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DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE DERAILED BY ROCKSLIDE

Two trainmen were injured when a mountain rockslide crashed into a diesel locomotive of a Clinchfield Railroad fast freight four miles north of Ashford in McDowell county, early Thursday morning.

Flagman Burley Cooper and Conductor Vann Griffin, both of Erwin, Tenn., were injured when the sudden stop jarred the caboose in which they were riding. Cooper suffered three broken ribs and Griffin a bruised shoulder.

Traffic was blocked on the single track main line 24 hours and the three-unit engine and 14 cars of a northbound produce train were derailed.

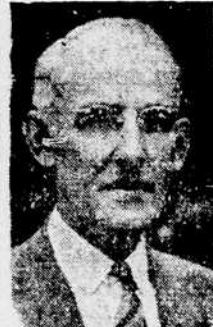
Although the slide struck the big engine, none of the locomotive crew was injured.

Officials estimated about 150 tons of rock and dirt would have to be removed. Two derricks were used to clear the tracks.

Slide occurred on a deep cut on a loop of the track where the Clinchfield reverses itself in climbing over the Blue Ridge Mountains. No estimate of damage has been made by railroad officials.

PRESBYTERIANS SCHEDULE WEEK OF SERVICES

Dr. F. Crosley Morgan will be speaker at a series of services to be held at the First Presbyterian church here beginning Sunday, March 27.

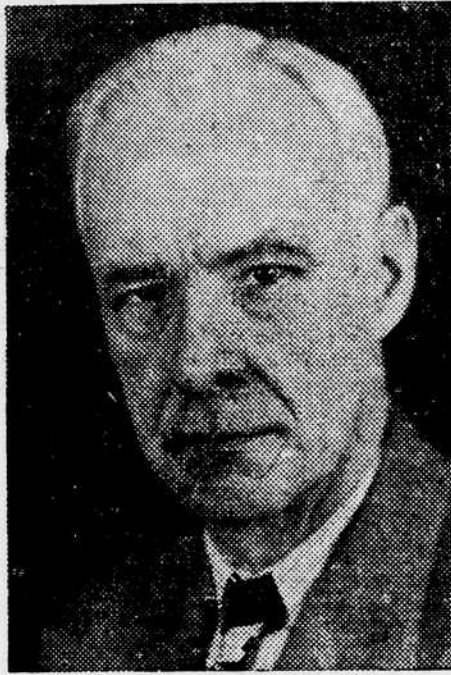


His sermon subjects have been announced as follows:

Sunday, March 27, 11 a. m. "The Central Call of Christ to Man."
Sunday, March 27, 7:30 p. m. "The Supreme Tragedy in a Church's Life."

The general theme for the morning services, beginning at ten o'clock each day throughout the week.

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J. NEAL MORRIS has assumed his new position as secretary-treasurer of Snipes Motor Company here. (Photo by Eckenrod)

To Preach Here



The Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, will make an official visit to St. John's church here next Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. He will preach the sermon and confer the rite of confirmation on a class of candidates.

Contributions To Red Cross Campaign Far Short Of Quota For This County

MARION PTA TO HAVE BABY SITTERS

The baby-sitter problem has been solved for members of the Marion Parent-Teacher association. Parents who have no one to keep their children can bring them along and entertainment will be furnished them while parents attend the meeting at eight o'clock this evening (Thursday).

C. M. Corpening Funeral Held Here Tuesday

Charles Macon Corpening, 84, retired electrical engineer, died Sunday at 9:30 a. m. in his home near Marion after a brief illness.

A native of Burke county he was the son of the late Charles Lucius Shufflin Corpening and Martha Ann Miehaux Corpening, members of pioneer families of North Carolina and Virginia.

He was educated at Sewanee Military Academy, Sewanee, Tenn., and at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, from which he graduated in the class of 1885.

After two years in Naval service he entered the field of electrical engineering. (Continued on last page)

REPORTS FROM DIVISION CHAIRMEN SHOW RURAL AREAS TRAILING

New Agent



C. H. LOCKHART will assume his duties as Assistant County Farm Agent here on March 25, S. L. Homewood, county agent, said Monday.

Lockhart, a native of University Station, N. C., comes to Marion from Tarboro where he was employed by the American Agricultural Chemical company until accepting the position here. He graduated from N. C. State College, Raleigh, in 1941 and entered the service of the U. S. Army. Following his discharge he served as Assistant County Agent in Edgecombe county until last January and then moved to Tarboro. (Photo by Eckenrod)

With more than half the month of March already past, the Red Cross is still \$2,086.43 short of the \$4,389 goal, E. C. Carnes, fund campaign chairman, said yesterday.

An itemized account of the \$2,302.57 which had been collected by noon yesterday, read as follows: business \$780.98; advanced gifts \$143; residential \$345.40; colored \$29; schools \$87.41; industrial \$911.72, and rural \$5.

Reports are incomplete for several of the divisions. Only four of the 18 industrial plants solicited are included in the total above and two colored workers have not reported.

Although March has been designated as Red Cross month, plans of the local chapter call for a speedy campaign to put McDowell county over the top long before the deadline.

AMERICAN LEGION DIVISION FINALS HELD SATURDAY

Barbara Ann Howell of Candler was winner in the N. C. fifth division finals of the American Legion National High School oratorical contest held Saturday night in the courthouse.

Miss Howell received a \$50 prize and will represent the fifth division in the state contest in Greensboro in April. Other speakers in the division contest were: Ronald Stromberg of Lenoir, Evelyn Ewen of Spruce Pine, Gene Watson of Nebo, Pat Mast of Valle Crucis, and Colleen Bumgarner of Glenville. They discussed the United States constitution.

S. Carr Morrison of Statesville, state contest chairman, presided at the division matches. The first place prize was presented by C. M. Stepp of Marion, division contest chairman.

"Go-Getters of the fifth division posts, and oratorical contestants were honored at a banquet in the community building Saturday with approximately 200 persons in attendance.

Principal speakers were James E. Greene of Omaha, Neb., chairman of the Legion, National Americanism Commission, who spoke on (Continued on last page)

Langdon Addresses Merchants On Rural Development

KEESEE SPEAKER AT MEETING OF WILDLIFE CLUB

George Keesee, commissioner of the eighth district, addressed the McDowell County Wildlife club at its meeting here Monday evening.

Keesee said he favored a \$1.10 trout stamp. He called attention to the \$12,000 recently allotted for ground improvements and pools at the Marion Fish Hatchery and the \$24,000 allotted for new buildings.

The speaker said Pisgah Forest will be open for all types of hunting and fishing until present game is exhausted.

Gilkey Memorial Lodge, which was closed last year, will be reopened under a new plan, he said, but details of the plan have not been completed.

Ross Stevens, executive secretary of the State Wildlife Federation, spoke urging improvements and restocking of game areas.

During the business session a motion was passed for the local club (Continued on last page)

G. Lloyd Langdon addressed the Marion Merchants association at its meeting last Thursday on "Rural Community Developments."

The speaker said the first step in promoting community developments is cooperation between business and agriculture. He told his audience it is of prime importance to improve agriculture production methods and will not only increase profit for the agriculturist, but for the trade area. He recommended formation of a council whose business should be to make a survey of rural resources of this county.

Following the speaker's address, S. R. Perkins, president of the Marion Merchants association, appointed a committee to investigate possibilities for rural community development.

The committee would be composed of: I. A. McLain, John Ray Jameson, V. T. Eckerd, S. R. Perkins and Amos Seagle.

S. W. Blanton read the proposed Fair Trade Law and members voted in favor of the proposed law.

During the business session Merchants voted to continue closing at one o'clock for the Wednesday half holiday.

PLEASANT GARDEN GIRLS, MARS HILL BOYS TRIUMPH

Pleasant Gardens PTA Has March Meet

The Pleasant Gardens Parent-Teacher association met Thursday evening in the school auditorium with Pete Clark, vice president, presiding.

The program was given by the two fifth grades under the direction of Misses Geneva Link and Margaret Honeycutt. The program consisted of a playlette, "Welcome, Sweet Springtime."

Mrs. Erwin Heers gave a program of songs. In the parent court, Mrs. Ned McGimsey's room won in high school and Miss Honeycutt's in the grammar grades.

Movie Presented At Rotary Club

The Marion Rotary club was entertained with a Travel Talk film presented by W. E. Carter last Friday noon.

Dr. William Gladden and Will Erwin were welcomed into membership.

Bobby Curtis, high school honor student, was a guest of the club.

Mars Hill—The Pleasant Gardens girls and the Mars Hill boys were crowned champions of the Tri-County basketball tournament last night at the Mars Hill College gym.

The Pleasant Gardens lassies captured their title by virtue of a 39-21 triumph over a fighting but badly off Mars Hill boys annexed theirs by trimming a good Fines Creek quintet, 44 to 35.

In the opener Pleasant Gardens wasted little time getting started. With Gretchen Heers looping them in from all angles they quickly took a 11-8 lead at the end of the first period. Pleasant Garden extended it to 24-10 at the half, and then rolled to a comfortable 32-16 lead at the end of the third quarter.

For the winners Miss Heers took high scoring honors with 16 points, while for the losers Miss Kirkpatrick was high with 14.

PSYCHOLOGIST HERE

Miss Dorothy Hamilton, psychologist, gave psychological examinations to children in the offices of the McDowell County Department of Public Welfare Monday.

Pre-School Clinics Begin March 21

The McDowell County Health Department has announced plans to begin pre-school clinics on March 21. The purpose of the clinics is to enroll the children and make examination to determine their physical fitness for school attendance.

The schedule has been announced as follows:

- Cross Mill School, Monday, March 21.
- Old Fort School, Thursday, March 24.
- West Marion, Monday, March 28.
- East Marion, Thursday, March 31.
- Pleasant Gardens, Monday, April 4.
- Clinchfield, Thursday, April 7.
- North Cove, Monday, April 11.
- Glenwood, Monday, April 18.
- Marion Central, Thursday, April 21.
- Dysartsville, Monday, April 25.
- Nebo, Monday, May 2.

Boy Scout Court Of Honor Held Friday

Five Scouts were advanced to Star Scout rank and four to First Class at the McDowell County Boy Scout of Honor held in the First Methodist church last Friday evening.

A film showing the patrol method of Scouting was shown previous to the Court of Honor. Rev. J. B. McLarty acted as chairman of the court and R. M. Schiele, Scout Executive of the Piedmont Council, was present.

The following ranks were awarded: Tenderfoot: Carl Biddix, Maurice (Continued on last page)

NEW SCHEDULE OF MAIL SERVICE TO ROCK HILL

Highway mail van postal service to replace the former railway mail service on Southern trains Nos. 35 and 36, between Marion and Rock Hill, S. C. will become effective April 1, according to Postmaster John Finley who has received notice of the plan from the Postoffice Department.

The truck will operate from Charlotte via Rock Hill, thence along the route formerly served by Southern mail service through Blacksburg, S. C., to Shelby, Forest City, Rutherfordton and into Marion, arriving here at 12:10 and leaving at 2 p. m.

Plans are underway for a celebration on the opening day, but details are incomplete.

W. Claude Davis, 77, Is Claimed By Death

W. Claude Davis, 77, died at the residence in Clinchfield Monday night, March 7.

Funeral services were held in the Clinchfield Baptist church Wednesday at 4 p. m. by the pastor, the Rev. Paul Stokes. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Dora Hill Davis; two sons and two daughters, Olan and William Davis of Clinchfield, Mrs. W. P. Sharpton of Rock Hill, S. C., and Mrs. L. V. Bradley, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., seven grandchildren, two great grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Horace Reid of Spindale, four brothers, Matt and Henry Davis of Rutherfordton RFD 2, Burch Davis of Mill Springs and Robert Davis of Morganton.

Davis was retired machinist of Clinchfield Manufacturing Company where he worked for many years.

MARION PTA TO MEET

The Marion Parent-Teacher association will meet at eight o'clock, Thursday night, March 17, in the school auditorium, it was announced yesterday.

Snipes Motor Co. To Be Corporation

The Snipes Motor company will become a corporation to be known as Snipes Motor Company, Inc., as of April 1, Jack Morris, president, announced this week.

J. Neal Morris began his new duties there this week as secretary-treasurer.

Morris has been connected with the First National Bank here for the past 21 years, including 11 years as cashier. Following his resignation he spent a vacation in Florida before entering on the duties of his new position.

Marion Radio Station WBRM To Begin Broadcasts Here

KIWANIS CLUB LAUDS WHITESIDE

The Marion Kiwanis club at its meeting Tuesday evening approved a resolution submitted by the Board of Directors commending Carl Whiteside for his work with the club. The resolution expressed appreciation for his efforts and wished him success.

Whiteside will leave March 31 for Greensboro to accept a position with the North Carolina Milk Producers Federation Cooperation.

Members voted to have a county-wide spelling bee and Richard Shaw was appointed to make arrangements.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO MEET TUESDAY NIGHT

The Community Council will meet at 7:30 o'clock, Tuesday evening, in the Marion Junior Woman's club room of the community building, Mrs. R. R. Cook announced Monday.

Marion will have a radio station soon.

The Lake City Broadcasting Station received its construction permit from the Federal Communications Commission last Friday authorizing construction of a 1,000 watt daytime station with frequency of 1,250 kilocycles.

Will Erwin, president, and Jack Reynolds, program director, said broadcasting over Marion's new station, WBRM, 1250 on your radio dial, will begin within the near future.

Modern, new studios are located in the offices over Norris Clothing Store on West Court street. Construction of a transmitter building and entrance site is nearing completion on the old Asheville highway near Roy Curtis' farm.

DR. McMURRAY TO LECTURE

Rev. C. W. McMurray, D. D., will deliver an illustrated lecture on "Scenes of Galilee" at the First Presbyterian church at 7:30 o'clock, Sunday evening.