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## WBRM Dedicated In Ceremony Sunday

The Wonderful Blue Ridge Mountains radio station of Marion was formally dedicated in a ceremony at the Marion Central School last Sunday.

Governor Kerr Scott extended a hearty welcome to the new station and discussed the Better Schools and Roads program in a 30 minute talk. He was introduced by E. P. Dameron. Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., presided and introduced speakers, including: Will Erwin, representative of the radio station; Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr., of Marion; H. F. Beam, representing public education; S. R. Cross, industries; Rev. M. O. Owens, churches; Mrs. Richard Cook, civic clubs, Community Council; V. T. Eckerd, businesses; S. L. Homewood, agriculture. Other guests of honor recognized were: Mayor Ashby Robinson, Old Fort; Mayor Baker, Spruce Pine; W. P. Elliott, chairman Better Roads and Schools, Inc.; C. A. Workman, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

## ROTARIANS VOTE TO HELP PURCHASE BAND UNIFORMS

The Rotary club at its meeting last Friday named the following committee to work with other Marion civic clubs in raising funds to purchase uniforms for the Marion High School Band:

Marshall Dark, James McCall, David Gray, Dr. Lloyd Miller and Albert Hewitt.

Plans were made to observe Father and Son or Daughter night with a banquet in the community building. (Continued on last page)

## John Mills Hensley Dies At Home; Funeral Today

John Mills Hensley, 79, prominent farmer of route 1, Marion, died at the residence at 6:35 Tuesday evening after a brief illness. Funeral services will be conducted at Harmony Grove Baptist church 11 o'clock Thursday morning by the pastor Rev. Dewey Hodge assisted by Rev. Paul C. Stokes pastor of the Clinchfield Baptist church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

He is survived by one son and three daughters: Mrs. Harvey Hollifield, Mrs. J. E. Ward and Charles Hensley of route 1, Marion, and Mrs. George Hawkins of Clinchfield. 14 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Also one sister Mrs. W. W. Huskins of Pleasant Gardens.

## MARION HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT, JUNE 5-6

### Boys' State Delegate Chosen

Willard Huskins will attend Boys' State at Chapel Hill June 10-19 under sponsorship of the Marion Merchants association. The purpose of the course is to acquaint the boys with the democratic form of government through county, state and local governments.

### MARAUDER SCHEDULE

Tonight—Newton in Marion.  
Friday night, Hendersonville in Marion.  
Saturday night, Marion at Hendersonville.  
Monday night, Marion at Rutherfordton.  
Tuesday night, R. C. Owls in Marion.  
Wednesday night, Marion at Lenoir.  
Thursday night, June 9, Lenoir in Marion.

## Funeral Rites For Mrs. Greenlee Held Saturday

Mrs. Cate Hemphill Greenlee, 78, of the Greenlee section of McDowell county, died at her home Friday after an illness of several years. Funeral services were held at 3:30 p. m. Saturday in the Siloam Presbyterian church with the Rev. Harlan Gruven and Dr. Carl W. McMurray officiating. Burial was in the Old Siloam cemetery.

Mrs. Greenlee was born in Murray county, Georgia. She came to McDowell county soon after she was married to the late William H. Greenlee.

She was active in civic and church affairs in her community and was an officer in the Greenlee Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. During World War II she put in 900 hours of knitting under auspices of the Red Cross, setting a record for McDowell county.

Surviving are four daughters, Miss Mary Greenlee of Mooresville; (Continued on last page)

## TWO STABBED LAST THURSDAY; BLAIR ARRESTED

Penny Blair was arrested Friday afternoon and is being held in the county jail in connection with the stabbing of Minnie Edgerton and Sonny Shade, both colored, which occurred last Thursday evening.

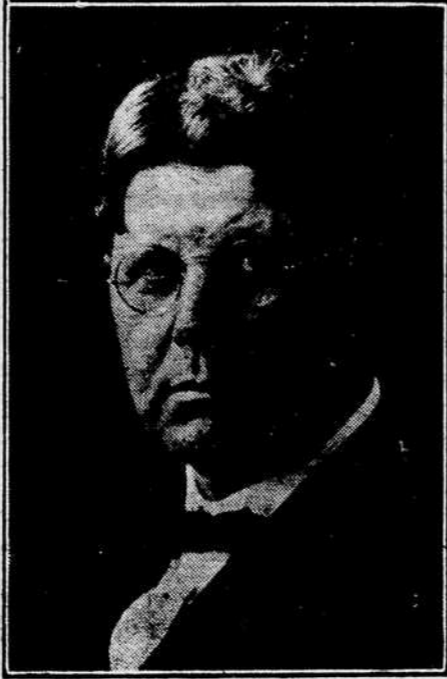
Sheriff C. M. Pool said he was informed that Blair inflicted the injuries, wounding Minnie Edgerton with cuts below her eye and across her hip. She was treated at the Marion General Hospital and released the same evening.

The knife entered Shade's chest puncturing his lung, Pool said. According to a report from the hospital yesterday morning, his condition was "improved."

No hearing has been held.

## Webb Dismissed From Hospital

Gary Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Webb, who was injured with blows from a ball bat Sunday, May 26, was dismissed from the Marion General Hospital Tuesday afternoon.



DR. J. F. JONAS

## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR DR. J. F. JONAS HELD LAST SUNDAY

Dr. J. F. Jonas, 76, oldest practicing physician in Marion, died at his home here Saturday morning about 6:30 o'clock following a brief illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 4 o'clock in First Methodist Church with the pastor, the Rev. James B. McLarty, officiating, assisted by the Rev. P. W. Tucker and the Rev. John Hall, Jr. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Dr. Jonas had completed a half century of medical practice this month. About 10 years ago, it was calculated that he had delivered more babies, than any other physician in North Carolina. At the time of his death he had officiated at more than 8,000 births.

These births had included as many as 23 in one family.

**Delegate to Meeting**  
Dr. Jonas held membership in many organizations. Two weeks ago he was delegate from the McDowell Medical Society to the North Carolina Medical Society's 150th anniversary meeting at Pinehurst. On Wednesday, Dr. Jonas was (Continued on last page)

## QUARTERLY MEET OF MERCHANTS SET FOR TONIGHT

The Quarterly meeting of the Marion Merchants association will be held at 7:30 p. m., Thursday, June 2, in the community building. The newly elected Board of Directors will be installed and will meet after the regular session to elect a president and vice president.

Other matters which may be presented will be given consideration. An annual financial report will be submitted.

## Mrs. Guy Lonon Incoming President Of County Council

Mrs. Guy Lonon was advanced from vice president to president of the County Council of Home Demonstration clubs at a meeting held last Friday in the office of Miss Jean Steele, county agent.

Mrs. Marion Wilkerson was advanced from secretary to vice-president, and Mrs. W. W. Porter was elected secretary.

Mrs. J. H. L. Miller, member of the State Executive board of Home Demonstration work, and Mrs. Guy Lonon, incoming president, were elected delegates to Farm and Home Week to be held in Raleigh August 8-11.

Mrs. Lula P. Austin gave a cake baking demonstration and also demonstrated the method of baking an oven dinner.

## Pinnacle Methodist Homecoming Day To Be Observed

Annual Memorial and Homecoming will be observed at Pinnacle Methodist church, Sunday, June 5, Mrs. John S. Crawley announced this week.

The service will continue through (Continued on last page)

## STATE WILL VOTE SATURDAY ON PROPOSED BOND ISSUES

## BARTLETT CHILD FATALLY BURNED LAST SUNDAY

Elizabeth N. Bartlett, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Bartlett of the Providence section was fatally burned Sunday and died a few hours later at the Marion General Hospital.

She and another child were said to have been playing with matches at the other child's home when Elizabeth's clothes caught fire. She was taken to the Marion Hospital about 1 p. m. and died about 7:30 p. m.

S. J. Westmoreland, county coroner, said no inquest will be necessary.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Zion Hill Baptist church and burial was in Clear Creek cemetery. Rev. Carson Britton and Rev. M. O. Owens officiated.

Besides her parents she is survived by two sisters, Mary Leona and Daisy Louise, two brothers, Ray and Charles, all of Marion, and her grandfather, T. H. Bartlett of Drexel.

## WEST MARION PTA HAS INSTALLATION AT FINAL MEETING

Officers of the West Marion Parent-Teacher association were installed at the final meeting of the year held Monday night in the school auditorium. The officers are: Miss Elizabeth Conley, president; Mrs. P. A. Fox, vice president; Mrs. W. P. Elliott, Jr., secretary, and Mrs. Robert Green, treasurer.

Approximately 150 persons attended the meeting. They were greeted at the door by Mrs. W. C. McIver and Mrs. Fate Morgan who directed them to the receiving line composed of: Matt MacBrayer, W. P. Elliott, Sr., H. F. Beam, C. C. Elledge, Mrs. P. A. Fox, Miss Elizabeth Conley, Mrs. W. P. Elliott, Sr., Mrs. H. F. Beam, Mrs. Bruce Cameron, Mrs. Robert Green, Mrs. Frank Mode and Mrs. W. P. Elliott, Jr.

After refreshments had been served the group adjourned to the auditorium for the business meeting and program.

The program opened with the singing of "America" and an opening prayer was led by Rev. R. C. Frazier. Mrs. W. C. Burgin, reporting for the Nominating committee, said Mrs. R. C. Frazier had declined. (Continued on last page)

## MARION PTA MAKES PLANS FOR COMING YEAR

The Executive Board of the Marion Parent-Teacher association met Tuesday morning with H. F. Beam, principal of Marion City Schools, and C. C. Elledge, principal Marion Central, to outline plans for the coming year.

The incoming officers are: Mrs. S. W. Blanton, president; Mrs. Eugene Cross, Jr., vice president; Mrs. John Setzer, secretary, and Mrs. Wayne Suttle, treasurer.

Committee chairmen are: Mrs. J. N. Morris, chairman elementary grade mothers and attendance; Mrs. E. P. Dameron and Mrs. G. W. Giles, co-chairmen for the program; Mrs. R. R. Cook and Mrs. W. Ray Smith, Jr., ways and means chairmen.

Mrs. M. W. Gordon, Jr., publicity; Mrs. S. R. Cross, hospitality; Mrs. C. C. Bolch, membership and magazines; Mrs. Eugene Cross, high school activities; Mrs. A. S. Bradford, chairman high school grade mothers.

## ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED ON PLANS OF GENERAL ELECTION

### THEATRE ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN SCHEDULE

The Marion Theatre has announced a change in schedule.

**Mondays through Fridays the night shows will begin at 7:10 and 9:00. There will be afternoon matinees beginning at 2 o'clock all five days, and in addition there will be shows beginning at 12 noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.**

**Saturday shows will begin at 12 noon and every two hours thereafter.**

## SUPERIOR COURT TO BE CONVENED HERE NEXT MONDAY

The June term of McDowell County Superior Court will be convened here Monday, June 13, for the trial of criminal and civil cases. Judge Z. V. Nettles will preside.

Jurors have been drawn as follows:

**FIRST WEEK**  
Roy A. Neal, J. B. Holcombe, Parks Hunter, Howard N. Wise, R. J. Morris, W. Boyce Wright, Mrs. Harlowe Noblitt, Alvin Rader, Theodore McEntire, J. B. Walls, W. E. Potent, John W. Setzer, Alvin L. Hawkins, Jack Gibbs, V. E. Price. (Continued on last page)

## Bids Received On McDowell Road Projects

Raleigh, May 31—The State Highway Commission today received 107 bids totalling \$1,311,048.87 on 11 new projects. The work will include 66 miles of roadway in 12 counties.

The bids were \$188,951.12 below commission estimates. There were a total of 135 bids—an average of about 12 per project.

Projects and the low bids included: (Continued on last page)

## EAST MARION SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT FRIDAY

Commencement exercises will be held at East Marion School Friday, June 3.

The following program will be presented:

Processional.  
Chorus—Finlandia, Class.  
Salutatory, Barbara Fisher.  
Class Picture, Sammy Mills.  
Statistics, Helen Taylor and Janelle Randolph.  
Piano Solo—Sonatina, by Kohler, Jewel Finley.  
Class Creed, Eunice Jackson, Billy Sparks, Betty Buchanan, Jimmy Hensley, Bob Hall, Franklin Helms, Jimmy Ruth Burnette.  
Class Motto, "Act Well Your Part", Betty Jo Pyatt, Shirley Bruner, Shirley Noles, Edith Browne, Mitzi Davis, Zelda Anderson, Mary Buff, Ailene Davis.  
A Tribute to Teachers, Ray Huffman.

Choruses—Cibirin and About Katy, Class.  
Piano Solo—Fifth Nocturne, by Leybach, Barbara Fisher.  
Gifts, Janet Moody and Jewel Fisher.  
Prophecy, Katherine Long and (Continued on last page)

Raleigh, May 30.—Political observers today predicted a comparatively light vote for Saturday's bond issue balloting.

On Saturday, Tar Heels will decide on the question of issuing \$200 million in bonds to improve rural roads and on \$25 million in bonds to aid counties in building schools. A one cent increase in the gasoline tax hinges on approval of the road bonds.

As the time for voting drew near, Governor Scott continued his drive to win support for the bond issues.

Friday, the Governor plans to fly back to Raleigh for a statewide radio broadcast at 7:30 p. m., closing the school and road campaign. On Saturday, he will go home to Haw River to vote.

### SEE LIGHT VOTE

Political observers predicted that the vote Saturday would range between 250,000 and 350,000. This compares with a total of 791,309 votes cast in the general election last fall.

The State Board of Elections, however, was taking no chances on a shortage of ballots developing at any of the state's 1959 precincts. It reported that nearly 1,800,000 (Continued on last page)

## Two Men Arrested By Local Police On B And E Charges

Levi Blunkenship and Charles Beddingfield were arrested last Wednesday night on breaking and entering charges, Chief of Police D. W. Smith said.

Smith said they broke into Model Dry Cleaners on East Court and took checks and cash amounting to \$21.95 and one army shirt. They broke into Ballew Motor company, did considerable damage to the cash register, but nothing was reported missing. Entering Phillips Motor company, they sawed the hinges off the safe, but could not open the door. They were discovered by night police while attempting to steal a car from McKeitham Motor company.

Blunkenship is being held in the county jail until the June term of Superior Court convenes. Beddingfield, a juvenile, was turned over to the County Welfare Department. Bonds were set at \$750 each.

## Poppy Day Sales Totalled \$417. Prizes Awarded

A final tally from Poppy Day last Saturday revealed \$417.41 realized from the sales. The observance was under sponsorship of the American Legion Auxiliary with Mrs. Sam Proctor as chairman. Minnie Jane Bowman won a cash (Continued on last page)

### LEAGUE STANDINGS

CLUB	W	L	Pct
Newton	21	7	.750
Lenoir	20	10	.667
Lincolnton	19	11	.633
R. C. Owls	15	15	.500
Marion	13	16	.448
Morganton	13	18	.419
Hendersonville	13	18	.419
Shelby	7	22	.241