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Marion Voters Oppose Sunday Baseball Games

Marion opposed Sunday baseball in an election here Tuesday.

There were 822 ballots cast, including four spoiled. The count was 312 in favor of Sunday games and 506 against.

The referendum was called by the Board of Aldermen after petitions had been presented proposing that Sunday games be allowed and others opposing the games.

All ordinances prohibiting public baseball games in the Town of Marion will remain in effect.

YOUTH-FOR-CHRIST RALLY SCHEDULED AT CROSS MILL

A Youth-For-Christ Rally will be held at Cross Mill Baptist church at 8 p. m., Saturday, July 2, according to announcement this week by Earl Rayburn, publicity chairman for the Rally.

An invitation is extended to all churches in or near Marion to have representatives present. Ernest of Greensboro, student of the Bob Jones University, will bring the message.

The Melodeers will render several numbers, special music will be presented by the trio of the First Baptist church, and Miss Doris Gouge will give a vocal solo. Many choruses used in Youth-For-Christ rallies will be included in the program.

Rayburn said similar rallies have been held over the nation and many foreign countries in an effort to help make young people better church citizens.

Regular Meeting Of Education Board To Be Postponed

The regular meeting of the County Board of Education has been postponed.

N. F. Stepe, county superintendent, said the meeting date occurs on Monday, July 4, and will be postponed in observance of the national holiday. The meeting will be held Thursday, July 7. Stepe said, "parties having matters to present to the Board should appear before the Board on July 7."

All county offices will be closed Monday, July 4.

Community Improvement Project Launched At Nebo This Week

Coroner's Jury Terms Fatal Accident Unavoidable

C. G. Grindstaff, who was driving the cab in which Arcemus Chandler of Mars Hill was killed, was given a hearing before a coroner's jury here Monday and the accident termed "unavoidable."

The incident occurred June 21 near Old Fort. Grindstaff, owner and driver of the cab, had brought Chandler to Marion and was returning to Mars Hill. He said a passing car crowded him off the pavement and the cab overturned when he tried to steer it back onto the pavement.

MARAUDER SCHEDULE

Thursday: Lincolnton at Marion.

Friday: Marion at Newton.

Saturday: Newton at Marion.

Monday: Double header. Marion at Morganton in the afternoon and Morganton at Marion at night.

Tuesday: Open date.

Wednesday: Marion at Hendersonville.

Double-Header Game On The Fourth

Marion will play a double-header baseball game with Morganton on July 4.

The afternoon game will be played at Morganton and the night game at Marion.

BUILDING PERMIT

The Town of Marion issued a permit to Mrs. Frank Anderson Monday to build a frame dwelling between State and Miller streets. Estimated cost of \$1,600.

SHERIFF AND MAYOR DENY "REIGN OF TERROR" EXISTS IN MARION

4-H Camp Will Be Held At Swannanoa

McDowell county 4-H club boys and girls who wish to attend the 4-H camp at Swannanoa, July 15-19 should make application between now and July 8.

Girls planning to attend should see Miss Jean Steele, county home demonstration club agent, or Miss Ruby Lea Kiser, assistant agent. Miss Steele said letters have been mailed explaining the plans fully, but any 4-H girl who wishes to attend is eligible whether or not she received a copy of the letter. She urged applicants to see her or Miss Kiser as soon as possible.

Boys who wish to attend are asked to notify C. H. Lockhart, assistant farm agent.

The Swannanoa camp will be open to boys and girls from McDowell, Polk and Henderson counties during the period July 15-19.

The Nebo Home Demonstration club is sponsoring a Community Improvement Project, according to announcement this week.

There will be a contest for the most improved home, church, store or other place of business and cash prizes will be awarded winners. The contest will run until October 1, 1950, allowing entrants ample time to take a picture before starting any improvements, then plan and work to the best of his or her ability. When the work is finished, the club asks that another picture be made showing improvements as the winners will be judged by the before and after pictures.

Residents of the community are asked to clean up, paint up and fix-up property. The club urges that grass be sown and shrubbery and trees planted to add to the attractiveness of each home, store, church, service station, etc. Each person is asked to plant at least one white or pink dogwood tree on his property because dogwood has been chosen the club flower.

The major project of the Demonstration club will be the construction of a community building with a recreation ground surrounding it. This building to be for the use of

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MARION TO BE FOGGED WITH DDT

The Town of Marion will be fogged with DDT Thursday of this week, Reece Snyder, town manager, said yesterday.

The Orkin Exterminating company of Asheville has been employed to fog Marion and the operation is expected to be completed in about 20 hours.

Parents are urged to protect children from the fog by keeping them out of the streets. Residents are also cautioned with regard to tender shrubbery near the street. Protection may be afforded by covering the shrubbery or by washing after the fog is completed.

Bee keepers should make some provision for protecting their bees, Snyder said.

Automobiles should not be left on streets during the spraying because the paint will be discolored until they are washed.

Replying to a statement from the Washington office of the Upholsterers International Union (AFL), local law enforcement officers have issued statements denying that a reign of terror exists here.

According to the statement of the Union issued last Sunday the following message was wired to Governor Kerr Scott:

"Urgently request investigation at your direction of virtual reign of terror against our union's organizers at Drexel furniture plant in City of Marion and in McDowell county.

"Two successive brutal beatings of organizers Charles Brown and Theodore Freeman, of Asheville, on June 10 and 17, the last in actual presence of city police officers, indicates cynical complicity of city and county law enforcement officers in aid of anti-union company's attempt to frustrate rights of labor for free choice of collective bargaining agency."

Sheriff Pool said S. B. Hoffman, president of the Upholsterers International Union, had come to his office with the request that he send deputies to the Drexel Furniture Company's plant here to protect his union's organizers.

"I told him that my office would gladly furnish deputies if the Marion police requested them," Pool said.

"He then asked me to let him pick members of his union and have me deputize them. Naturally I couldn't do that, no more than I could deputize officials of the Drexel plant. I also told Mr. Hoffman that my office would serve any warrants he wanted served."

Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr. made the following statement:

"The charges made by the Upholsterers International union and published in the newspapers of the state today that there is a 'reign of terror' in Marion, are absolutely false and without any foundation of fact.

"There have been a few fist fights between employees of the Drexel Furniture company and union organizers. All persons involved have been arrested, tried, and convicted of an affray and all—union and non-union men alike—have fully complied with the judgment pronounced in my court and no appeals have been taken.

"I welcome any investigation by the State Bureau of Investigation, the Attorney General, or the Governor, for I know that such investigation will clearly reveal that the law is being impartially administered and enforced in Marion."

An SBI agent made an investigation here Tuesday and gathered information which he will submit to Governor Scott when he returns from Colorado where he attended the National Governor's conference.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS ANNOUNCED FOR MARION STORES AND PLANTS

SUNDAY HOTTEST DAY OF THE WEEK

The highest temperature reading since last Thursday was on Sunday when the mercury hit 93. Minimum the same day was 68, according to figures recorded at the local weather bureau. Monday lacked one half degree of being as warm with a maximum of 92½, but the minimum was one degree higher than the previous day.

Other readings for the week were as follows:

Thursday 91 high, 67 low; Friday 91, 68; Saturday 86, 71, and Tuesday of this week 90, 68.

The Bureau also recorded .30 inches of rainfall last Friday and .24 on Sunday.

SUICIDE AT NEBO MONDAY

The death of Gordon Bailey, 69, of Nebo, Monday was pronounced suicide by S. J. Westmoreland, coroner.

Sheriff C. M. Pool gave the following account of the story as told to him:

Lloyd Cuthbertson, a neighbor, said Bailey came into Marion with him for a few hours last Saturday. He said he spoke only once during the time they left until their return. When leaving Cuthbertson he walked into a pine grove near the home where he lived with his wife, his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fender.

Later he returned to his home, but was missing the next morning. His body was found in the same pine grove he had entered during the afternoon, before a 12-gauge shotgun and shot had entered his chest. The handle of the gun was propped between the limbs of maple trees and the barrel supported by forked sticks driven into the ground. His position indicated he had stood facing the gun and used a stick to pull the trigger. A neighbor reported hearing a shot about 4 a. m.

Pool said relatives informed him Bailey had been in ill health.

Funeral services were conducted in the residence at 4 p. m. Monday afternoon by the Rev. Dewey Hodges, assisted by the Rev. Milton Duncan and the Rev. Judd Bowers. (Continued on last page)

FUNERAL RITES FOR M. J. HOOVER HELD SATURDAY

Marcus J. (Mike) Hoover, 77, prominent retired business man of Marion, died Thursday afternoon in Marion General Hospital after a short illness.

Rearred in Randolph county, Hoover moved to Marion in 1897, entering the furniture and lumber business. He was engaged later in the coal and wood business until his health failed several years ago. Hoover was a charter member of the Marion Volunteer Fire Department, serving continuously with it from its organization in 1907 until 1943.

Funeral services were held in McCall's Funeral Home Saturday at 11 a. m., with the Rev. James B. McLarty officiating. Burial was in the family plot in Oak Grove cemetery.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Benedict Bristol, Jr. of Morganton; two sons, Howard D. Hoover of Orlando, Fla., and C. Kirby Hoover of Anderson, S. C.; three grandchildren, and a brother, J. M. Hoover of High Point.

McDowell County Bond Sales Total In Current Drive

With just a few more weeks to go in the current U. S. Savings Bonds Opportunity Drive, cumulative sales of Service E Bonds in McDowell county amount to \$55,406.25 for the period April 1 through June 18. All sales made through July 16 will be included in the final Drive figures. The county quota is \$7,000.00.

This information was contained in a weekly sales report issued by Allison James of Greensboro, State Director of the U. S. Savings Bonds Division for North Carolina, and received today by J. F. Snipes, Savings Bonds Committee chairman for McDowell county.

"With seventy-three per cent of the Drive time elapsed our county has achieved 82.6 per cent of its quota," the county chairman stated. "Cumulative Series E Bond sales for all 100 North Carolina counties for the period April 1 through June 18 total \$8,894,644.25, or 74 per cent of the \$12,000,000 state quota," he said.

Other Opportunity Bond Drive statistics for the state are as follows: (Continued on last page)

Marion Marauders Defeat Lenoir Lose To Shelby

Johnny Lanning's Marion Marauders pulled a game out of the fire Friday night when Tom Cumby blasted a ball out of the park in the twelfth inning to defeat the Lenoir Red Sox eight to six.

The game went to twelve frames after the Marauders staged a rally during the last half of the eighth to tie the score at six-all. Going to bat, trailing one to six, it looked as if the game was about over, but the Marauders dug in and were able to score a run and fill the bases with only one man away. At this point skipper Gonnard pulled the ace pitcher, Walter Lentz, who had pitched masterful ball up until this point. Wiederman went to the mound and was faced by Long John Beam who promptly connected. (Continued on last page)

KIWANIS DELEGATES REPORT ON CONVENTION

Funeral Services For Mrs. Willis Held Last Friday

Mrs. Callie Watson Willis, 81, died last Friday night at the home of her son, Fred Conley, in Clear Creek section. She had been ill only a few days.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at Clear Creek Baptist church. Rev. Carson Brittain officiated.

She is survived by five sons, two daughters, a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two brothers, Tom Watson of Minneapolis, N. C.; and Will Watson of Spear; one sister, Mrs. Annie Buchanan of Bakersville.

Jackie Houck In U. S. Navy

Jackie Houck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Houck, Sr. of Marion, entered service in the U. S. Navy about two weeks ago and is now stationed at San Diego, California. Before entering service he was in charge of the supply room at the Marion Manufacturing company.

Some Plants To Close All Week; Some Bonuses Will Be Paid

Practically all Marion stores will be closed Monday in observance of July 4.

North Carolina Employment Service office, Draft Board office, court house offices and city hall will be closed for the day. The Post Office will be closed and no deliveries made. Box mail will be distributed.

Holiday and vacation periods for local industrial plants have been announced as follows:

Textile Mills
The Marion Manufacturing company will observe Monday as a holiday.

The Clinchfield Manufacturing company will be closed all next week. Employees will be given a week's vacation with pay.

Cross Cotton Mills, Inc. will be closed all week and employees will receive bonuses Friday of this week. The bonuses will be four per cent of the employees' earnings for the first half of this year.

Furniture Company
Drexel furniture company will be closed Monday through Saturday. Employees who have been with the company for a year will be given a week's vacation with pay. Those who have been on the payroll five years or longer will be given two weeks vacation with pay. Bonuses will also be paid those who have been employed a year or longer on the basis of earnings.

Box Factory
The Etta Paper Box factory will be closed the entire week.

Hosiery Mills
Overlook Knitting Mills, McPar Hosiery Mill, Josephine Mills and Elizabeth James Knitting Mills will be closed the entire week. Marion Knitting Mills, Hewitt Hosiery Mills, R. L. James and Son Mill will close Monday only.

JAMES MOORE PAROLED
State Paroles Commissioner T. C. Johnson has announced the parole of 19 convicts from North Carolina prisons. The parolees include James Moore of McDowell county, sentenced in September, 1947, to 2½ to three years for assault with a deadly weapon.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct
Newton	40	13	.755
Lincolnton	33	20	.628
Lenoir	31	24	.564
Morganton	27	26	.509
Rutherford	24	31	.436
Marion	21	29	.420
Hendersonville	19	33	.365
Shelby	17	35	.327