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## ANNUAL FALL SESSION OF BLUE RIDGE BAPTISTS WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 12

The 20th annual fall session of the Blue Ridge Baptist association will open at Cherry Springs Baptist church at 9:30 a. m., October 12, and continue with an afternoon session. The evening session of October 12 will be held at West Court Street Baptist church, beginning at 7:30. The session of October 13 will be held at Sunny Grove Baptist church, beginning at 9:30 a. m. and continuing until noon.

The complete program follows:

**Tuesday Morning, October 12**

**At Cherry Springs Baptist Church**  
Theme: "Exalting Christ Through Christian Education."

9:30—Praise and worship, Rev. Roy Webb.

9:45—Welcome, Rev. Franklin Justice.

9:50—Response, Mr. Virgil Bradburn.

9:55—Roll call, recognition of new pastors, visitors, etc.

10:05—Reports of Program Committee and Committee on Committees.

10:10—"Christian Education In Our Seminaries," Rev. Paul Stokes.

10:25—"Christian Education At Fruitland," Rev. J. R. Surrent.

10:40—"Christian Education Through Our Association," Rev. W. M. Dameron.

10:55—Hymn.

11:00—"Christian Education In Our Colleges," Mr. Claude Gaddy.

11:30—"Wake Forest Enlargement Campaign," Mr. Horace Eason.

11:50—Special Music, East Marion Church.

11:55—Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. C. C. Cross.

**Tuesday Afternoon**

Theme: "Exalting Christ In Our Association."

1:45—Praise and worship, Mr. Vann Hughes.

1:55—Report of the Promotion Committee.

2:10—Report of the Executive Committee.

2:25—Report of the Treasurer, Rev. R. I. Corbett.

2:35—Report of Board of Missions, Mr. W. R. Chambers.

2:50—Hymn.

2:55—Association Missionary's report.

3:25—Historian's report, Mr. A. E. Davis.

3:35—Miscellaneous business, adjournment.

**Tuesday Night**

Theme: "Exalting Christ Through The Organizations."

7:30—Praise and worship, Mr. Oliver Leonard.

7:45—Sunday schools, Dr. Henry Walden.

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## Young Democrats To Meet Tonight

The Young Democrats of McDowell county will hold an important meeting Thursday night, October 7, at 7:30 o'clock at Democratic headquarters in the new Norris building on South Main street, it was announced yesterday.

The important item of business to be discussed will be mapping plans for a big barbeque at a date to be set by the organization.

Robert James, Jr., will preside over the meeting tonight in the absence of E. P. Dameron, president. He urges all members and potential members to be present for the session.

## Highway Safety Program Given At Kiwanis Meet

A program on Highway Safety was held at the regular weekly meeting of the Marion Kiwanis club last Tuesday evening at the community building. Kiwanian Renn Honeycutt was in charge of the program and requested Wayne Suttle to introduce the guest speaker.

The guest speaker for the evening was Captain W. B. Lentz of the State Highway Patrol. Captain Lentz gave a brief history of the progress of the State Highway Patrol and traced its relatively small beginning in 1929 to its present status today, stating that more than 400 patrolmen were now in service. The guest speaker discussed highway safety problems at length and reviewed various phases of the motor vehicle law. He answered a number of questions from Kiwanians relative to the topic discussed. Vernon Eckerd, president of the club, presided at the meeting and reminded members of the club that the district convention would be held in Asheville beginning Sunday and running through Tuesday of next week.

## ACHIEVEMENT DAY SPEAKER NAMED

Mrs. George Apperson, of Mocksville, state home demonstration president, will be speaker at Achievement Day to be held at two o'clock, Friday, November 5, according to recent announcement.



CALVIN R. EDNEY

## EDNEY TO ADDRESS REPUBLICANS IN RALLY HERE

Calvin R. Edney, Republican candidate for Congress, will speak at a Republican rally and fish fry to be held next Friday evening, October 8, at the Lake James Club House. This event is being sponsored by the Republicans of McDowell county and those interested in Edney's campaign for Congress in the 11th Congressional District. It has been announced that the meeting will start at 6:30 o'clock in the evening and a string band will be present to provide entertainment. Several other Republican candidates are expected to be present for the occasion.

Edney is a prominent attorney of Madison county. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and prior to beginning the practice of law was a member of the faculty of Mars Hill college.

## Postal Receipts Show Increase

Postal receipts for the past quarter and past semi-annual period showed a gain over the corresponding periods last year, Postmaster John Finley said in releasing the figures for publication.

Receipts for the past quarter, totaling \$10,290.86 showed a gain of \$763.45 over the last year figure. For the six months period ending September 30, the 1948 receipts of \$32,506.69 were \$2,973.03 higher than the 1947 total.

Bond sales for the month of September were \$9,750.

Postal savings certificates paid for the month of September 1948, totaled \$54,409, and certificates issued were \$53,172, a decrease of \$1,237.

## DAR DISTRICT MEET HELD HERE LAST WEDNESDAY

Miss Gertrude Carroway, state DAR regent, addressed the 27th annual meeting of the first district of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution of North Carolina held here Wednesday.

Speaking on "Americanism," Miss Carroway called attention to the seriousness of the present times and stressed the importance of being alert to current events.

She told the group that DAR stands not only for Daughters of the American Revolution, but for democracy, Americanism and religion, as well. Miss Carroway reminded those present that DAR members should not only honor the

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## Horse Show Postponed

The Marion Horse Show, originally scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, has been postponed until 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, October 13, J. N. Morris, president of the Marion Riding club, announced. Recent rains had soaked the riding grounds until they were not suitable for the show.

## Miss Ruth Taylor Education Director Of Methodist Church

Miss Ruth Taylor, who served as director of education of the First Methodist church during the summer of 1947, has returned to Marion as full time director, Rev. J. B. McLarty, pastor, has announced.

Miss Taylor accepted the position last spring, but was granted a leave of absence when she was selected as a member of a European Caravan team assigned to work in Switzerland and Belgium during the summer months.

She is a native of Asheville, graduate of Greensboro College where she was president of the student Y. W. C. A.



MISS RUTH TAYLOR



REV. J. B. McLARTY

## Local Radio Station Broadcasting Daily

Broadcasts are now being made daily except Saturday from the Marion Studios of radio station WBBO, following an auspicious opening of the studios here in the Lonon building over the Norris Clothing Store Monday afternoon.

A number of local citizens participated on the opening "Salute to Marion and McDowell County" program Monday including Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr., Rev. M. O. Owens, Vernon Eckerd, Superintendent Hugh Beam, Richard Perkins, Sam Homewood, Will Erwin and Jack Reynolds.

"For the past several months we have been broadcasting daily a program known as 'Marion on the Air' and with the establishment of broadcasting studios in Marion, WBBO is in a position to render even better local radio service," Ed M. Anderson, president of the station, said.

## College Boys Trim Rippers Friday 21-0

Experience proved too much for a fighting band of Ripper Gridders as Western Carolina Teachers College 'B' team defeated them 21-0 in a hard fought game here Friday night.

The Rippers demonstrated their ability to crack the heavier line as they threatened to score several times. Commenting on the score, Coach Art Ditt said, "it appears as though the Rippers are slated to play with Dame Fortune against them as the Collegians scoring came about as the Result of Ripper mistakes. Packett, Marion H. B., misjudged a Setzer pass in trying to break it up—resulting, Brown caught it and ran for a score. Kirkland was the next Ripper back to get tangled up in his pass covering which resulted in a score. In the last quarter Dan McCall missed a tackle as he turned his ankle, which left the way open for a touchdown.

"In defeat, the Rippers looked good and with a little luck can go on and win the remaining games.

"Bill Stanley, Jack Goode, Packett, Dan McCall and Kirkland all looked good on the offense as they made several nice gains. On defense Milliard Robinson, Howard Wilson and Alvin Rader looked good."

## MARION MAN WOUNDED IN EYE BY GUN SHOT

George Brown, colored, patient at the Marion General Hospital since Saturday night, left yesterday for Asheville to be treated by a specialist for a gunshot wound in his eye.

Deputy Sheriff Earl Sebastain, who made investigation, said he was told that Brown was fishing with friends on the river bank in W. A. Houck's pasture Saturday night when he was shot. Brown ran to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Fletcher and was brought to the Marion General Hospital for treatment.

No arrests have been made in connection with the shooting according to a statement from the Sheriff's office yesterday.

## METHODIST CONFERENCE MAKES FEW CHANGES IN MARION DISTRICT

### Marion School PTA To Sponsor Contest In Membership Drive

Teachers in Marion High School and Central Elementary School are cooperating in the PTA membership drive by conducting a contest in the home rooms for the biggest per cent of membership in the organization.

Children are urged to enlist the membership of fathers and mothers, with the promised reward of theater passes for every member of the class which secures the biggest per cent of membership in PTA, or the room which secures 100 per cent first.

This contest will end at the close of school on Tuesday, October 12, 1948.

### Mrs. Virginia James Draft Board Clerk

Mrs. Virginia James has been appointed clerk of the McDowell County Draft Board succeeding Mrs. Wayne Suttle, according to announcement by S. W. Blanton, county chairman.

Mrs. Suttle had previously agreed to serve temporarily until a permanent clerk was appointed.

### Plan Project For Widening Street

Plans for widening Main street from State to Crawford street on South Main street were made at the meeting of the board of aldermen Tuesday night.

The board passed an order that hereafter all merchants and firms doing business with the town will be required to have a purchase order signed by the clerk for each order purchased.

### COURT OF HONOR

The McDowell County Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held at 7:30 p. m., Friday, October 8, at the First Methodist church, it is announced this week.

Methodist conference appointments for the Marion district assigned Rev. George Needham, formerly on the Marion circuit, to the new charge of Kona. Rev. H. M. Wellman, a former pastor of the East Marion Methodist church, was assigned to succeed Needham on the Marion circuit. Wellman returns to Marion from Wilkesboro.

Appointments for the entire district were announced at the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Church in High Point last Friday as follows:

**MARION DISTRICT**  
District Superintendent, John Hoyte, Jr.

Avery, G. C. Green (S).  
Avondale-Alexander, O. L. Robinson.

Bakersville, G. A. Hovis.  
Blowing Rock, to be supplied.

Boone, S. B. Moss.  
Boone Circuit, Ernest Moretz (S).  
Bostic, C. Y. Ingram.

Broad River, E. P. Greene.  
Cliffside, E. W. Needham.  
Connelly Springs, J. W. Parker.  
Creston and Green Valley, W. A. Kerr (S).

Drexel, W. M. Rathburn.  
Elk Park, James Templeton (S).  
Forest City, J. W. Braxton.

Gilkey, Paul F. Heafner (S).  
Glen Alpine, W. B. A. Culp.  
Henrietta, P. F. Snider.  
Kona, G. H. Needham.

Linville Falls, H. D. Jessup.  
Marion: Cross Mills, P. L. Smith;  
East Marion, T. G. Smith; First Church, J. B. McLarty; Murphy's Chapel, to be supplied; Marion Circuit, H. M. Wellman.

McDowell, J. F. Bowers (AS).  
Mill Springs, J. A. Fitzgerald (AS).

Associate Pastor, H. L. Powell (RS).

Morganton: First, E. K. McLarty, Jr.; North Morganton, C. L. Grant; St. Matthews-Zion Mem., G. B. Tomlinson (AS); Morganton Circuit, H. O. Huss.

Nebo-Clinchfield, H. R. Cornelius.  
Old Fort, N. S. Ogburn.  
Old Fort Circuit, J. R. Bowman.  
Pleasant Grove, G. E. S. Miller.

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## Tax Books Turned Over To Pool; Road Petitions

The board of county commissioners in session Monday turned over the tax books for 1948 to C. M. Pool, sheriff and tax collector, and notices are being mailed out to taxpayers.

The total charge for the year is listed at \$228,525.52. On the tax charge for 1947 the charge was \$227,939.60. Of this amount \$89,930.61 was collected through the county accountant's office before the books were delivered to the tax collector. The remainder of the charge was collected by Pool, with the exception of \$13,238.31, reported uncollected as of October 1.

Road petitions were approved by

the commissioners as follows:  
Marion Township: Road from reservoir spillway to Eugene Cross school building, known as Rene Hill road, about one-half mile. From colored church on Nix Creek road to P. F. Cannon home place, known as Jake's Creek road, about one-eighth mile. Road leading off State street, second street from McDowell avenue, to railroad, approximately 800 feet.

Old Fort Township: Road commonly known as Mashburn Branch road which leaves U. S. Highway 70 about one mile east of Old Fort and extends northwest approximately five-tenths mile to state highway bridge in Mashburn Hollow.

## Mobile X-Ray Units Completing Work Here

The two mobile X-ray units operating in this county have made a total of 6,100 x-rays as of Saturday, October 2, Mrs. Wade Britt, chairman of the McDowell County Tuberculosis association, announced Tuesday.

The unit which has been operating in rural areas and mill communities completed its work here Wednesday, but complete figures have not been compiled yet.

The other unit will remain in front of the court house, operating all week days except Mondays, through October 16.

X-rays made during the past week by unit two include: 198 McPar Hosiery Mill, 21 Mrs. Hollifield's Store on Highway 26-A, 52 Mrs. Lonon's Store. The unit was scheduled to operate at the Drexel Furniture company on Thursday and Friday, but the current was not sufficient to operate the unit.

Employees of the Drexel Furniture company and any others who had planned to have x-rays made during the stop at Drexel are urged to have them made at the unit

stationed in front of the court house.

The total number made by unit four during the past week was listed as follows: 340 Marion High School; 138 Hudgins High School; 384 first day at Clinchfield Manufacturing company; 281 second day at Clinchfield Manufacturing company; 430 in front of the court house.

Mrs. Britt said reports were coming back daily from x-rays made in the county revealing any abnormal condition. These persons will be asked to have a large x-ray made at no cost by the state technician at the McDowell County Health Department. It was explained that the larger film will make a clearer picture than the small one on the unit, so that a more definite diagnosis can be made.

Anyone who has not had an x-ray made is urged to take advantage of the opportunity while the unit is still on the streets of Marion. The work of the unit will be completed in this county on October 16 and x-rays will no longer be available under this plan.