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## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVE SCHOOL ADDITIONS

### EIGHT CLASSROOMS TO BE ADDED IN COUNTY SYSTEM; FOUR IN CITY

The County Commissioners in session Monday approved the addition of four classrooms for the Nebo school, for the Glenwood school, in the county system, and four for the West Marion school in the city system. The motion was passed following an appeal by the Marion City and McDowell County boards.

The Commissioners also ordered a change of hours for county offices in the court house. The offices will observe hours from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. with no lunch hour closings. The following road petitions were approved:

Widen the road from Harmony Grove to Pineola road in the Dyarsville township and place culverts in two places to keep water from standing on the road and gravel all the way.

Grade and gravel the road from Little Rock Creek road to the J. P. Walker road.

Widen, grade, ditch and gravel the road from big Oak tree on the (Continued on last page)

## COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REELECTS DR. JOHNSON

Dr. J. B. Johnson of Old Fort was reelected chairman of the McDowell County School Board for a two year term at the regular meeting of the Board held in the office of N. F. Steppe, county superintendent, last Monday. Johnson has been a member of the board 14 years, including a 12 year period as chairman.

N. F. Steppe was reelected county superintendent for a two year term.

Other members of the board are: W. L. Morris, former chairman who has been a member for the past 20 years. J. E. English, North Cove, new member succeeding J. C. Goforth who served on the board for (Continued on last page)

## Seeks Re-election



J. W. STREETMAN, JR. announces this week that he will be a candidate for reelection as Mayor of Marion.

## McDowell County Church Campaign Launched Sunday

The churches of McDowell county, cooperating in the Church Attendance Campaign, began the campaign on this last Sunday with average attendance. Practically all the churches in the county are participating, with the exception of St. John's Episcopal Church, Rev. A. P. Mack, rector. Reports from the churches are very incomplete, but a casual survey and conservative estimate would indicate that Sunday School attendants last Sunday approximated 5,000. Total church membership in the county is approximately 10,000. There are 65 white churches in the county.

Given below are the churches (Continued on last page)

## CANDIDATES FILING FOR TOWN OFFICES

### MAYOR AND FIVE CANDIDATES TO BE ELECTED MAY 3

## NEBO MERCHANT REPORTS STORE WAS ROBBED

Dallas Rowe, blind merchant of the Nebo community, reported three pair of khaki pants, three pair of overalls, three packages of tobacco and ten packages of chewing gum missing from his store last Thursday morning, Sheriff C. M. Pool said.

Upon investigation by the Sheriff and his deputies a broken window pane in the store was discovered and the window had also been raised. Rowe said he missed burlap sacks from his store and advanced the theory that the person or persons who entered did so by breaking the window, but that the bags of loot (Continued on last page)

Five candidates have filed for offices in the municipal election to be held Tuesday, May 3, Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr. said yesterday.

Streetman, who has served two consecutive terms as Mayor of Marion, spoke of his own candidacy and that of four candidates for the Board of Aldermen. They are: Pat Davis, Edward Rowe, Frank Goldsmith and Clinton N. Norris.

Registration books will be opened Saturday, April 9, and close Saturday, April 23. A Mayor and five members of the Board of Aldermen will be chosen.

Streetman is a native of Marion and is associated with his father in the operation of Streetman Drug company. He has been active in politics here for several years. His father has served as alderman and was mayor for two terms.

Pat Davis, Edward Rowe and Frank Goldsmith, all members of the present Board, have served one two-year term each.

Rowe, an ex-service man, is associated with his brother in the grocery business here.

Davis, also a veteran, holds a position at Laughridge Furniture company.

Goldsmith hold a position at Cross-Cotton Mills company.

Norris is associated in business with his father, W. H. Norris.

The names of other possible candidates have been mentioned in political circles, but to date no other candidates have announced.

## A. S. T. C. BAND TO GIVE CONCERT HERE WEDNESDAY

The Appalachian State Teachers College band will be presented in concert at 10:15 o'clock, Wednesday morning, April 13, in the Marion High School auditorium, Bernard Hirsch announced yesterday. The concert is open to the public and no admission will be charged.

The band compliment of 46 is under the direction of Roy R. Blanton, Jr., and is on a seven day tour, playing nine concerts in North Carolina and Tennessee.

## Community Council Committees Making Survey Of Local Needs

### CHARLES SMITH ROTARY PRESIDENT FOR NEW YEAR

Charles H. Smith was elevated from vice president to president of the Rotary club succeeding Pat Davis at the weekly meeting held in the community building last Friday. Other officers for the coming year are: Ernest Ross, vice president; Leland Hairr, secretary; David Gray, treasurer, and Will Erwin, sergeant-at-arms.

The Board of directors will be composed of these officers and Pat Davis, past president, Jack Hewitt and Marshall Dark.

Jack Wingo was the honor student guest of the month.

### COURT OF HONOR

The Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held at 7:30 o'clock, Friday, April 8, at the First Methodist church, it is announced this week.

## BENNETT NAMED PRESIDENT OF SINGING CONVENTION

### Wildlife Club To Meet Monday

The April meeting of the McDowell County Wildlife club will be held at 7:30, Monday, April 11, in the court house, according to announcement Monday.

Fishing rules and regulations, gill nets, baskets and other fish traps will be discussed.

The following committees will be appointed: non-game fish, game fish, big game fish, squirrel and grouse, rabbit, bird, fox, raccoon and opossum.

A special invitation is extended to sports women to attend.

### CITY SCHOOLS TO CLOSE FRIDAY

Marion City Schools will be closed Friday, April 8, so faculty members may attend a State Meeting of the North Carolina Education Association in Asheville, H. F. Beam, superintendent said this week. The City Schools will also observe Monday as a holiday, he said.

Preparatory to the next Community Council meeting on April 25 two committees of a temporary nature recently appointed, are working on surveys. A "Projects Survey Committee" is composed of Albert Hewitt, Rotarian chairman, R. C. Spratt, delegate from the Merchants' Association, and Rev. P. L. Smith, Kiwanian. This committee is questioning Community Council delegates and other interested citizens of Marion in an effort to determine the specific work the Community Council may undertake in order to be of the greatest service to the community. A report of this survey will be given at the April meeting of the Community Council.

Another committee composed of Amos Seagle, Merchants' Association delegate, chairman; Mrs. B. A. Dickson, representative from the School Board, and E. P. Dameron, delegate from the Francis Marion club is making a survey to determine the wishes of Community Council delegates regarding new members to be invited as delegates. (Continued on last page)

## Marion Manufacturing Co. Office Building Remodeled

### Rev. Kiviranna Guest Speaker At Kiwanis Club

Reverend Rudolf Kiviranna, a Lutheran minister and native of Estonia, one of the Baltic states, was the guest speaker at the Marion Kiwanis Club Tuesday evening.

Roy Davis, president of the club, presided and Kiwanian Hugh Beam was in charge of the program. Vernon Eckerd introduced the speaker to the club.

The guest speaker recently left his home country because of Communism which over ran his homeland. Reverend Kiviranna was able to give definite and accurate information of Communist practices behind the iron curtain. He related to the club some of the experiences which he had had and the things that he had seen. He outlined how leaders of Communism systematically undermined the government of his homeland, and told how Christianity was suppressed. He urged vigorous opposition to all phases of Communism with all of its ideologies.

Judge Paul Story was welcomed into the club after an absence of three months. Reverend R. I. Corbett also received a hearty welcome back into the club. Reverend Corbett had been vacationing in Florida for several months but has made up all of his attendance while away.

President Davis called for a brief session with his Board of Directors immediately following the adjournment of the meeting.

## TWO SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY MORNING

First Baptist Church began a program of the morning worship services last Sunday morning, one at 9:45 and the other at the usual time—11:00. Sunday evening in the Training Union an additional Story Hour was organized to take care of children up to four years old.

Total attendance at the morning services increased 25 per cent over the average attendance for a single service heretofore. Total attendance was 310 for the two services. The Lord's Supper was observed at both services. Sunday School attendance was 364, the largest single attendance. (Continued on last page)

### RED CROSS DRIVE \$500 SHORT OF GOAL

The Red Cross campaign is still \$500 short of the \$4,389 goal, E. C. Carnes, fund campaign chairman, said yesterday.

The drive was scheduled to close March 31, but contributions are still being accepted.

## MARION P. T. A. ELECTS OFFICERS TUESDAY NIGHT

Officers for the coming year were elected at the PTA meeting held in the High School auditorium Tuesday night, April 5. Mrs. S. W. Blanton will be the new president, Mrs. Gene Cross, Jr. vice president, Mrs. John Setzer secretary and Mrs. Wayne Suttle, treasurer.

Immediately after the call-to-order by Mrs. Sam Yancey, president and the devotional period conducted by Rev. Chester Smelser, the program was turned over to Mrs. Homer Beaman, program chairman. She presented Miss Lillian Jonas and the Glee Club who gave two sacred selections, both contest numbers in the recent Music Contests. Following the Glee Club, Band numbers were presented, introduced by Bernard Hirsch, Band Director. Music Contest numbers were presented by the following: Brass Ensemble composed of six boys, a piano solo by Mary Belle Grayson, an Oboe solo by Harry (Continued on page 4)

## Quarterly Totals In Postal Receipts Show An Increase

Postal receipts for the quarter ending March 31 increased \$2,514.42 over the corresponding quarter last year, according to figures released this week by Postmaster John Finley.

He attributed the rise in part to an increase in postal rates and fees, but expressed the opinion that more third class and fourth class receipts had also had an effect. He said more parcels and advertising material had been mailed.

Receipts for the three months period this year were \$13,116.70, compared with \$10,602.28 last year. Postal savings certificates issued in March totaled \$58,497. Paid certificates were listed at \$52,523, making increase of \$5,962. Bond sales in March totaled \$4,500.

## COBB ACCEPTS NEW POSITION

Jack D. Cobb has accepted a position as sanitary inspector of Iredell county and will accept his new duties in Statesville on April 15. Dr. C. N. Sisk, of the County Health Department, announced this week. Cobb came to Marion from Boone about a year ago.

Dr. Sisk said a successor has not been named.

## Powling Center To Open Saturday

The new Lake City Bowling Center will open at 10 a. m. Saturday in the building on West Henderson street formerly occupied by the Dixie Home Stores. The Center will be owned and operated by Clinton H. Norris and J. O. Flack.

### NO EASTER HOLIDAY FOR COUNTY SCHOOLS

Schools in the McDowell County system will continue their regular schedule during Easter week-end, it is announced by N. F. Steppe, county superintendent.

## HIGHWAY MAIL SERVICE STARTED LAST FRIDAY

### Easter Seal Sale Being Sponsored By Junior Women

The Marion Junior Woman's club is sponsoring the Easter Seal Sale this year to raise \$770 for crippled children. Mrs. Morgan Baldwin, publicity chairman, announced this week.

Mrs. Joseph Pyatt, Jr. is chairman of the 1949 campaign. Others taking part are Mrs. Sam Yancey, treasurer, and a committee composed of Mrs. Sara Margaret Giles, Mrs. Art Ditt and Mrs. Charles H. Smith.

Coin containers and posters have been placed in local business establishments and 1,000 letters containing 20,000 seals are being mailed to individuals, business firms and points throughout the county. Easter Sunday is the date set for the campaign to officially close, but an especial effort is being made to reach the goal as early as possible and everyone is asked to cooperate by mailing donations promptly.

The farm parity ratio for mid-February was down to 105, the lowest since July, 1942.

### BOOKS GIVEN

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bartlette presented the Pleasant Gardens High School library with 26 volumes consisting of classics, fiction and non-fiction.