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More Candidates File For Places On Town Board

Marion voters will choose, in the municipal election May 3, between eleven candidates for the five seats on the board of aldermen here, four more candidates having filed since our last issue.

The new candidates are Joseph L. Noyes, who is associated with his father, R. J. Noyes, in the operation of the Marshall Lumber company; Arthur M. Evans, employe of the Smith Furniture company, Sam M. Yancey, and Roy Morrow, local peweler.

There is no contest, however, for mayor, J. W. Streetman, Jr., present mayor, having been the only person to file for that office.

Filing for the municipal election closed Monday.

The registration books will close Saturday, April 23, and Saturday, April 30, is challenge day.

FRANCIS MARION PLANS HORSE SHOW

The Francis Marion club began preliminary plans for its Annual Horse Show at the meeting held in the community building last Thursday.

H. T. Conley was named manager. Others who will head committees are: S. R. Cross, chairman of the program advertising committee; John Sullivan, chairman concessions; Frank Sentelle, program sales; Wayne Adkins, ticket sales; James McCall, parking; W. T. Conley, chairman gate committee; Frank Goldsmith, entertainment; Eugene Cross, grounds; Clarence Rabb, paddock secretary; Lawrence Miller, ring secretary.

Annual Meeting Of WMU Set For Friday, April 29

The annual meeting of the W. M. U. of the Blue Ridge Baptist Association will be held at Chapel Hill Baptist Church Friday, April 29, beginning at 10 a. m. Mrs. C. C. Parker, associational superintendent, will preside. The subject of the day will be "That the World May Know."

The devotion will be given by (Continued on last page)

ALLIED YOUTH STARTED IN SCHOOLS IN COUNTY

Marion Riders Win Honors At Tryon

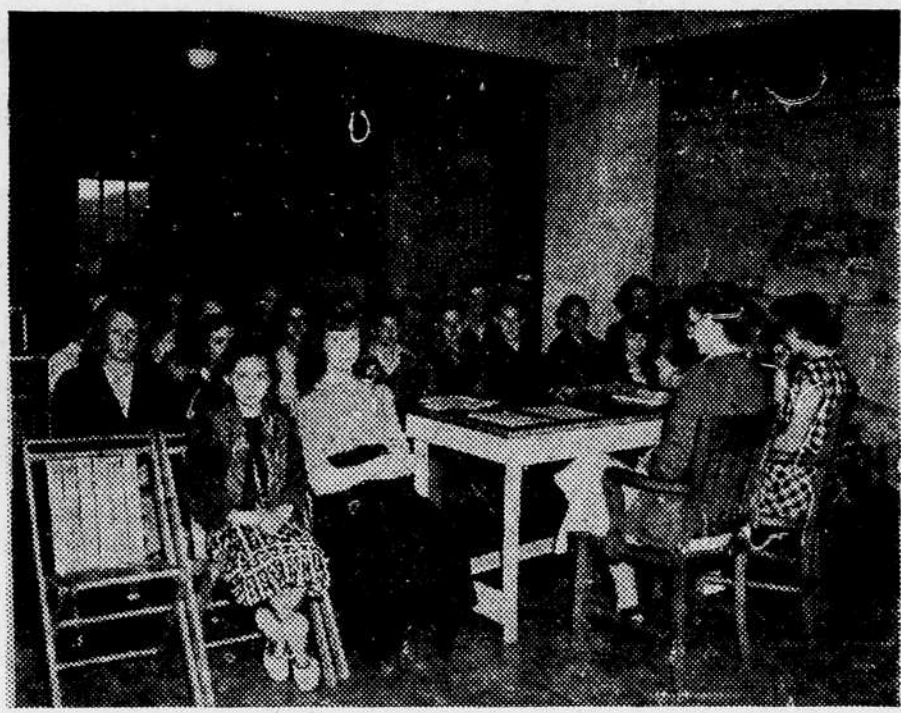
Marion riders won honors at the Horse Show held in Tryon last week.

Eugene Cross, III, riding Seabee, won first place in the pony class. Elizabeth Cross won second, riding Pint-O-Gin. Bill Smith, riding Mercer Duke, won third in the three-gaited class and Jack Morris, riding Edna Rhythm, won second in the five-gaited class.

William Tisdale, Highway Employee, Fatally Injured

William F. Tisdale, 50, an employe of the bridge department of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, was fatally injured Thursday afternoon when he was struck on the head by a pole (Continued on last page)

4-H COUNTY COUNCIL



Members of the 4-H Club County Council and other club members pause briefly during the Saturday morning workshop for the photographer to snap this picture. Those present are: Dorothy Dean Dobbins, Nina Stroud, Shirley Cheek, Marie Finchum, Nancy Marlowe, Elizabeth Gray, Dills Smith, Pauline Suttles, Rosie Marie Dover, Peggy Burgin, Marline Young, Louis Young, Jeanette Jameson, Peggy Duncan, Betty Jo Brooks, Patsy Marlowe, Thelma Morgan, Marilyn Brinkley, Shirley Baker, James Swan, Roy Lonon, Eugene Woodby, Buddy Brown, R. L. Loftis, Harold Dean Elliott, Harvey Mashburn.

Eight of the 13 clubs in the county were represented at this meeting. Seated at the desk are Elizabeth Gray, left, president, and Dorothy Dean Dobbins, right, vice president. (Photo by Eckenrod)

First League Baseball Game Here Tuesday Night

When the curtain is raised on professional baseball in the Western Carolina League for the 1949 season on Monday night, Marion will be on foreign soil in Morganton, the home camp of the Aggies, where moundsmen Boger McGimsey and Radio Jaynes will be using hokus pokus to send the Marion Marauders back home without a victory.

On the following evening, Tuesday, April 26, at 8:00 o'clock in the high school baseball park local fans will have the opportunity of seeing the first officially scheduled home game of the season when the Morganton Aggies come to Marion for a return engagement with Skipper Johnny Lanning's Marauders.

The Marauders start the season with seven hold-overs from last seasons club. These players include Harry Holt, Ray Yow, Art Brickner, Higgins Duncan, Nat Yablon, Tom Cumby and Jack Triplett. A score of other baseball hopefuls have been put through the paces during the past three weeks by Manager Lanning, as he has tried one combination after another, in an effort to build a strong aggregation against the Morganton boys next Tuesday night.

At the present time the Marion team is the "if" team of the Western Carolina League, whose mem- (Continued on last page)

LIBRARY BOARD PLANS COMING YEAR

The Board of Trustees of McDowell Public Library held a regular meeting at the community building last Thursday afternoon. Miss Alice Bryan, librarian, presented a proposed budget for 1949-50. She also reported on the pro- (Continued on last page)

Revival Begins Tonight At First Baptist Church



DR. H. HANSEL STEMBRIDGE

Twitty, Blood Program Recruitment Chairman

Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr., County Chairman of the National Red Cross Blood Program, announced today that Mr. R. W. Twitty, president of the Marion Manufacturing Company, has accepted the position of Recruitment Chairman for the Blood Program in McDowell county. Mr. Twitty will supervise the enlisting of volunteers to give blood each time the Bloodmobile comes to the county. As Recruitment Chairman he will automatically be a member of the County Steering Committee, along with Mr. E. P. Dameron, County Red Cross Chairman, Rev. Mr. Owens, Mrs. James Evans, who is Volunteer Service Chairman for the Blood Program, and Dr. Eugene George Rowe, who is Medical Advisor for the Program. Mr. Owens said that there would be two or three others also on the Steering Committee, to be added later.

All Principals County Schools Are Re-Elected

Principals of the schools at Old Fort, Peasant Gardens, Glenwood, Nebo, North Cove, Dysartsville, and Sugar Hill have been reelected. Principals affected are Harry Swofford, Old Fort; R. L. Wiggins, Pleasant Gardens; W. P. Whitesides, Glenwood; Richard Shaw, Nebo; E. D. Wilson, North Cove; J. E. Allen, Dysartsville; J. H. Gentry, Sugar Hill. These elections took place last week at meetings of the school committees.

The election of teachers will be held at a meeting of the school officials before the close of school. Principals are making a canvass of the teachers to determine whether (Continued on last page)

SPECIALIST COMPLIMENTS LOCAL OFFICE

The McDowell County Home Demonstration club office is the outstanding office in the United States in the opinion of Miss Pauline Gordon, specialist in home management and house furnishings.

Miss Gordon, who recently visited the local office, complimented Miss Jean Steele, county agent, on her accomplishments in arranging and equipping the office. Upon her return to Raleigh she wrote Miss Steele for further information and is making plans to study the office here and present a report on it at a State Meeting to be held in Raleigh this spring.

The public is cordially invited to visit Miss Steele's office in the court house.

Burke-McDowell Electric Group Plans To Extend Power Lines 200 Miles

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDED FOR TWO COUNTY ORGANIZATION

CHARLES CANNON TAKEN BY DEATH; FUNERAL SUNDAY

Charles G. Cannon, 66, superintendent of Marion water works and street department, died of a heart attack at his home on East Court street about 11 o'clock Thursday night.

A native of McDowell county, he had been engaged in the building and contracting business until a year ago when he accepted a position with the Town of Marion. He was a Mason and a member of the First Methodist church.

Surviving are the widow; three (Continued on last page)

Large Crowds Attend Annual Easter Services

Large crowds in attendance were a mark of the annual Easter services held in the churches of McDowell county last Sunday. Beautiful, balmy weather coupled with the emphasis of the Church Attendance Campaign seemed to provide an additional urge for church-goers. In several churches, early morning "Sunrise" services were held. Among them were the First Methodist Church, the Clinchfield Community Services held at the Clinchfield Baptist Church, the West Marion Baptist Church.

Attendance records for the day were as follows:

Old Fort Baptist—Sunday School, 248; A. M. Worship, 250; Youth Meeting, 75; P. M. 125.

Clinchfield Baptist—Sunday School, 203; A. M. Worship, 145; Youth Meeting, 51; P. M. 85.

First Methodist—Sunday School, 243.

Hankins Baptist—Sunday School, (Continued on last page)

The Burke-McDowell Electric Membership Corporation, perhaps better known as he REA, has had its loan application for \$460,000 approved by the State REA authority and only Washington approval is needed before the local cooperative can start work on the expansion of its present system.

Approval by the state REA authority is tantamount to granting of the loans and it is hoped to have Washington's okay in at least 60 days. Lee Hatley, manager of the Burke-McDowell corporation, with offices in Morganton, said the \$460,000 will be used to build 200 additional miles of distribution lines and make needed improvements on the present system in Burke and McDowell counties. The proposed improvements will give approximately 900 more people electric power, Mr. Hatley said.

The Rutherford Electrical Membership Corporation of Forest City is scheduled to receive \$1,500,000 as a loan. This company's services overlaps into Burke county in a few places just as the Burke-McDowell corporation has a few lines in Rutherford and Caldwell counties, although most of the lines are in Burke and McDowell.—News-Herald, Morganton.

P. T. A. WOMANLESS FASHION REVIEW SET FOR FRIDAY

The Marion Parent-Teacher association will present a review of Ladies' spring fashions modelled by men at eight o'clock, Friday night, April 22, in the school auditorium.

Those taking part are: Dan Hitchcock, Jack Hewitt, Earl Sebastian, Fat Wall, Hubert Martin, Will Erwin, John Finley, Oliver Cross, Joe Tyler, Ed Logan, Colon Wright, Carl McCall, Melvin Burns, Matt McBrayer, Pat Davis, Glenn Earley, Johnny Sullivan, Jack Spratt, Jimmy Laughridge, Alec Smith, Harry Tyler, Sam Yancey, David Gray, Marshall Dark, L. D. Atkins, C. C. Elledge, Master of Ceremonies.

Community Council Will Meet Monday

Erwin Speaker At Rotary Meet

Will P. Erwin, general manager of Lake City Broadcasting company, was guest speaker at the Friday luncheon meeting of the Rotary club. He told of the procedures which must be completed before a station can begin broadcasts.

Howard Gosorn of Old Fort was a visiting Rotarian and Jeanette Gosorn was the honor student guest of the month.

Old Fort Honor Students Named

Old Fort—Honor students have been named at Old Fort High School.

Miss Virginia Louise Chrisawn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Chrisawn, is valedictorian with an average of 97.5. Miss Margaret Louise Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bailey, is salutatorian. Her average is 95.6.

Hawkins Apartment Is Damaged By Fire

The Marion Fire department was called out Friday night about 8 o'clock to extinguish a fire in a department at the Hawkins building on West Henderson street. The fire originated from an oil stove and had made considerable headway when the firemen arrived on the scene. While the fire was confined to one room, the damage was estimated at \$300 to \$500, partially covered by insurance.