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BROADCASTS TO BEGIN HERE NEXT MONTH

Marion's Radio Station WBRM will begin broadcasts about May 10 with a power of 1,000 watts 1250 K. C. if present plans materialize, it was announced this week.

All equipment has arrived and construction is being rushed ahead by Chief Engineer John Randolph and Assistant Engineer J. R. Horton. Randolph was formerly Chief Engineer at WNCN, Asheville, where Horton assisted also.

The Ace-Hi Tower construction company of Rome, Ga. headed by H. E. Tant, expect to have the 210 foot steel tower completely erected by the end of this week.

The Transmitter building and tower is situated on the Roy Curtis farm on the Old Asheville highway near US highways 64 and 70 on the east end of town.

The Studios are located in the Lonon Building on West Court street next to the Marion Theatre.

The staff has not been completed as yet but is expected to be by May 1.

Will P. Erwin is General Manager, J. R. Horton, Assistant Engineer; J. C. Pleasant, Announcer-Salesman; Sydney Carrigan, Sports Announcer; Mrs. Jack Reynolds, Bookkeeper. The other announcers needed are being screened now.

EASTER SEALS SALE DEADLINE APPROACHING

The Easter Seal Sale committee of the Marion Junior Woman's club counted \$410.46 received from the sale as of Tuesday of this week, according to figures released by Mrs. Morgan Baldwin, publicity chairman. The quota this year is \$770.

The total included \$40.21 realized from the sale of Lily Day tags on the streets last Saturday.

The campaign this year is headed by Mrs. Joseph Pyatt, Jr., chairman, under sponsorship of the Marion Junior Woman's club. Mrs. Pyatt extended an urgent appeal to everyone who has received envelopes of seals to please make a prompt response.

Those wishing to contribute should mail contributions immediately to enable the committee to make final report as soon as possible. Easter Sunday is the date officially set by National Headquarters as the closing date of the campaign.

MARION CIVITAN CLUB OBSERVES CHARTER NIGHT

MARION PTA WILL SPONSOR FASHION REVIEW

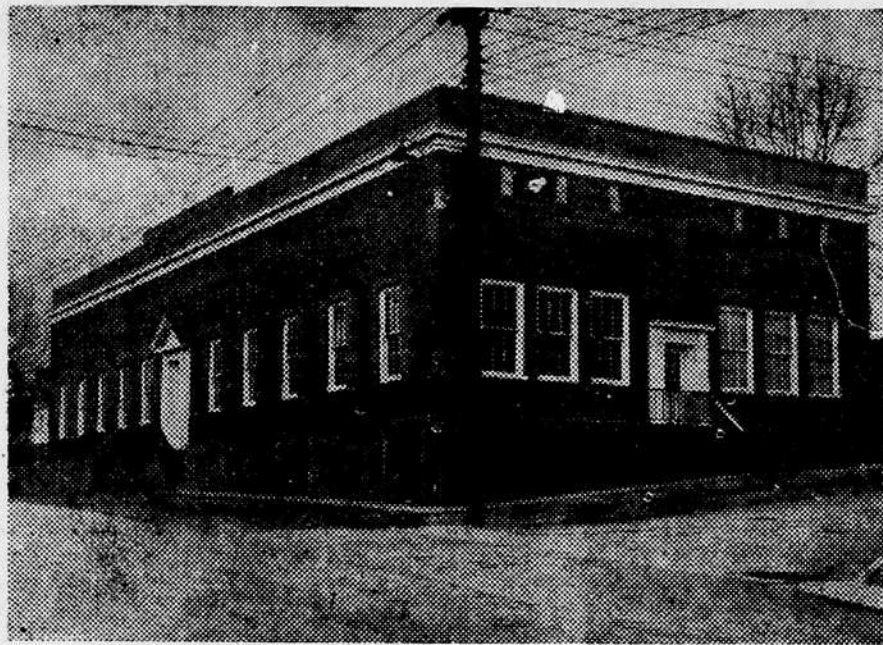
The Marion Parent-Teacher association will sponsor a "Womanless Fashion Review" at eight o'clock, Friday night, April 22, in the Marion High School auditorium.

C. C. Elledge will be Master of Ceremonies. Others taking part are: Dan Hitchcock, Albert Hewitt, Jack Hewitt, Earl Sebastian, W. W. Wall, Hubert Martin, Will Erwin, John Finley, Oliver Cross, Joe Tyler, Clyde Cannon, Ed Logan.

Colen Wright, Carl McCall, Melvin Burns, Matt McBrayer, Pat Davis, Glenn Early, Wayne Suttle, Johnny Sullivan, R. C. Spratt, Jimmy Laughridge, Alec Smith, Harry Tyler, Sam Yancey, David Gray, Marshall Dark, Rev. M. O. Owens and L. D. Adkins.

The State's strawberry acreage this year is about 4 per cent greater than in 1948.

REMODELED



THE MARION MANUFACTURING COMPANY OFFICE has been remodeled, the company store abolished and the interior completely renovated and rearranged. The building contains eight offices and will later also include a mill end store and post office. Mill production is almost entirely devoted to the manufacture of rayon materials. (Photo by Eckenrod).

Easter Holidays And Church Services

Methodists Observe Holy Week With Services

The First Methodist church is observing Holy Week with services each evening at 7:30 o'clock. Special emphasis is being laid on the Maunday-Thursdays Communion Service.

WEST MARION BAPTIST CHURCH IS COMPLETED

The new West Marion Baptist church will open for services on Easter Sunday, Rev. Franklin Justice, pastor, announced this week.

The program for the day will begin with a Sunrise Service at six o'clock. Sunday School will be held at 10 a. m. and the morning worship service will follow at 11 o'clock. Rev. Frank Robinson, Baptist missionary, will deliver the sermon. The evening service will be held at 7:30 o'clock.

The brick building, measuring 32x60 feet, was completed this week. Justice estimated the cost at (Continued on last page)

Marion will observe Easter with services in local churches. The stores will not observe an Easter holiday, but the N. C. Employment Service office, the First National and Marion Industrial Banks will be closed Monday, April 18. Schools in the Marion City system will have a holiday Easter Monday, but county schools will continue their regular schedule.

The services in local churches have been announced as follows:

FIRST METHODIST
Sunrise Service 5:55 a. m. Morning worship at 11 o'clock with special music. No evening service.

FIRST BAPTIST
Two morning services. One at 9:45 and one at 11 o'clock with special Easter music. Evening service at 7:30.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL
Morning services at 8 o'clock and 11 o'clock.

ST. MATTHEW'S
Morning worship at 11 o'clock with sermon by Rev. Charles Frenzel, pastor, entitled "The Power of Christ's Resurrection." After the (Continued on last page)

Kiwanis Club Sponsors Spelling Bee

An old fashioned spelling bee, with representative students from the various schools of the city and county, was sponsored by the Marion Kiwanis club at its regular weekly meeting held Tuesday evening in the Marion community building.

Kiwanians Vernon Eckerd, Richard Shaw and J. L. Gourley were in charge of the program. The spelling match was in the form of a county wide contest which included two representatives from each of the high schools in Marion and McDowell county. Kiwanians I. A. McLain, Wayne Copenhaver and Robert Rowe acted as judges and Barron Caldwell was Master of Ceremonies.

First place was awarded to Miss Lois Reynolds, Nebo High School; second place to Miss Jean Harris, (Continued on last page)

Smith Died Wednesday; Funeral Today

Herbert Ovander Smith, 64, died at the residence on South Garden street Wednesday morning after an extended illness. Funeral services will be held at the residence at three o'clock Thursday by Rev. Carl W. McMurray, D. D. Burial will be in (Continued on last page)

Three Names Added To Candidate List Filing For Board Of Aldermen

MARAUDERS TO TAKE UP RAINED OUT GAME

The Marion Marauders game with Western Carolina Teachers college, which was rained out Tuesday night, will be played Tuesday, April 19, J. C. Rabb, Marauder business manager, announced yesterday. Lawson Brown, former Marauder, is now coach of the W. C. T. C. team and will be pitching in the game.

Two other exhibition games scheduled are: a semi-pro team from Murphy on April 16 and Enka on April 21.

Church Campaign Attendance Count For Past Sunday

The reports of attendance from the churches last Sunday were indicative that the Attendance Campaign is beginning to have effect. The pastors are urging full attendance and efforts are being made to have exceptionally large crowds Easter Sunday.

Clinchfield Baptist, Paul Stokes, pastor—Sunday School, 195; A. M. Worship, 132; B. T. U. or Young People, 58; P. M. 56.

West Marion Baptist, G. C. Cross, pastor—Sunday School, 241; A. M. Worship, 150; B. T. U. or Young People, 48; P. M. 95.

Cherry Springs Baptist, Franklin Justice—Sunday School, 106; A. M. Worship, 140.

W. Marion Baptist, Franklin Justice—Sunday School, 136; B. T. U. or Young People, 40; P. M. 75.

Catawba Falls, L. G. Redding—Sunday School, 29; A. M. Worship, 20.

Bethel Baptist, Frank Early—Sunday School, 100; A. M. Worship, 130; B. T. U. or Young People, 64; P. M. 100.

First Baptist, M. O. Owens, Jr.—Sunday School, 350; A. M. Worship, (Continued on last page)

GLEE CLUBS PRESENT PROGRAM AT ROTARY CLUB

The Junior and Senior Glee clubs of Pleasant Gardens school presented a musical program at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Marion Rotary club last Friday.

The selections were rendered under the direction of Mrs. E. A. Heers with Miss Inez Morgan as piano accompanist for the Junior group and Mrs. R. K. Davis, senior accompanist.

Ernie House was the guest of Clarence Rabb; Ben Sims and Robert Quinn, of Hendersonville, guests of Jack Hewitt, and Arthur Richter, guest of Charles H. Smith.

Pleasant Gardens Annual Senior Play To Be Given Friday

Pleasant Gardens seniors will present "The Little Clodhopper," a three-act comedy, in the school auditorium at 8 p. m., Friday, R. L. Wiggins, principal, announced this week.

Those taking part are: Inez Morgan, Ralph Justice, Doris Vess, Carl McKinney, Bobby Comer, Macon Ann Harshaw and Mrs. Russell Burnette (the former Miss Kathleen Cox).

Several beautiful choruses have been added. Those taking part are: Joyce Ann Moody, Allene Wheeler, Barbara Staton, Julia Fleming, Marie Elliott, Rennie Gardner, Bobbie Conley and Marjorie Skags.

SEVEN IN RACE FOR ALDERMEN; NEXT MONDAY DEADLINE FOR FILING

YARD CONTEST WILL BE HELD IN MILL VILLAGES

Mrs. James E. McCall, Home Economics teacher at Clinchfield and East Marion, announce that the Yard Beautification Contest will be held again this year in both villages.

Some suggestions for improving yards have been outlined by Mrs. McCall as follows:

Paint all outside buildings that cannot be removed.

Remove fences from yards.

Remove trash from yards.

Plant permanent shrubbery.

Plant and re-plant grass.

JAIL ESCAPEE ARRESTED IN YANCEY COUNTY

Lawrence Edwards, who escaped from McDowell county jail last February, was arrested by Sheriff Sewell Anglin in Yancey county this week and returned to jail here Tuesday night. Sheriff C. M. Pool said yesterday.

Edwards and Perry Melton made their escape by cutting a portion of metal from the jail wall and using blankets to slide from the cell to the ground below. Edwards had been jailed on a charge of assault on a female. This was said to have been his third jail escape.

Glenwood Beta Club To Sponsor Dinner

The Beta club of Glenwood school will sponsor a salad supper from 6:30 until 8 p. m., Friday, April 15, in the school lunch room, it is announced. A Variety Show will follow at eight o'clock in the auditorium. This will consist of a one-act play entitled, "The Return." There will also be special music and humorous readings. A small admission will be charged.

COUNTY SCHOOL CONTEST WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED

Harris Rites To Be Held Today

Zebuel Clayton Harris, 70, died at the residence, Glenwood route 1, Monday afternoon after a brief illness. Funeral arrangements will be conducted at 10 a. m. Thursday at the Seventh Day Adventist church in Marion by Rev. J. E. Kiplinger. Burial will be at Yancey cemetery, Yancey county.

He is survived by four sons and three daughters: Henry Harris of Burnsville, Max Harris of Marion, RFD 2, Roscoe Harris of Riderwood, Wash., Ray Harris of Marion, Mrs. Herbert Wyrick of Knoxville, Mrs. Grover Koone and Mrs. Fred Ledford of Glenwood, RFD 1; 26 grandchildren; one sister and four brothers: Mrs. Cora Allen and Moore and Alexander Harris of Knoxville, Fred Harris of Burnsville, and Grover Harris of Union Mills, RFD 3.

ACCEPTS POSITION

Miss Thelma Rector has accepted a position as manager of the K and W Beauty Shoppe.

Miss Rector comes to Marion from Morganton where she was employed by the Mimosa Beauty Shoppe.

Christianity was introduced into Iceland about the year 1,000.

Three candidates for Aldermen of the Town of Marion have filed in addition to the four who were announced last week, Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr. said yesterday.

They are Otis L. Broyhill, J. T. Sisk and M. W. Gordon.

Pat Davis, Edward Rowe and Frank Goldsmith, members of the present Board announced their candidacy last week and Clinton N. Norris was the first new candidate to file.

No opposition is offered for the office of Mayor.

Monday, April 18, has been set as the deadline for filing and registration books will close Saturday, April 23.

Broyhill is president of the Otis L. Broyhill Furniture company here and a member of the First Baptist church.

Gordon, manager of Gordon Furniture and Appliance company here is a member of the First Baptist church, president of the Marion Parent-Teacher association and member of the Kiwanis club.

Sisk is a barber and former Constable.

Draft Board Seeks Addresses Of Four Men

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the four men whose names and last known addresses are listed below, is requested to notify the McDowell County Draft Board immediately.

McDonald Floyd Stamey, last known address route 1, Nebo; Frank Alvin Pritchard, general delivery, Old Fort; Herbert Brownlow McGee, formerly of Ashford, last known address, general delivery Lincoln, Nebraska, and Charles Francis Lee, route 2, Marion.

All registrants receiving questionnaires are asked to please fill them in and return to the local board office in the court house as soon as possible.

Principals of schools in the McDowell county system named winners of a School Grounds Improvement contest last week as follows:

Group One: North Cove, Glenwood and Nebo.

Group Two: Dysartsville, Pleasant Gardens and Old Fort.

Group Three: Sugar Hill.

The contest was launched when principals met with N. F. Steppe, county superintendent, at the beginning of the present school year. Those present decided to make a school ground improvement project one of the major objectives for the year.

School forces cooperating with residents of their respective communities joined in an effort to make the objective a reality. In order to stimulate interest in the overall project, it was organized on a basis of friendly rivalry. It was agreed that work on the project on a competitive basis would cease at the end of March when judges would visit the various schools and render decisions as the rank of schools in making improvements. They were divided into three groups as follows: Group One, which included the three schools making the most improvement. Group Two, which included the three schools making second in improvement, and Group (Continued on last page)