the ages of 18 and 26 for the Selective Service draft yesterday, it was announced.

Beginning next Monday the office hours will be 9 a. m. till 1 p. m. Mondays through Fridays.

Those receiving questionnaires should secure the services of a notary public, Legionnaire or other informed person for assistance in filling them out when it is possible to do so. If, however, this is not possible, the selective service workers will render assistance as quickly as it is possible to do so, it was stated.

Next Saturday is the final day for registration. Boy reaching their 18th birthday after September 18 must be registered on their birthdays or within five days afterward.

NEW BUILDING TO BE ERECTED ON SOUTH MAIN

Ground was broken Saturday and work begun on a new building on South Main street which will house the Johnson Electric company.

The contract was let to Seagle and Morris, local contractors, for the construction of a one-story concrete block building with brick front to be located adjacent to McDowell Cleaners. Completion is expected in November. Plans call for 28 feet frontage by 78 feet depth. The Johnson Company will carry a full line of electrical fixtures.

Gold was plentiful during the early colonization of Honduras. The ranchers used the precious metal to shoe horses.

The Marion Parent-Teacher association has announced plans to launch an all-out effort to stimulate interest in the organization and encourage a larger membership and attendance.

A special Membership and Attendance committee, composed of Mrs. Richard R. Cooke, chairman, Mrs. J. N. Morris, Mrs. M. W. Gordon and Mrs. C. C. Bolch met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Sam Yancey, president, to discuss the work of the coming year.

Plans were made to aid teachers in organizing a grade mother group whose duties will include contacting parents in regard to the work of the Parent-Teacher association. It is planned for a group of five mothers in each room, one chairman of the group, to divide parents into groups and see that each parent receives an invitation to each meeting.

A concerted effort will also be launched through the school rooms, attempting to get the children into the habit of insisting on attendance of parents at meetings.

The group agreed to make P.T.A. meetings as informal as possible, encouraging discussions of vital problems as well as fellowship and school relations.

The high school room and the elementary room having the largest percentage of parents present at the meeting will be awarded a prize of \$1 each, but each room must be represented by at least ten members.

The Style Shoppe To Open Saturday

Formal opening of The Style Shoppe on South Main street is set for Saturday, September 18, according to announcement by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Norris, owners.

The Norris Clothing Store on West Court street will be under the management of Mrs. Ray (Essie) Robinson and Mrs. W. H. Norris, who has been manager of Norris Clothing Store for nearly four years, will be manager of The Style Shoppe.

The new store will feature exclusive fashions in ladies ready to wear, including millinery and lingerie departments.

Olympia Downs Marion 14-13 In Opening Game

County Corn Yield High This Year

The average corn yield in McDowell county this year is 50 bushels per acre, according to an estimate made recently by Dr. E. R. Collins, agronomist of the N. C. Extension Service.

Comparing the yield with past records, S. L. Homewood, county farm agent, said the yield last year was 31 bushels per acre and the preceding year 26.

There will be 11 silos completed in this county within the next two weeks with a capacity of 2400 tons each, he said. All except one of the 11 are being constructed on new farms.

Silos are being erected by J. O. Laughridge, Howell Buchanan, A. R. Walker, Albert Dale, Von Ayers and Hal Lawing.

Miss Ruth Smith Receives Promotion

Miss Ruth Smith, who has been manager of the Wallace 5-10-25c Store here for the past eight years, has been transferred to the Wallace 5-10-25c Store at Thomasville, according to announcement this week. The transfer is a promotion from her present position, it was stated.

Miss Smith left last week to spend a two weeks vacation with her mother, Mrs. R. M. Smith, at Morganton, before accepting her new position.

Miss Smith will be succeeded as manager here by N. P. Harris.

A fighting and unexperienced underdog Marion football team suffered its first set back 14-13 of the 1948 campaign at the hands of a strong Olympia High School team Friday night at Columbia. Led by the great Jeffcoat, Olympia fielded a team of veteran players who were out to gain an easy victory, but ran into a stubborn Ditt-coached 11 who refused to be pushed around. Being out-weighted eight pounds to the man, the Rippers more than made up for it in fighting spirit, which carried them through to great glory, even through losing one point.

Jack Goode, a re-converted end, proved to be the hardest running back on both teams as he lugged the ball for six yards per try, one yard behind Jeffcoat who averaged seven yards. To Gilbert Packett, Star Ripper, goes the credit for the longest run of the night. Gilbert took a pass from Kirkland on the Red Devil 35 yard line and outran the entire Olympia backfield, including Jeffcoat, to score the second Ripper touchdown standing up.

Marion received the kick-off and drove to the Olympia 25 yard line. Goode, Packett and Stanley carried the ball on a 50 yard mark drive. Olympia held and took over, Jeffcoat pushed up 30 yards, Carter 20 and then Jeffcoat raced 15 yards around right end for the first score. Aron converted making the score Olympia 7, Marion 0. Hoy Cuthbertson ran the kick-off back 20 yards. Stanley picked up seven yards, but Olympia held and Marion kicked to Jeffcoat. On the first play Jeffcoat was hit hard by the Ripper (Continued on last page)

Two X-Ray Mobile Units Operating In County

Two mobile X-ray units were brought into McDowell county yesterday to offer residents an opportunity to have free chest x-rays as a means of diagnosing early cases of tuberculosis.

The project is sponsored by the Marion Junior Woman's club in cooperation with the County Health Department. The units will be stationed at various points throughout the county for short periods of time to bring the survey as close as possible to the people.

Persons throughout the county who wish to have x-rays made should familiarize themselves with the schedule and plan to visit the unit stationed at the point most convenient to them.

Beginning today the schedule for the week is as follows:

Clearwater Manufacturing company, 7 a. m.—10 a. m., and 4 p. m.—6 p. m., Thursday.

Mackey's Service Station, 11 a. m.—5 p. m., Thursday.

Old Fort Main street 11 a. m.—5 p. m., Friday.

Pleasant Gardens School 10 a. m.—4 p. m., Friday.

Old Fort Main street 10 a. m.—5 p. m., Saturday.

Woodlawn, 10 a. m.—4 p. m., Saturday.

Marion Knitting Mill, 11 a. m.—5 p. m., Monday.

Cross Cotton Mill, 11 a. m.—4 p. m., Tuesday and 10 p. m.—11 p. m., Tuesday.

Ashford, 11 a. m.—5 p. m., Tuesday.

Broyhill Furniture company, 10 a. m.—4 p. m., Wednesday.

Nebo School, 10 a. m.—4 p. m., Wednesday.

J. Roy Brown Dies After Long Illness

J. Roy Brown, 71, well known resident of Marion, died at Mountain Home, Tenn., Tuesday morning after an extended illness.

Funeral services will be conducted at the First Methodist church here Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. James B. McLarty, assisted by Dr. B. F. Bray, and burial will be in the family plot in Oak Grove cemetery.

He is survived by one nephew and two nieces, J. D. Mashburn and Miss Emily Mashburn of Asheville and Mrs. Fred Murphy of Hickory.

Mr. Brown was the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. John C. Brown and was born and reared in McDowell county. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American war.

St. Matthew's Buys Organ

The Lutheran Laymen of St. Matthew's church voted unanimously to keep the new organ at a meeting held Monday night.

The Minshall-Estey organ was placed in the church on trial until the acceptance became effective.

Plans are now underway to hold a formal service of dedication on Sunday, October 3, at 11 a. m. The people of the community are cordially invited to visit St. Matthew's and hear the new instrument.

The game of shuffleboard was known in England as early as the 15th century.