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R. L. James And Son Mill To Increase Production

ADDITION OF NEW MACHINERY TO PROVIDE 100 PER CENT INCREASE

The R. L. James and Son mill is adding knitting machines, loopers, dye machines and boarding forms to increase production by 100 per cent, according to announcement by the owners this week.

This new equipment will all be in operation by April 1 and will give this mill a production of 5,000 dozen pair of men's hosiery weekly and an annual payroll of \$130,000. The annual value of this production is estimated at more than half million dollars.

The mill, organized here in 1935, has operated 24 hours daily six days a week for the past 18 months and now has its production sold through March, April and May.

Cow Owners To Have Meeting On March 15

S. L. Homewood, county farm agent, has written to all cow owners in this county to attend a meeting in the court house at one o'clock, Tuesday, March 15.

Topics slated for discussion are dairying and milk production. F. R. Farnham will be speaker. The meeting will last one hour and will be followed by a visit to three or four farms here in McDowell county.

Two of the farms to be visited have just completed a Grade A milk barn at minimum cost.

Blood Program Is Approved For This County

The McDowell County Health Department, Marion General Hospital and McDowell County Medical Society have approved a Red Cross blood program for this county, E. P. Dameron, chairman of the county chapter, announced this week.

The objective of the program is: "to provide sufficient whole blood and blood derivatives without charge to help save lives and prevent needless suffering throughout the nation."

Dameron said a chairman will be appointed and a committee named within the near future.

RED CROSS FUND CHAIRMEN APPOINT THEIR COMMITTEES

Hemphill Rites Held Last Sunday

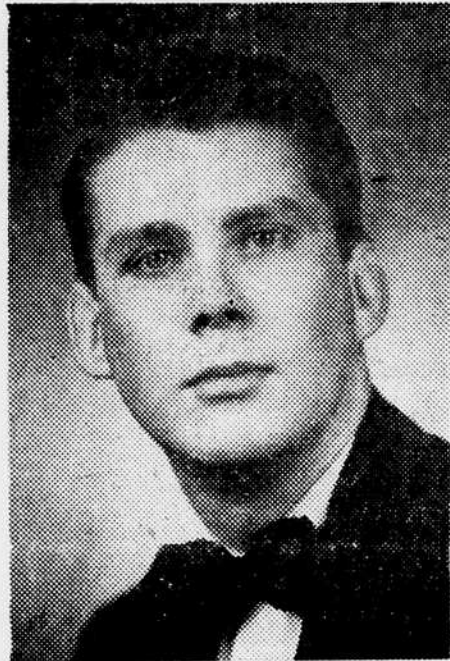
Laddie Mills Hemphill, 60, who had operated a grocery store here for 15 years, died Saturday morning in a Hickory hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 3:30 p. m. in Montford Cove Baptist Church with the Rev. Fritz Hemphill and Dr. B. F. Bray officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He was a native of Rutherford county and had resided in Marion for 40 years. He was a member of the Gastonia Masonic Lodge and the Montford Cove Baptist church.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Iva Abernethy Hemphill; one son, Samuel Mills Hemphill of Hickory; four brothers, Norris of Forest City, Zerb and Ransom of Marion, Young of Union Mills RFD 1; two sisters, Mrs. Clark Harris of Knoxville, Tenn., and Mrs. Troy Edwards of Forest City; two grandchildren.

Optometrist



DR. WILLIAM GLADDEN opened office in the Tainter building on West Henderson street this week for the practice of optometry.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gladden, Sr. of Marion, and graduated from the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn. last summer. He interned under Dr. James Frye in China Grove. Last fall he served as a member of the Industrial Division of Congress at Georgia Tech.

Baseball Club Receiving Contracts

Two additional baseball contracts have been received by the Marion Baseball Club according to announcement made by J. C. Rabb, business manager. Rabb stated that yesterday he received the contracts of Jack Triplett, popular center fielder of last season, and Art Brickner, who served as catcher last year.

Rabb said the addition of the contracts of these two players boosts the stock of the local baseball aggregation considerably. He also stated that several other contracts, now in the hands of reserve players and rookies, were expected momentarily.

Work on the playing field continues to make progress. Rabb stated that if weather conditions permitted, additional top soil to the field would be added this week.

A well-kept hive of bees may produce from 100 to 400 pounds of honey each year.

Suicide Verdict Returned By Jury In Childer's Death

A coroner's jury investigating the death of Sherman Childers here rendered a verdict of suicide, according to a statement by S. J. Westmoreland, coroner.

Sheriff C. M. Pool said Mrs. Sherman Childers swore out a warrant for her husband Sunday afternoon on a charge of assault on a female. She had brought charges of a s s a u l t prior to that time and he was under bond of \$300 pending trial at the June term of Superior Court.

Poole said Deputies Earl Sebastian and Mark Toney were accompanied to the Childers home at Nebo by J. T. Jolley, state highway patrolman. When Childers refused to open the door, Jolley returned to the Sheriff's office for a tear gas bomb. It failed to function and officers threatened to smash the door. A shot was fired, they said, before the door was broken and they found Childers with the barrel of a 12 gauge shotgun in his mouth, a shot having been fired into his mouth and through the back of his head.

The coroner's jury in session Monday afternoon returned a verdict of suicide.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Glen Alpine Methodist church.

Carl Whitesides Resigns Position Of Farm Agent

Carl Whiteside has tendered his resignation as Assistant County Farm Agent of McDowell county to become effective March 31.

He will then assume the position of field man and assistant manager of the North Carolina Milk Producers Federation Cooperation, with headquarters in Greensboro.

Whiteside came to Marion three years ago after serving in the U. S. Army during World War II. prior to that time he was assistant agent of Cherokee county.

Oratorical Contest Winners Announced For This County

Gene Watson won first place in the elimination contest for McDowell county schools in the American Legion's oratorical contest at Nebo Friday and Wayne Munday was runner-up.

Watson Wilson, commander of McDowell Post 56, awarded medals to the winners who will be eligible for entrance in the district contest to be held in Spruce Pine on March 4.

Barron Caldwell addressed the group on the history of the American Legion and the Watauga contest. Brief remarks were also made by C. E. Dobson, division commander. C. M. Stepp, chairman of the fifth division, presided.

MARION MERCHANTS TO MEET MARCH 10

G. Lloyd Langdon, agricultural engineer, of Asheville, will address the Marion Merchants association at its meeting Thursday, March 10, it is announced.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the city hall. The speaker will discuss better agricultural conditions for Marion and McDowell county.

During the business session merchants will discuss the closing hour for the Wednesday half holiday.

The Marion Junior Woman's club will play the Marion High School girls' basketball team in a cage game here March 5 in the high school gymnasium. The Francis Marion club will challenge the Marion High boys' team in a game immediately afterwards.

Proceeds will be used for the Teen-Age club, a major project of the Junior Woman's club.

Baritone



The third and final concert of the 1948-49 Marion Community Concert Association series will be presented at the Marion High School auditorium next Monday evening at eight o'clock, when John Tyers, popular and personable young baritone soloist appears.

Community Concert Campaign Underway

DR. JOHNSON BEGINS PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY

It has been announced that Dr. James H. Johnson has opened his offices for the practice of optometry in the Eckenrod Building, on East Court Street.

Dr. Johnson graduated from Brevard Junior College and attended N. C. State College prior to enlisting in the U. S. Army Air Forces in 1941. He received his Doctor of Optometry degree from Northern Illinois College of Optometry.

He is the son of the late Dr. J. H. Johnson, who was one of the pioneers in the field of optometry in Western North Carolina.

Dr. Johnson served five years in the Army Air Forces in World War II as a pilot, and was discharged with the rank of Captain. His service included eighteen months in the European Theater.

Dr. Johnson is married to the former Miss Margaret Patton of Marion. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson are at present residing on State Street.

Federation Stockholders To Meet Saturday

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Farmers Federation for McDowell stockholders who trade at the Marion warehouse will be held in the warehouse Saturday, March 5 at 11 a. m., it has been announced by James G. K. McClure, president of the organization.

Reports of the federation's business during the past year will be made and committeemen will be elected for the coming year. One director will be nominated for election at the annual meeting of the organization in Buncombe county on March 26.

Present committeemen for the Marion warehouse are: Gurney Franklin, Linville Falls; W. Edgar Morgan, Nealsville; W. L. Morris, A. Frank Hill, Tom W. Gowan, O. S. Franklin, M. R. Nanney, J. M. Parker, William Greenlee, John Dobbins, Manley Ledford, Marion; T. T. Anglin, Nebo, and Jay E. English, Ashford. Directors for McDowell county are W. J. Porter and W. Edgar Morgan.

Music will be furnished by the Farmers Federation String band and refreshments will be served. All stockholders are urged to attend the meeting.

Buys Beauty Shoppe

Rev. B. D. McMahan has purchased the K and W Beauty Shoppe from Mrs. Ray Laughridge, owner of Iva's Beauty Shoppe.

McMahan, a former Baptist minister, came to Marion from Mica-ville last summer.

Commissioners Authorize Appraisal Of Property

INDUSTRIAL PLANTS IN MARION AND OLD FORT TO BE APPRAISED

Dr. Bell Will Speak To Presbyterian Men

Men of the First Presbyterian Church will hold a meeting at the church on Wednesday, March 9, at 7:00 p. m. Dinner will be served by the ladies of the church.

Dr. L. Nelson Bell, Asheville surgeon, will be the principal speaker of the evening. Dr. Bell is a former medical missionary to China and is now associate editor of the Southern Presbyterian Journal.

The County Commissioners have authorized the Cole-Layer-Trumble company of Dayton, Ohio and Charlotte, to appraise industrial and commercial properties in the towns of Marion and Old Fort. The Virgil P. Joyce Mapping company has also been employed by the Commissioners to make a map of the towns of Marion and Old Fort commercial properties.

The survey will include: appraisal of the land and buildings of all taxable industrial properties in the county; appraisal of the land and buildings of all major commercial properties within the corporate limits of the town of Marion and Old Fort and the four tourist courts in McDowell county; appraisal of the machinery and equipment and the furniture and fixtures of all industrial and commercial establishments.

PROPOSED LAWS ARE DISCUSSED BY WILDLIFE CLUB

The McDowell County Wildlife club voted on proposed amendments to wildlife laws and regulations at its meeting last Friday night.

Jack Hewitt was appointed to present the views of the club to Roy W. Davis, McDowell's representative in the State Legislature.

The membership went on record on opposing the trout stamp which would levy an additional tax on trout fishing over and above the fishing license. Members also opposed the proposed big game hunting license which would assess hunters for deer and boar hunting.

An amendment to a regulation which now prohibits a hunter from possessing game was discussed. In view of the fact that freezer lockers and other modern facilities for preserving game now enable a hunter to preserve game longer than was advisable several years ago, the members voted in favor of the amendment.

A vote was passed in favor of laws which prohibit selling game. The members also voted for: using hunting and fishing equipment from sun down to sun rise, for lighting at all times, for fines by law, for traveling by night (crossing property posted with no trespassing signs), for fishermen who are residents of other states to be required to pay \$10.25 for license instead of \$6.10 as now required.

Little Symphony Orchestra To Present Concert March 4

School Attendance Law Enforced

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Whitson were given a hearing before Dysart Martin, justice of the peace, last week on a charge of unlawfully and willfully refusing to cause their son, Paul Whitson, to attend public schools of McDowell county. Prayer for judgment was continued on payment of costs and on condition that they send their son to school.

Mrs. Whitson was also charged with assaulting a school attendance official by striking her about the face while engaged in the performance of her duties. She was sentenced to 30 days suspended on payment of a fine of \$25 and costs and on further condition that she cooperate with the school attendance officer and school attendance officials and send her son to school.

Composition by Wagner, Handel, and Tchaikowsky will highlight the concert by the North Carolina Little Symphony Orchestra in Marion on March 4.

The Little Symphony under the baton of Dr. Benjamin Swalin will appear in concert here at the High School Auditorium. The program is scheduled to begin at 8:00 o'clock in the evening.

Wagner Composition
Wagner's "Siegfried Idyll" will open the Symphony concert. This composition has a curious history in that it was first performed at 7:30 in the morning on Christmas Day in 1870. The work was a birthday gift from Wagner to his wife and was named in honor of their young son, Siegfried. In that historic premiere, the composer directed his work, conducting from the head of the stairs.

Several of the themes of this selection were taken by Wagner from his opera, "Siegfried" of the well-known.