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## Construction Of Bus Station To Be Started Next Week

Construction of a new bus station for Marion will be started next week.

H. G. Sain and Earl Lowery have received a permit from the Commission of Public Safety to erect a bus station on the corner of East Court and North Garden streets to be occupied as a Queen City and Carolina Scenic Bus lines station, it was stated yesterday by Sain, and construction is expected to be started next week.

Cost of the building, approximately 30x87 feet, was estimated at \$25,000 to \$30,000. The remainder of the 68x87 foot lot, now occupied by Sain-Brooks Motor company as a used car lot, will be used for parking space for the buses.

## City Schools Designate April Clean-Up Month

The Marion City Schools have designated the month of April as clean up month for the buildings and grounds of their schools. This movement is in cooperation with a general city wide clean up program being sponsored by the Community Council, the local Board of Health and the City Council.

Hugh Beam, superintendent of Marion City Schools after holding a conference with Mrs. Richard Cook, chairman of the Community Council, stated that the schools would cooperate in every way possible with the city wide clean up program. He further stated that at a recent meeting of the principals of the Marion City Schools it was decided that emphasis would be placed on a spring clean up program and that this program of the school would fit into the program outlined by the Community Council along with its co-operating agencies.

The principal of each school has been asked to serve as chairman for the particular school and grounds that the principal represents. The principal has been asked to appoint a co-worker to assist in each of the schools.

Beginning Monday, April 4, the schools will set aside a small portion of its daily schedule, at which time the teacher will discuss with her pupils the advantages of cleanliness and clean surroundings, and will solicit the aid and help of the pupils in conducting the clean up work that will be done at the school buildings and on the school grounds. A lesson of good citizenship will be emphasized in the program, and the children will be encouraged to do similar work in their homes, and on the grounds surrounding their homes.

### SINGING CONVENTION

The Our Convention will have a singing at Mt. Hebron Methodist church Sunday, April 3, at two o'clock.

## Marion Marauders Begin Field Work

Johnny Lanning, playing manager for the Marion Marauders, began field workouts here on the Cross Mill Ball Park Tuesday.

Members reporting for practice were:

Catchers: Art Brickner, of Cincinnati, limited service man who was with the Marion club last year; James H. Cooksie, of Asheville, limited service man, who has played one year of professional baseball.

Pitchers: Johnny Lanning, class man, of Asheville, who has served a 10-year hitch in the majors before hanging up his rosin bag; Nathan Yebon, limited service man who was with the Marauders last year; Higgins Duncan; limited service man, playing here last year as relief pitcher; Harry McKee, Shelby, played semi-pro ball the latter portion of year before last and was with the Newton-Conover team last year; Samuel Redick, Fletcher, rookie and left-handed pitcher;

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## Supreme Court Rules Dairy Ordinance Invalid

The Supreme Court this week reversed the decision of the McDowell County Superior Court in the case of Roy Curtis, Arnold McKinney and Von Ayers who were charged with selling milk without a permit.

Following an appeal to the Supreme Court, a ruling was handed down stating that an ordinance of the McDowell-Burke-Caldwell Health Department which required dairymen to conform to certain specifications in order to obtain a permit to sell milk, is invalid.

## WESTERMANN RITES TO BE HELD TODAY

Henry A. Westermann, 83, retired businessman, died Sunday at his winter home in Sarasota, Fla. A native of Wilmington, he came to Old Fort as a young man at the time of his fathers retirement from the shipping business. He engaged in merchandising in Old Fort for 20 years.

Survivors include the widow, the former Miss Ella Dula of Old Fort, Will Westermann of Old Fort, and a sister, Mrs. Luther Long of Newton, N. C.

Services will be held at the First Methodist Church, Marion, Thursday at two o'clock, and interment will be in Oak Grove Cemetery. McCall Funeral Home will be in charge.

## Singing Convention To Be Held Sunday

The McDowell County Singing Convention will hold its annual spring singing on April 3 at Marion High School beginning at 10 a. m., Mrs. Lloyd Bennett, secretary-treasurer, announced this week.

Lloyd Bennett, president, will preside. The program will include the Blue Ridge Quartet, from Spartanburg, S. C., the Davis Trio from Gastonia, and a number of other singers.

Officers for the coming year will be elected.

## Queen City Bus Collides With Truck

A Queen City bus and truck, both headed west on highway 70, collided about 6:20 Monday morning, according to a report by Patrolman J. T. Jolley, who investigated. Jolley said he was informed that James Robert Wright, driving a truck owned by Frank Glenn, was making a left turn into Peerless Motor company when the bus struck the rear of the truck. The impact forced the truck to crash into the front of the building. Damage to the building was estimated at \$700.

## REV. KIVIRANNA TO BE SPEAKER AT ST. MATTHEW'S

An Estonian refugee, Rev. Rudolph Kiviranna, will speak at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 307 W. Court Street, in the interest of Displaced-Persons, on Tuesday evening at 7:45. The subject of his lecture will be "The Challenge of Communism to Our Christian Faith and Civilization." All of the pastors of McDowell county have been asked to invite their congregations to this lecture. Everyone is most cordially invited, and a good opportunity will be given to ask the (Continued on last page)

## DRAFT BOARD SEEKS PHILLIPS

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Conway Phillips, whose last address was given as Nebo, is asked to notify the local draft board office in the court house.

All registrants are reminded to keep the local board posted as to any change of address.

## JOHNSON ELECTRIC COMPANY OPENING SET FOR FRIDAY

Formal opening of the Johnson Electric Company at its new location on South Main street has been set for Friday, April 1. Andrew Tainter, manager, announced this week.

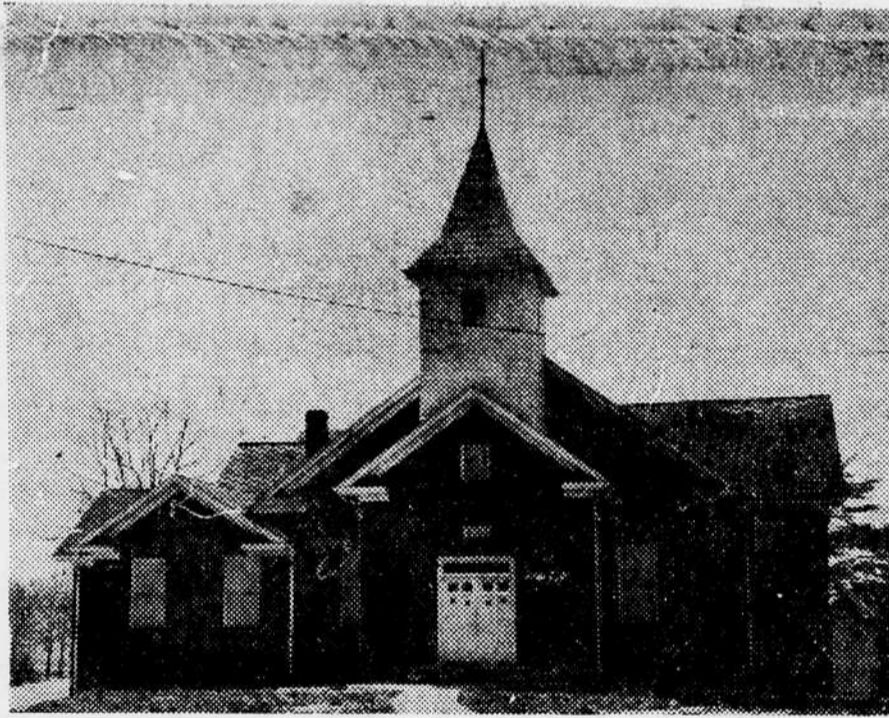
The public is invited to attend the open house program from 9 a. m. till 8 p. m. Factory representatives will demonstrate the various types of appliances.

Baxter D. Johnson, owner, established the Marion store in 1946 as an affiliate of the Johnson Electric Company of Spruce Pine, a firm now in its 19th year. Tainter, formerly an employee of the Bell Aircraft Corporation in Marietta, Ga., accepted the management of the local store nearly two years ago.

Moving to its new location last December before details of the building were completed, the opening was delayed. However, the modern, streamline home of the Company is now ready for the in-

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## NEW CHURCH



EAST MARION BAPTIST CHURCH was recently remodeled and an addition made at the rear of the church at a cost of \$34,000. The original building was a white frame structure and has now been covered with brick. The new addition in the rear is also brick. (Photo by Eckenrod).

## NEW BUILDING



FORMAL OPENING of the Johnson Electric Company will be held Friday of this week at its new home on South Main street. The modernistic black front frames plate glass windows slanted toward the doorway. Other views of the building are shown in photos contained in an ad in this issue. (Photo by Eckenrod).

## MUNICIPAL ELECTION CALLED FOR MARION

Mayor And Aldermen To Be Elected May 3; Judges And Registrars Named

## Red Cross Needs \$700 By Midnight

The Red Cross campaign officially closes today and unless \$709.16 is received before midnight the goal will not be reached, E. C. Carnes, fund campaign chairman, said yesterday.

A final tally yesterday showed \$3,679.24 in receipts. All canvasses are complete except a few business and industrial firms and advanced gifts. Officials believe they may expect to receive a few hundred dollars more within the next few days, but fail to see the last three or four hundred necessary to reach the goal of \$4,389.

All workers are asked to make final reports as soon as possible to the Red Cross or E. C. Carnes.

An especial appeal is made to persons, firms or plants in the county who have not been solicited to notify officials or mail in donations.

## MARION PTA TO MEET TUESDAY

The Marion Parent-Teacher association will elect officers at the next meeting to be held at eight o'clock, April 5, in the school auditorium.

The Marion High School Band and Glee clubs will also present programs.

Children will be entertained with a movie while parents are attending the meeting.

### PLEASANT GARDENS PTA MEET

The Pleasant Gardens PTA will meet Friday night, April 1, at 7:30. A program will be given by the 4th grade.

## MARION HIGH BAND WINS SUPERIOR RATING

The Board of Aldermen in session Tuesday evening called Marion's municipal election to be held May 3. A Mayor and five members of the Board of Aldermen will be chosen.

Candidates who plan to enter the race for the six offices must file notice of intention with J. W. Streetman, Jr., Mayor, on or before 6:30 p. m., April 18. Registration books will be open Saturday, April 9 and close Saturday, April 23. Saturday, April 30, is Challenge Day.

Albert Rader and C. R. Craig have been appointed judges for the election and G. W. Giles has been named registrar.

The Aldermen also voted to buy a lot on State street between McCall's Hosiery Mill and the railroad where a garage will be erected to house the trucks owned by the Town.

## County-Wide Meeting Demonstration Clubs

Miss Julia McIver, clothing specialist of the N. C. State Extension Service, was guest speaker at a county-wide meeting of Home Demonstration club members here Thursday afternoon.

Miss McIver spoke on, "New Ideas for Old Clothes." She outlined methods for lengthening hemlines and other ways to remodel clothes to conform to new fashion ideas.

Following the address Miss McIver was asked how the local Home Demonstration office compared with other offices in the state. She replied that it is one of the best in the state.

Thirteen of the 16 clubs in the county were represented at the meeting.

### OWENS NAMED CHAIRMAN

REV. M. O. OWENS was named chairman of the Red Cross Blood program for this county this week by E. P. Dameron, McDowell County chairman. Mrs. J. E. Evans was named volunteer service chairman.

The annual District Music Contest-Festival was held Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26 at the Lee Edwards High School in Asheville. Entries from the Marion schools included Girls' Glee Club, Band, instrumental ensembles and several instrumental soloists. Events were judged by a panel of judges selected by the Contest-Festival headquarters in Greensboro. The six district contests within the state are all judged by the same group of musicians. Superior ratings earned in the district meet entitle the entries to participate in the State Competition held at the Woman's College in Greensboro in April.

Both the High School Band and the Girls' Glee Club were awarded Superior Ratings. The brass sextet composed of Larry Gibson, Connelly Miller, Bobby Ricks, Mickey Walker, Dean Seagle, and Ralph Fender received a Superior as well as Harry McCall and Bobby Ricks oboe and french horn soloists respectively.

Larry Gibson, cornet, and Mary Belle Grayson, piano, both received Excellent ratings as did four of the instrumental ensembles. The ensembles and students participating in them are as follows: Clarinet Trio—Jane Shiflet, Bill Suttle, Virginia McBee; Clarinet Quartet—Audrey Koon, Sewell Laughridge, Vivian Suttlemyre and Jewell Reel; Saxophone Quartet—Bobby Long, Ikey McLain, Gray Proctor and Da-

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